

# Historic St. Mary's Church

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## *Mission Statement*

*We are a Catholic community of faith, nourished by Word and Sacrament, who trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ and faithful to the Church's magisterium, seek to live the Gospel in the world today through Liturgy and Service.*

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Church and Cemetery Office: 842-4500**

**St. Mary's Institute: 842-4100**

**Faith Formation: 843-5452**

**Website: [www.stmaryamsterdam.com](http://www.stmaryamsterdam.com)**



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass (Monday through Friday) 8:00 a.m.**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. (Spanish Mass)**

**(Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. Saturday)**

**\*Traditional Latin Mass every First Friday at 5:00 p.m., First Saturday at 8:00 a.m. & Every Third Sunday of the month at \*4:30 p.m. (\*new time)**

**CONFESSIONS : Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** - Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE** - Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Dates will be secured at this initial meeting. No other arrangements should be made until after this initial contact.

**SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK** - Anyone who is seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like to receive this Sacrament should contact the Parish Office.

**Misioneros de Jesus Grupo de Oracion: 5:00 a 6:45 p.m. Escuela de Fe: 7:00 a 8:00 p.m. Asambleas generales de Predicas, Alabanzas y Adoracion Todos los ultimos Domingos del mes.**

**Masses for the Week of February 11, 2018**

Monday, February 12, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Ann Myslowski** by Michael Cantiello
- 2) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**

Tuesday, February 13, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **In Honor of the 107th Birthday of Margaret Reilly (Living)** by SMI Alumni Association



**Area-wide Schedule for Ash**

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**

8:00 a.m. Mass & Ashes - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:15 a.m. Mass & Ashes - St. Mary's Institute

**12:00 noon Mass & Ashes - St. Mary's**

- 1) **16th Anniv. on Feb. 17 Richard Rzesos** by Wife Rose
- 2) **11th Anniv. Anthony Vertucci** by the Habla & Barker Families
- 3) **Healing Mass for Sharon Valenti (living)**

12:00 noon Ashes & Liturgy of the Word - St. Stephens

6:00 p.m. Ashes & Liturgy of the Word - St. Stanislaus

7:00 p.m. Ashes & Liturgy of the Word - St. Mary's

Thursday, February 15, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Kathryn Gavel** by Husband & Sons
- 2) **Charles & Johanna Cook** by Daughter Rita Traider

Friday, February 16, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Alex Martuscello** by the Joyce Family
- 2) **Healing Mass for Brian Opalka (living)**  
\*Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 12:00 noon every Friday during Lent here at St. Mary's

Saturday, February 17, 8:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Confessions**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

- 1) **1st Anniv. Margaret Gisondi** by friend Louise Healy
- 2) **Our President Donald J. Trump (living)** by a Parishioner
- 3) **Doris Meehan** by Carol Douglas
- 4) **Nimpha & Edward Szurek** by Pat & Donna

**Sunday, February 18, 8:00 a.m. Mass**

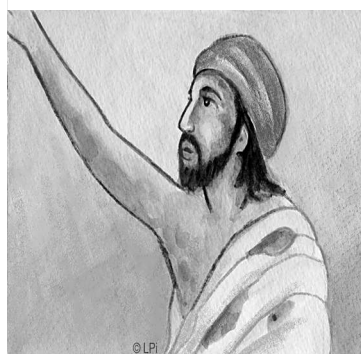
- 1) **Harold Kenyon** by sisters Mary Denker & Caroline Rusk
- 2) **Licia A. Coratti** by the Achcet Family
- 3) **Theresa Sise** by Nellie & Leonard Bush

10:00 a.m. Mass

- 1) **6th Anniv. Gene Agresta** by his Family
- 2) **Ann Meyer** by Nichole Damiano
- 3) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**

12:15 Spanish Mass

- 1) **For the People of St. Mary's**
- 2) **For the Needs the Book of Prayer Intentions**



"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

The Holy Name Society will meet this Sunday, February 11, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. **Matthew Stachnik** will recite his winning essay (chosen by the Holy Name Society). Congratulations to Matthew.



