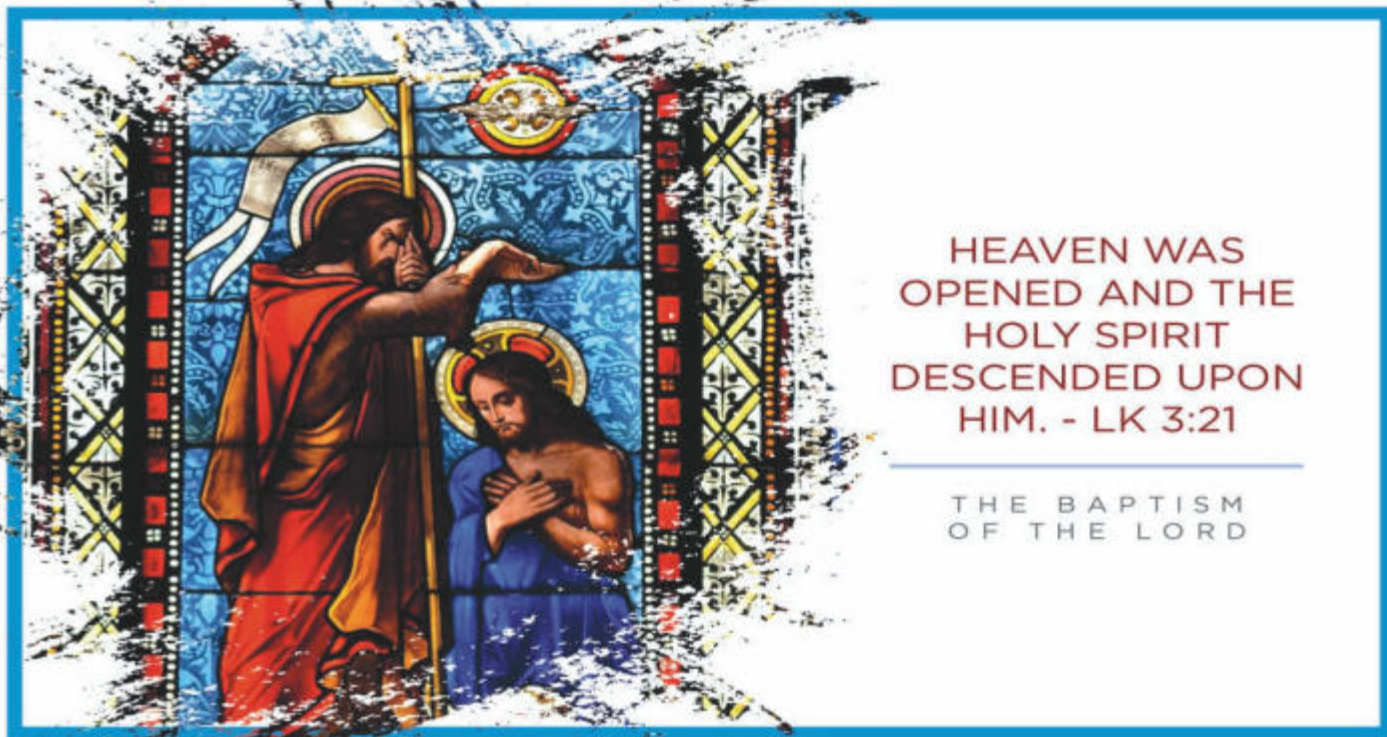


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OPENED AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON
HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

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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.

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HISTORIC ST. MARY'S STAFF:

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Rev. Michael Flannery

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Marion Zrelak– Call the Parish Office for Info.

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James Elacqua

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, January 8

- 4:00PM † Mary O'Grady by Barbara O'Grady
- † James T. Sheldon by The Family
- † Phyllis Devine Brennan by Deb & Andy Phelan

SUNDAY, January 9

- 8:00AM † Marguerite DonVito by Nieces, Geri & Deana
- † James Muscato (4th Anniv) by his wife & family
- 10:30AM † Andrew Stanislaus by The Cole Family
- † Joann Breslin by Victoria South
- † John Chimelis by His Wife

MONDAY, January 10

- 7:00AM † Phyllis Devine Brennan by Joe & Jerry Teresi

WEDNESDAY, January 12

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, January 14

- 7:00AM † Anne Maloy by Jack Maloy

SATURDAY, January 15

- 4:00PM † Tina Borah by Deb & Andy Phelan
- † Peter George by Nephew Peter Cristo
- † Rosemary Deitz by Joe Koreman & Family

SUNDAY, January 16

- 8:00AM † Michael & Margaret Corazza by Pat Kelly
- † Gloria Emminger by The Emminger Family
- 10:30AM † Al & Mary Robertson by Tim, Mary & Al Nash
- † Michael Esposito by Vicki & Gus DiNovo

INVITE OTHERS HOME TO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you, or someone you know considering the Catholic faith? Or do you have loved ones that maybe have lost faith and you'd like to help them re-gain it and help guide them back to the Catholic Church? Catholics Come Home is a wonderful website that will help answer questions and give insight for you both. Since its founding, Catholics Come Home has helped more than 500,000 people return home to the Church through the working of the Holy Spirit and with the cooperation of supportive Catholics invite others home. www.catholicscomehome.org

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY TODAY

On January 22, 1973 a court decision was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. This decision, Roe v. Wade, is the reason over 1 million abortions have been committed in the U.S. each year

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that the one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.



Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord and, in particular, the beautiful reading from the gospel of Saint Luke teach us that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

First, Jesus is the Messiah. The words "Messiah" and "Christ" both mean "Anointed One." Throughout their history, the people of Israel have awaited the one anointed by God to lead them to

freedom. This anointing meant that the Messiah would save them not by his own power, but by the power of God.

