

# Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he  
answered with understanding,  
he said to him, "You are not  
far from the kingdom of God."  
- Mk 12:34ab

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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 (Latin) (suspended temporarily)

## 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:

Walter Ayres  
Aaron Tremblay

### TRUSTEES:

Joanne Maloy  
Mary Nash

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

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, October 30**

- 4:00PM † Edward & Katherine Zeronda by Their Daughter
- † Anna Zupan by Marion Zrelak
- † Cynthia Parsons by Deb & Andy Phelan
- † Katherine "Bonnie" Perry by Bob Warren & Patty Minker
- † Fr. James Lefebvre by Anonymous

**SUNDAY, October 31**

- 8:00AM † Robert LaRose by Ron & Kathy Samuels
- † Fr. Jerry Gingras by Bob Wolfgang
- 10:30AM † Rebecca Graber by Jack & Karen Graber
- † Frank and Esther Bulan by The Bulan Family
- † Robert and Barbara Roy by The Family

**MONDAY, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY**

- 7:00AM † Anthony & Joyce Bonacquisto by Joe Bonacquisto

**TUESDAY, November 2 ALL SOULS DAY**

- 12:05PM † Anthony & Joyce Bonacquisto by Joe Bonacquisto
- † Janina & Stanislaw Szerba by Their daughter

**WEDNESDAY, November 3**

- 7:00AM † Ives Plantin by Josy Dubuche

**FRIDAY, November 5**

- 7:00AM Rory Flannery (Birthday) by Catherine Tommarello

**SATURDAY, November 6**

- 4:00PM † Pasquale Scaringe by Grandson's
- † Joan & Alfred Herrmann by Michael Herrmann

**SUNDAY, November 7**

- 8:00AM † Marty, Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by the Family
- 10:30AM † Kim Sgroi by The Family
- † Frank Miller by Arthur Fealey
- † Salvatore & Angela Rappoccio & Rocco Russo by The Family
- † Joseph J. Maiello by Phil and Loraine Minissale
- † Donato Dandreo Jr. by The Planz Family

**"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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make check payable to St. Mary's, 10 Lodge St., Albany NY 12207

**LAW OF LOVE**

At the heart of Jesus' religion were the Ten Commandments. From these the rabbis developed lists of laws, commands and prescriptions.

No one could possibly remember or keep all of these laws in daily life, any more than Catholics today can remember all the laws in the Code of Canon Law. Hence, the rabbis vied to formulate a "greatest" or most important law that would sum up all that God had commanded.

Rabbi Hillel, a contemporary of Jesus, expressed it this way: "Do not do to another what you would not want done to yourself. This is the whole of God's law. Everything else is commentary." Jesus made the rabbi's statement more positive: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." And in today's gospel reading, Jesus shows why we should fulfill the Law in this way.

In response to the question about the "first of all the commandments," Jesus quoted a passage from the Book of Deuteronomy – "Shema Israel- Hear, O Israel," recited to this day by devout Jews. This central text of Jewish faith and worship presents what we owe to God as a response to what God had done for us. The phrase, "The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" reflects the special relationship between God and his people. "This one God," the text is saying, "is our God because God chose us from all other nations on earth to be God's own." The duty to love God is the consequence of God's prior choice of this people, "Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God..." The Deuteronomy text quoted by Jesus puts love at the heart of religion.

Love is to be the motive for our speaking, acting and living as Jesus' followers, not a desire to keep score of our successes and failures in keeping God's law. Love of God and neighbor is the heart of Jesus' own summary of the Law in today's gospel. Jesus told one of his questioners, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." Here Jesus was declaring that God's reign is present wherever true love abides.

Such was the point that Pope Benedict made in his encyclical letter. *God is love.* The Church's care for others, our care for others, must give love a human face, the face of Christ, always promoting human freedom and dignity. The Church proclaims the love of God, the love which is a free gift and not a reward. Jesus invites us to receive this gift of love, but sends us out to share this gift with others.

**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 November he asks that we pray for **People Who Suffer from Depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**INVITATION FROM THE SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITES**

Our Lady of Mercy Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites is a lay community of Catholic men and women, from all walks of life, pursuing a contemplative prayer life in the context of their daily personal, family and work activities in the world, under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and inspired by the teachings of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite Saints. If you are between the ages of 18 and 65 and feel called to a contemplative prayer life, we invite you to visit our community at one of our first Sunday of the month meetings. Call Laura 518-428-2084, or Linda 518-399-6965.

**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, toiletries, and laundry supplies. The *Personal Care Closet* provides personal care products, toiletries, and laundry supplies. 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 during the month of October. **A bin is available near the main door. Your assistance is appreciated. Call Holly in the office for details.**

**HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS**



While enjoying the Fall days which are upon us, we, in the pantry, are now preparing for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. I am happy to report that we will be able to give both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to our families. Out of an abundance of concern for all, we will again be giving our

families gift cards from either Walmart or Target to the children. We would like to be able to give the cards to parents when we distribute Thanksgiving food so that they have time to shop for the special gift their children desire. Our request is for \$25.00 gift cards to either store being accepted by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please place your cards in an envelope marked "Outreach" and place it in the collection basket. During the month of September, 234 meals were given to our families. 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.

**FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS**

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints. This year it is not a holy day of obligation. A morning mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 7:00am. (Mass at Cathedral is offered at 12:15pm and at 5:15pm) On Tuesday, the Feast of All Souls, mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 12:05pm. (Cathedral at 7:15am & 5:15pm)

**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 seats upstairs).

**CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

A Charismatic Mass and Healing Service is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (except December) at Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the next mass on November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm with Prayer and Praise. Liturgy follows at 7:30 pm. All are Welcome, bring a friend. Check us out on: [AlbanyCCR.org](http://AlbanyCCR.org) for other news and events.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021-2022**



**Diocesan Appeal**

The Diocese is revamping the annual Bishop's Appeal with a new name and a new logo. In addition the annual campaign now begins in the Fall each year and conclude in June 2022. In the coming week you will receive a appeal request as we begin another campaign to reach our \$110,000 assessment. Call Holly for information. Be sure to mention Historic St. Marys when donating!

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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