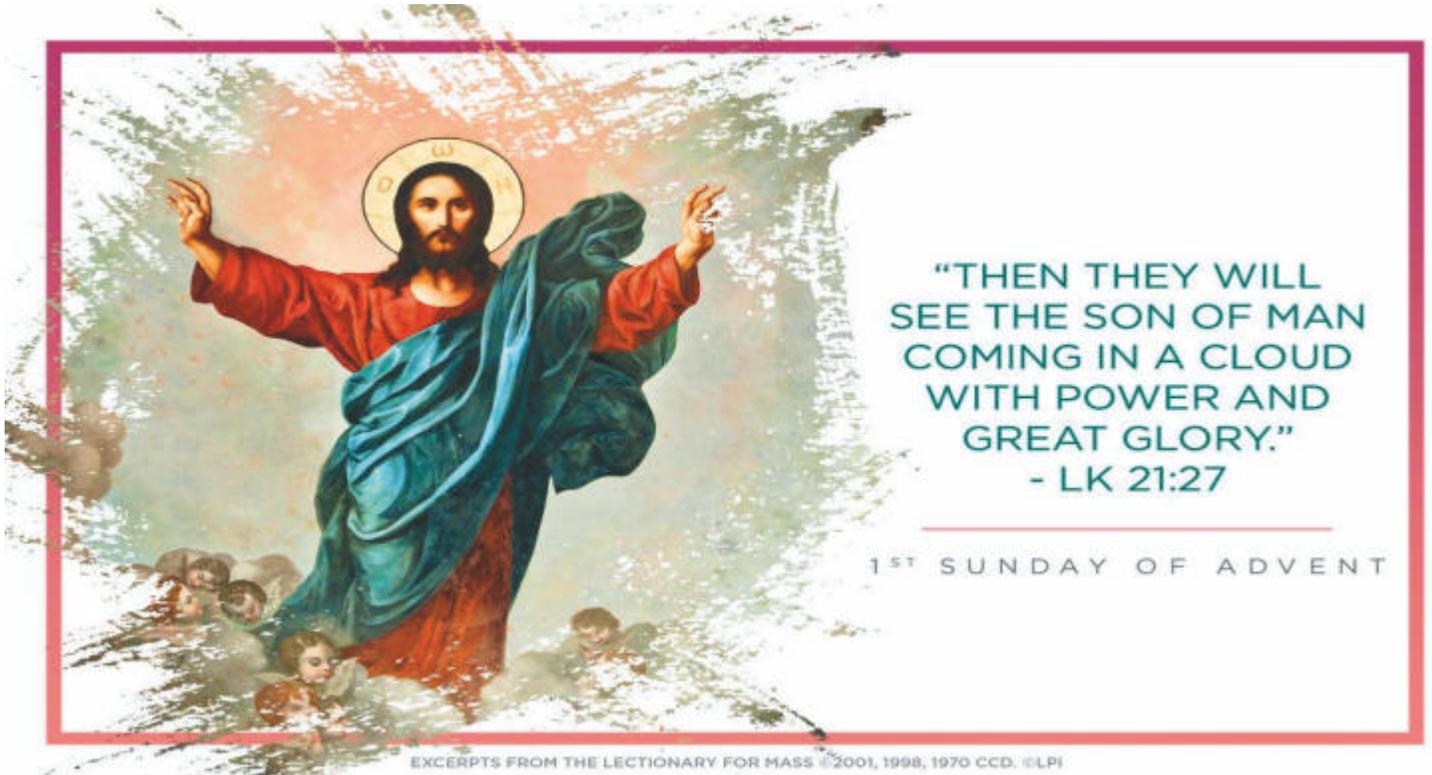


# Historic St. Mary's Church

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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 (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

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Marion Zrelak– Call the Parish Office for Info.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

James Elacqua

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, November 27**

4:00PM † Nicholas Zupan by Marion Zrelak  
 † William B. Picotte by Michael Herrmann

**SUNDAY, November 28**

8:00AM † Rev. Jerry Gingras  
 10:30AM † Andrew Stanislaus Cole by The Cole Family  
 † Rocco A. Prinzo by The Bourdeau Family

**MONDAY, November 29**

7:00AM † Jack Maloy by The Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 1**

