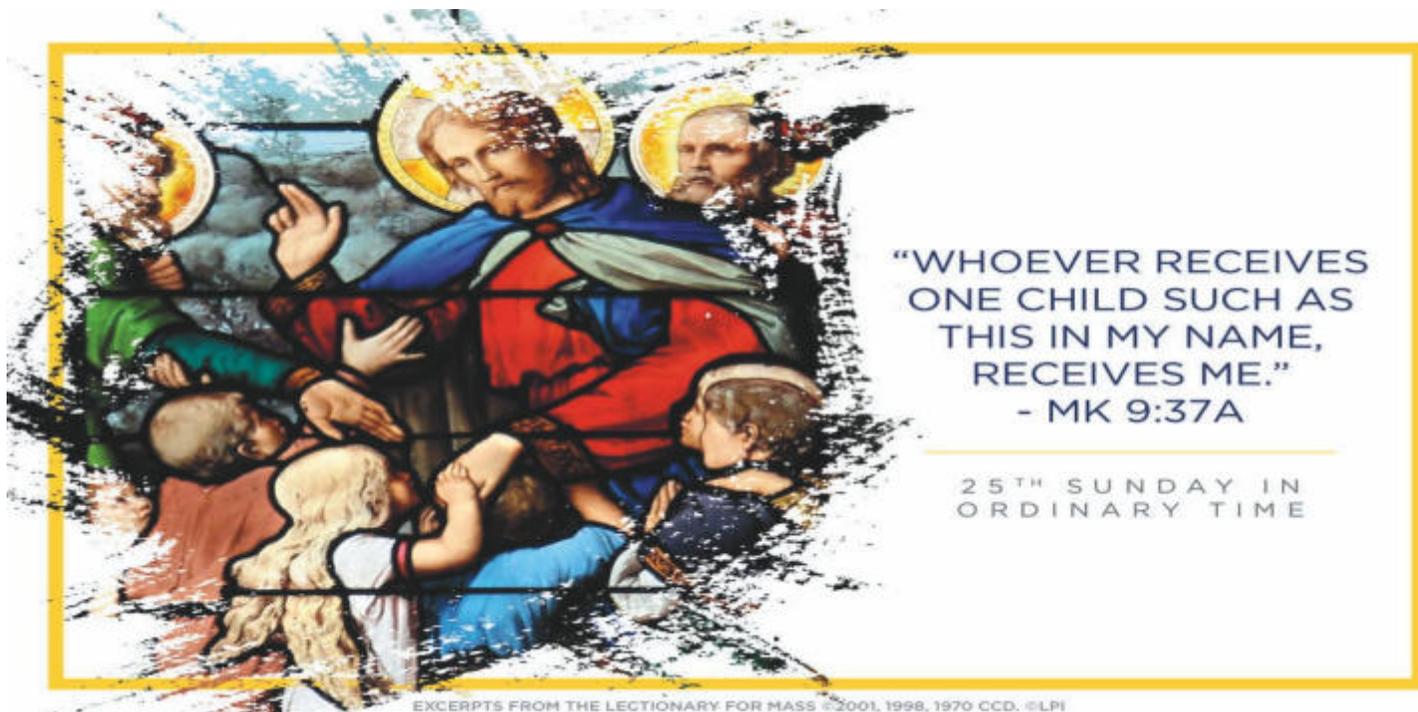


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Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



“WHOEVER RECEIVES
ONE CHILD SUCH AS
THIS IN MY NAME,
RECEIVES ME.”
- MK 9:37A

25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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

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:

Walter Ayres

Aaron Tremblay

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Holly Hayes (Holly.Hayes@rcda.org)

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John Rodier (518-466-1405)

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 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 Ann.

MONDAY, September 20

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, September 22

- 7:00AM † Victor A. Franzese by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Abriel

FRIDAY, September 24

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, September 25

- 4:00PM † Janice San Filippo by Kathy Olivani
- † Carol McHenry by The Family
- † William Picotte by Brendan & Robin Cooney
- † Pam DiNuzzo by Bob & Eileen Martino
- † Michael, Pauline & James Zupan by Marion Zrelak

SUNDAY, September 26

- 8:00AM † Raymond E. Plath by The Family
- † Rocco Memole by The Memole Family
- 10:30AM † Padraic Cawley by Bernie & Rory Flannery
- † Angeline & George Abraham by daughter, Judy
- † Joseph J. Maiello by Rory & Bernie Flannery
- † Marie Balzano by Jane & Steve DiGiovanni
- † Regina Cassetta by Cosimo and Anne Crupi

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join in this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion from September 22nd through November 8th. Volunteer to pray for an end to abortion at a church or chapel near local abortion sites. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/Albany

"ADOPT A STUDENT"

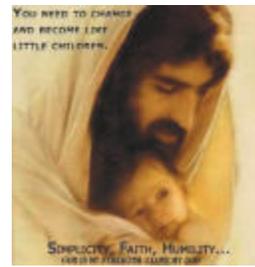


Dear Parishioners: Twenty nine years ago we embarked on a worthwhile project entitled the "ADOPT A STUDENT" PROGRAM. The ultimate goal of a Catholic education is salvation in Jesus Christ," said our late Holy Father, St. Pope John Paul II. He further stated that "Catholic schools are the heartbeat of 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

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____

Make check payable to St. Mary's, 10 Lodge St., Albany NY 12207



In last week's gospel Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the Living God. But what Jesus' disciples fail to understand is that Jesus' messiahship will never be mistaken for a successfully run campaign. The Lord's disciples have missed the truth of Jesus' life and message. Today, they are "discussing among

themselves on the way who was the greatest." The answer to the disciples' question of "greatness" comes when Jesus places a child in their midst. Our Lord invites us, with the child, to see this child as a model of godly life. We must be careful or we will find ourselves, with the disciples, also misunderstanding Jesus. We might see Jesus placing a child in our midst as a sign of innocence over the cynicism as a sign of true discipleship. When Jesus places a child in the midst of the disciples, he wants us to see something more. In Jesus' day childhood was not seen as a time of innocence. Childhood was not something to be savored. It was meant to be grown out as quickly as possible. Children in the ancient world were not highly regarded. They lacked the status and prestige given to "real people." When Jesus offered *childhood* as a model of discipleship, the disciples were probably shocked. An insignificant child is named Jesus' official representative. Someone regarded as "less than human" is chosen as our Lord's ambassador, received as Jesus himself. We may feel sorry for the disciples because they just don't get it and we, ourselves, remain confused. The world God intends is not found in striving and strength but in the grace of the Lord's own choosing of us in our weakness. Prestige, power and well-placed positions among the important are tempting. Jesus shows us a different world. The disciples and all of us gathered around the Lord are not welcomed because we have said or done the right things to receive the credentials and be welcomed by Jesus. We are welcomed through the grace of God.

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger is inviting everyone to join him beginning September 29 in a Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph. For the faithful who are preparing for the Consecration to St. Joseph, Bishop Ed has chosen Fr. Donald H. Calloway's book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*. The daily reading takes only 3-5 minutes and then is pondered during the rest of one's day. If you start the readings late or fall behind, don't worry, just catch up when you can. The preparation can be done alone or in a group. It concludes on November 1 at 5:15pm in the Cathedral with mass and the consecration. More information or to obtain a copy of the book (discounted) go to: www.rcda.org/offices/parish-services/consecration-st-joseph

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.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The 49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th 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.

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.

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. The church continues to be completely sanitized after each mass in order to provide a safe environment.

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.





*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!"

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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