At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. The Heavenly Father was anointing Jesus with power to preach the good news, to give sight to the blind, and to bring freedom to captives. Jesus received this anointing to make it clear that he is the Messiah.

What does that mean for us today? It means that we have no other Savior than Jesus Christ. If we are to find true and lasting freedom, it is only through him. If we are to experience true and lasting justice and peace it can only be through Jesus Christ. As Saint Peter declares on Pentecost Day in the Acts of the Apostles, "No other name is given to us in heaven or on earth by which we are to be saved." This means that in everything we do, whether as individuals, as a Church or as a nation, we must look to Jesus if we are to find the justice, truth, freedom, and peace our hearts yearn for.

Secondly, Jesus is the Son of God. After the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus, God's voice from heaven is heard, "You are my beloved Son."

When we call Jesus, "Son of God", we are not saying that he is like God, or that he is very close to God. Rather, we are saying that Jesus IS God. As we say in the Creed, he is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. Whatever we can say about God, we can say about Jesus. He is eternal. There has never been a time when he has not existed. He is All-Powerful. There is nothing he cannot do. And he is All-Knowing. He knows the future and knows our hearts. There is no limit to his power.

For this reason, we do not only revere Jesus as a great man, but we worship him as our God. We bow our heads when we hear his name. We kneel when he appears before us in the Eucharist. We pray to him, entrust our needs to him, and praise him.

Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God. We look to him to save us and we worship him as Almighty God. Just as John the Baptist pointed to him, so we must point him out to others as the only Savior of the World. Just as John the Baptist led others to him, we are to lead our family and friends to recognize him as the Messiah our hearts long for. Just as God from heaven declared that he is the beloved Son, so we are to declare to others that Jesus is the God we should follow and obey

St MARY'S CALENDARS

Thanks to all at McVeigh Funeral Home for donating our 2022 calendars. We are grateful to McVeigh-Parente Family for their generosity. We have a limited supply at this time due to global shipping delays. More are expected soon.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteers to help count the weekly collection on Sundays. Several of our counters are headed south for the winter and others have some health issues. The commitment is once a month for about 3 hours on a Sunday morning. Training available. Call Holly in the office if you can help. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts January 18 and continues thru January 25. This year's theme is "We saw His star in the East, and we came to worship Him" There will be an ecumenical Service of the Word on January 19th at 12:15PM at the Pastoral Center. You may like to pick up a copy of "Christain Unity: The Next Step" by Fr Kenin Mackin, OFM. For more information go to: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/worship-and-background-material-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022>

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Blessed Sacrament School has a new opportunity for individuals and small businesses to become a "Blessed Sacrament Angel" who would help a student with a portion of their tuition, and in exchange, the Angel would receive updates on their student's progress, attend concerts, school masses, graduation and a special luncheon. Contact Maureen Daurio, at 518-438-5854.

FABULOUS FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER

Blessed Sacrament Parish is sponsoring its' annual fundraiser for their school. A \$10 donation provides 28 chances to win cash in daily drawing. If you would like more information and/or a chance to participate contact Barbara Collen at 518-482-3375.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Just as we welcomed the coming of our Savior into our hearts this Christmas we in St Mary Outreach want to thank you for all that you do to help us welcome Jesus in the people we meet each day in your Food Pantry, A special thank you is in order for our volunteers - those who staff the pantry each day, and those who respond to our emergency calls for help. Thank you for your donations. Remember – every dollar you donate to the Regional Food Bank on behalf of St Mary's purchases seven times the amount food we could purchase otherwise. (You can either mail a check directly to the Food Bank or drop a check made out to the Food Bank in our collection and it will be sent directly to the Food Bank.) All blessings in the New Year. *Sister Mary Ellen*

SPECIAL COLLECTION TO ASSIST TORNADO VICTIMS

Bishop Scharfenberger has asked that a special collection be taken up in all parishes to assist the victims of the December tornadoes that hit Kentucky and the surrounding areas. That collection will be taken next weekend—January 15-16. Please be generous.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE TRANSPORTATION

Join us at the March for Life Friday, January 21, 2022! Get your bus ticket ASAP! Contact the parish buses ASAP. Albany/Capital District contact Barbara Fraterrigo, pbfrat@hotmail.com; (518) 456-3998. South & West of the Capital. District contact Paul Wenner: paul.j.wenner@gmail.com; (607) 652-4055. If you need financial help with a bus ticket - contact the Knights of Columbus/Nick Wallace: 518-634-2028; cell: 518-649-5998; njwallace52@yahoo.com

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 January he asks that we pray for **FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY**: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

NEW DIOCESAN COVID PROTOCOLS

Having conferred with Fr. Flannery, we share the following: Our Bishop has issued a mandate requiring face masks be worn by everyone entering and attending mass at St. Mary's. The Bishop states "since a vaccine verification requirement would be difficult, if not impossible, for churches to implement, we believe the mask mandate is the most efficient option for parishes of the Diocese of Albany. While we realize that this may not be convenient or comfortable, we want to do all we can to ensure the safety of those who celebrate, assist at and attend Mass throughout the remainder of the Advent and Christmas season. This mandate is effective now through January 15, 2022, at which time we will reassess its effectiveness based on public health conditions."

Respectfully, we ask that all (over 2yrs old), including those who have been fully vaccinated to properly wear a mask 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.

At this time, we will not be checking vaccination status, reintroducing 6 foot social distancing or gathering of information for contact tracing. Therefore, the wearing of masks is that much more important to maintaining 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 and when receiving communion. Ushers will be glad to assist you in locating appropriate seating (this may include seats upstairs).

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021-2022



Diocesan Appeal

The Diocese has revamped 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 weeks you will receive a appeal request from Fr Provost as we continue our 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:

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