7:00AM † John & Leanora Coonan by The Family

**FRIDAY, December 3**

7:00AM † Tracy Harnaga by Edmund & Joan McMahon

**SATURDAY, December 4**

4:00PM † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by Son's  
 † Marcia Bonanni by Arthur Fealey  
 † Fr. Lloyd Rebeyro by A Friend

**SUNDAY, December 5**

8:00AM † Marty, Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by the Family  
 † Eileen Roberts by Warren Roberts  
 10:30AM † Kim Sgroi by The Family  
 † Kimberly Neller by Mr & Mrs Albert Gregory III  
 † Robert Hayes by Bob Wolfgang



Dear parish family,

It has been a long time since I have written, but I promise that you are in my mind, heart, and prayers daily. I want you to know first of all that I have received every single letter and email that has been sent to me. I cannot answer every one of them individually. But

words can never express how grateful I am and how helpful that correspondence is to my healing. Addiction comes with a terrible amount of shame and there is no greater remedy for that than the unconditional love you all have shown.

Secondly, I want to tell you all that I am continuing by the grace of God to make progress. I was honored and touched to receive a visit recently from the Bishop. I cannot believe that he took time out of his incredible schedule to be present with me and show his support to me. When he left I had the feeling that he really understands the nature of addiction and the time that it takes to address it effectively. I am blessed by his desire that I am healed fully, not necessarily quickly.

Please continue to pray for me. Prayer really works!

With paternal affection, **Father Flannery**

### ADVENT—THE COMING OF THE LORD

Advent is a special time for us. Advent can lift us above the hustle, bustle and stress if we take just a little time to let the specialness of this time touch our spirit. Our readings set us up for what is coming soon – but they don't do it without our taking to heart what they are saying.

Our readings today should set us up for an exercise. In Jeremiah we hear that what God promised will really come about. God will fulfill the promise made to the house of Israel and Judah to send a Messiah. And, we know that God did exactly that in sending Jesus, the beloved Son. Jesus came for us. Then, Paul reminds us that Jesus' coming isn't all past history. In fact, while Jesus came, Jesus is here with us now, and he is coming again with all the saints. Paul reminds us of Jesus' final coming through his prayer for us that also tells us how we should live in preparation for that final coming of our Lord Jesus. "May you increase and abound in love for one another and for all..."

St. Paul is telling us through his prayer to believe in God's love and to live in a manner faithful to God's love. "Love for one another and for all." They are a reminder that it isn't just our near and dear ones who need our concern and caring. When we live in a manner faithful to God's love, we are not exclusive. We are not selfish. We reach out from our own smaller world to the larger world around us – in our neighborhood, parish, town, nation and our world.

We might think that our gospel reading is meant to frighten us into preparing well for the last days when Jesus will come again. On hearing that there will be signs in the sun, moon and the stars, we might very well be dismayed and perplexed by what is happening in nature. But Luke isn't trying to frighten us through Jesus' words. Jesus continues and tells us that when we see this happening, we should stand erect and raise our heads because our redemption is at hand.

Persons who live faithfully, and believe in God's love know that there is no reason to be afraid of Jesus' final coming. So, this Advent let's remember that Jesus has come, Jesus is here, and Jesus will come again, and he wants us walking erect with heads held high and with love for all.



### DIOCESE MARIAN CONSECRATION

RCDA Marian Consecration & Renewal with 33 Days to Morning Glory or a Marian Consecration book of your choice – Bishop Ed has invited everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period that will be culminated with the renewed Consecration to Jesus through Mary at the

Cathedral on the holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:15PM.

### 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 December he asks that we pray for **Catechists**: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Sign up for your daily reflections from Matthew Kelly at Dynamic Catholic by going to <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/advent-reflections.html>

**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.

**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.



- 1st CANDLE** – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)
- 2nd CANDLE** – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "got ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)
- 3rd CANDLE** – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)
- 4th CANDLE** – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)
- 5th CANDLE** – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

**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).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION**

We are partnering with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany for a second collection today November 27 & 28 to benefit their work in supporting families in need. More Information can be found online at [www.ccrca.org/collection](http://www.ccrca.org/collection) and in the November 11th issue of The Evangelist.

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

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