

# Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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### RECTORY HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER:

Mon-Thurs : 8:30 am– 4:00 pm, Fri : 8:30 am– 1:00 pm  
(518) 462-4254

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:00, 10:30am , 12:30 pm (EF Latin)

### DAILY MASSES:

7:00 a.m., (Mon, Wed and Fri)

### HOLY HOUR

Thursdays - 6:30-7:30pm

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

### BAPTISMS:

Infant baptisms are scheduled on the first and third Sundays of the month after masses. Please call the Rectory for details and scheduling.

### MARRIAGE:

Arrangements made 6-8 months in advance and prior to scheduling a reception. Please call the Rectory for details and scheduling.

[www.hist-stmarys.org](http://www.hist-stmarys.org)

Facebook: *Historic St. Mary's Church*

### HISTORIC ST. MARY'S STAFF:

#### PASTOR:

Rev. Michael Flannery

#### WEEKEND ASSOCIATES:

Rev. John L Moyna

Rev. Julian Davies

#### DEACONS:

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Mary Nash

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#### OUTREACH: Food Pantry, Next to New Shop

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sr. Mary Ellen Owens, RSM 518-462-4357

#### OUTREACH: Sick, hospitalized and homebound

Marion Zrelak– Call the Parish Office for Info.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

James Elacqua

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, September 11**

- 4:00PM † Joan Herrmann by Michael Herrmann
- † Joseph W. Bogdanowicz by Deb & Andy Phelan
- † John Grathwol by Bob and Patti Lynch
- † All victims of 9/11 (20th Anniv) by a parishioner

**SUNDAY, September 12**

- 8:00AM † Marty & Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by The Family
- 10:30AM † Giulio Enzo Frisone by Anonymous
- † Lynda McGlynn by Rory & Bernie Flannery
- † Joseph J. Maiello by Vicki & Gus DiNovo

**MONDAY, September 13**

- 7:00AM Antonya Truesdell (Birthday) (Living) by The Family

**WEDNESDAY, September 15**

- 7:00AM † Ann Maloy by The Family
- † Chief John Dale by David Carnevale

**FRIDAY, September 17**

- 7:00AM † Leroy Reid by A Friend
- † Timothy Havens by The Sheedy Family
- † Vincent Nolin by A Friend

**SATURDAY, September 18**

- 4:00PM † Geoffrey Wolfgang by Patricia Bryce
- † Joe Bogdanowicz by Parishioners
- † Linda McGlynn by Dcn. Walter & Karen Ayres
- † Catherine Zupan by Marion Zrelak

**SUNDAY, September 19**

- 8:00AM † Richard F. Barretta by Memole Family
- † Mary Farinacci by Dan Martino
- † Claire McAllister by Pat Lonardelli
- 10:30AM † Joann Rand by The Grogan Family
- † Joseph J. Maiello by Judy Rosenberger
- † Carolyn Cassetta by Cosimo and Anne Crupi
- † Richard Burns by The Family
- Kyle and George Vasquez 40th Wedding by Ann



**“ADOPT A STUDENT”**

Dear Parishioners: Twenty nine years ago we embarked on a worthwhile project entitled the “ADOPT A STUDENT” PROGRAM. The ultimate goal of a Catholic education is salvation in Jesus Christ,” said our late Holy Father, St. Pope John Paul II. He further stated that “Catholic schools are the heartbeat of the Catholic Church.” A gift to one adopted student helps him/her to receive

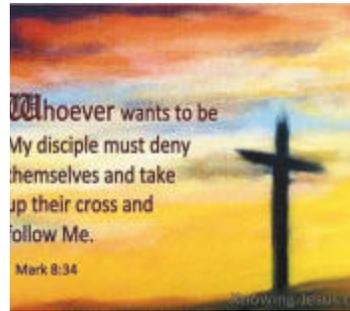
the quality academic education needed to prepare him/her to learn, love and share his/her faith with others. The aim of this Program is to assist one or two children at Blessed Sacrament School with their tuition. It is designed specifically to financially assist children in grammar school who wish to receive a Catholic education but find it difficult to meet tuition.

This year we come to you again for the “**TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM.**” If you wish to contribute to this Program, please clip the coupon below, attach your check and mail it to the Rectory, or place it in a separate envelope in the collection basket.

**ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM**

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In person or online, schools have welcomed all students to the start of another academic year. There is an obvious connection with the opening of schools and today’s gospel for Christ is here to be our teacher.

Jesus asks two questions: “Who do people say that I am?” and “Who do you say that I am?” The disciples of Jesus included four fishermen and one tax collector. These occupations provided opportunities to hear the marketplace reactions of people who wondered who Jesus might be. They linked Jesus to John the Baptist whose preaching was well known. Jesus’ reputation was an honorable one to be associated with such venerable spiritual leaders. The second question – “Who do you say that I am?” is answered by Peter: “You are the Christ.” In Greek the term “Christ” means “messiah.” The messiah would regain the superiority that Israel knew in the olden days. The messiah would lead the people.