**St. Mary's Stewardship Report**  
Budget for the Current Fiscal Year,  
2016/2017 is: **\$656,319.00**

<b>Average Weekly Offertory Income Needed</b>	<b>\$ 11,274.00</b>
<b>Average Weekly Income Needed from Other Sources:</b>	<b>\$ 1,117.30</b>

**Total Collection Report for February 4, 2018:** **\$ 11,810.00**

Breakdown

**Weekly: \$8,265.00 Other \$3,253.00 Candle: \$292.00**

\*Note: "Other" includes **\$2,743.00** for our Insurance Collection.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Bellen Family** who were the recent winners in **St. Mary's Institute Tuition Raffle**



The **Church** Sanctuary Light this week is in Loving Memory of **“Uncle Tony” Anthony Vertucci** by the Habla & Barker Families

The **Chapel** Sanctuary Light this week is in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Priests and Nuns who served here at St. Mary’s Church and St. Mary’s Institute.**



Eucharist and Wine Donations

**Eucharist** Donation for the Month of **February** is in loving memory of: **Angela Mudge** by Gloria & John Tesiero & Family

**Wine** Donation for the month of **February** is in loving memory of: **Margaret “Marge” Habla** by Bob & Madeline Van Allen



There will now be a **Spanish Mass** every “Fourth Thursday” at **7:00 p.m.** in St. Mary’s Parish Chapel Annex. Everyone is welcome. (next one is Feb. 22nd)

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**Monthly Collections**

**“Anytime” Collections:** **Clothing** – Blue/White drop box west-side entrance of the church. These proceeds benefit our parish. **Comfort Zone** – Paper products and toiletries, etc. that are not provided by the Food Pantry. **Food Collection:** Bring non-perishable food to the church hall or place in the Comfort Zone box located in front/main entrance of the Church. **Third Weekend of each month:** Church Restoration Envelopes. **Last** weekend of each month is for the **Faith Soup Kitchen.**



**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

It is with great joy and anticipation that I am announcing a major event for the Diocese of Albany. On September 22, 2018, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, we will be holding the “Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress.”



In our Catholic tradition, a “Eucharistic Congress” is a special gathering led by the bishop focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of Joy, fellowship, prayer and unity. This will be a spiritual event, hallowed in part by the very ground on which it is held. We will celebrate Mass, host inspirational speakers, have a Eucharistic Procession, and offer activities for children. My hope is that the Holy Spirit will make this a powerful time of spiritual renewal for our entire diocese.

Often when I see sports stadiums packed for big games—the NFL playoffs come to mind – I often wish we could muster as much enthusiasm for our faith. The truth is that we have far more to celebrate: we have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who offers forgiveness, grace and eternal life!

To continue the sports analogy, our Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress will be like a Catholic “Super Bowl” where we celebrate our faith with enthusiastic joy!

In the Diocese of Albany, our “stadium” so to speak, is the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. It was built to hold ten thousand people, but here has not been a “Super Bowl” held there for decades. In recent years, smaller gatherings at the Shrine—which have been very powerful – have convinced me that the time is right for a large diocesan gathering.

So this fall, on September 22, I ask that the Shrine become a pilgrimage site for Catholics from every corner of our diocese. I want to be very clear: I invite every single Catholic in our diocese to attend, as well as our non-catholic friends and family.

In particular, I ask that parishes make a coordinated effort to bring large groups of parishioners to Hearts Aflame. For some parishes, this may be a caravan of cars; for some it may mean chartering a bus; other parishes may have creative ways to bring youth groups or Knights of Columbus Councils. More details about how to promote the event in your parish will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

We are most recognizable as Catholic when we gather in unity around the Blessed Sacrament. I hope you will join with me this fall as we ask the Lord Jesus to set our Hearts Aflame!

**Sincerely yours in the Peace of Christ,**  
**Most Rev. Edward Scharfenberger**  
**Bishop of the Diocese of Albany**

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