How disappointed the disciples, especially Peter, were when Jesus warned them not to broadcast his title. Peter does not hesitate to challenge Jesus, to rebuke him. Peter left a lucrative job as a fisherman to follow a leader whose destiny was doom and death. Peter anticipated profit not persecution, success not failure. Peter’s rebuke convinced Jesus that his disciples had much to learn about his mission. Jesus would have to teach them that “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” He had to teach them the hard truth that “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

What kind of Christ do we want? Is he a leader who is willing to let us plot our own course, or is he the one who says “Follow me?”

His cross is the most constant and recurring image we have of the one who comes week after week at Mass to teach us his principles and priorities. He will review and renew his immense suffering for us. He will not just tell us the meaning of those words – “rise after three days” – he will share his resurrection from the dead

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
 HAITI RELIEF COLLECTION**

**BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE FRANCIS**

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: -. For September he asks that we pray for **An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR**

You're invited to join young adults from across the diocese for an in-person Young Adult Holy Hour & Happy Hour in Albany on Monday, September 27th at 7 PM at Mater Christi Parish in Albany, 40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY. The evening will include: Reflection, Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Worship Music, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Register Here: <https://forms.gle/wSPiBrAPVLS4oAkAA>  
Attendees MUST register Tom at [thomas.cronin@rcda.org](mailto:thomas.cronin@rcda.org).

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through our parish office or by email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

**PERSONAL CARE CLOSET COLLECTION**

Historic St. Mary's is participating in a **Personal Care Closet** drive for Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services during the month of October. Your assistance will help in filling unmet needs for their clients living with HIV/AIDS and/or other chronic illnesses including substance use and mental health who they serve throughout all of their programs. Clients served by Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services generally have a fixed, limited income. Once basic needs are met, they have little or no money left for other necessary items such as personal care products, cleaning, and laundry supplies. The **Personal Care Closet** provides these types of items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and are not usually available through food pantries or other sources and are difficult to obtain for free or reduced cost. Please consider making a donation anytime during the month of October. A bin will be available near the main door. Your assistance is appreciated. Call Holly in the office for more details.



*Bishop Scharfenberger invites you to a  
"Diocesan Day of Prayer & Celebration"  
For ALL the people of the Albany  
Diocese*

*Come Holy Spirit!  
Renew Our Strength,  
Reaffirm Our Hope*

**Saturday, Sept. 25th- 9 AM to 2 PM**  
**St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park**

To Register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation>  
OR Call The Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation (518) 453-6670  
**There is NO cost for this event**

The day will begin with a special prayer for God's strength, and an uplifting message from Father Bob Longobucco, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. From this morning prayer, the day will continue with time to reflect more deeply on the gift of God's hope, led by Bob McCarty, well-known national presenter and former director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Finally, the day will conclude with a Holy Hour and a recommitment to "go announce the Gospel of the Lord!"

**CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS**

The Diocese recently issued new recommendations from the Bishop's Office that state: "Regrettably, several of the counties of our diocese are experiencing a substantial uptick in COVID cases. Out of an abundance of caution, and consistent with CDC recommendations, our parishes may want to consider re-instating masking protocols. At the Pastoral Center (Bishop's Office) we are asking all personnel to wear a mask upon entering the building, in all common areas, and when social distancing is not possible, regardless of one's vaccination status. We further encourage all to do their part to stop the spread by washing their hands frequently, sanitize their workspace regularly and social distance when possible."

**Respectfully, we ask that all follow the recommendations of the Diocese that strongly recommend and encourage the wearing of face masks (by all—including those who have been fully vaccinated) whenever we are inside church. In addition, we encourage the use of hand sanitizers and ask that all continue to follow the directions of the ushers.**

Unless you are arriving with a group or are part of a family we ask that you choose your seating in order to maintain a respectful distance from others. When possible, try to maintain a safe distance by leaving an empty pew between groups. Ushers will be glad to assist you in locating appropriate seating (this may include utilizing seats upstairs).



At our Outreach Center, we move into the month of September looking forward to cooler days and sunshine. We continue to provide pantry meals for those we serve and provide for the many needs of the homeless of Albany who pass through our doors each day. During the month of August, 486 meals were given to our families. During the pandemic, our families welcomed stimulus monies and increased unemployment benefits. Those benefits are now ending and we are seeing people who haven't been in for a while returning to the Pantry. We continue to see new families coming to us. Out of an abundance of caution, we still require all who come to us to wear a mask. The weekly donations brought to Church are always welcome. I am so grateful to our faithful volunteers who have tirelessly come each week to serve the needs of our clients. We could not do it without them. Thank you, our Parishioners for your continued support of this important Ministry at St. Mary's. May God continue to Bless you for all that you do for us.

**Welcome New Parishioners!**

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory Office:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: **New registration** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address change** \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to call the Rectory office at (518) 462-4254 with any questions.

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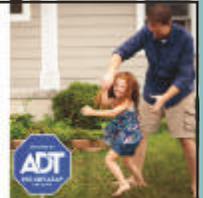
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