



GENERAL FUND

Brief Description

The General Fund is used for the day-to-day operations of the parish and its programs. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation to our parish.

Full Description

Contributions to the General Fund are used to offset the costs associated with day-to-day operations of the parish and its programs. These costs include payroll of church employees, maintenance and cleaning of buildings, utilities, and supplies. Additionally, your contribution will benefit our sacramental preparation classes, liturgies, and Religious Education programs. Parish members are encouraged to set up an account and manage their contributions. You will have complete control over your contribution amount and frequency of payments. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

BUILDING & IMPROVEMENTS

Brief Description

Donations given to the Building & Improvements will be used to pay for major building improvements or capital expenditures, purchase of furnishings, fixtures, equipment and other fixed assets for use in the church facilities necessary to implement programs of the church.

Full Description

Your donation to Building & Improvements will help keep our parish buildings sound for the future.

Building & Improvements is a way for all of us to invest in the future of St. Mary's and to ensure this church will still be here for generations to come. You can make a one time donation or ongoing donations to this important fund.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Brief Description

Your donation helps with the ongoing upkeep of our parish buildings and facilities.

Full Description

Your donation will help with items like landscaping, cleaning and maintenance supplies and repairs to the church facilities. It will also help with service contracts for things like security and keying facilities, the elevator or alarm systems. Your donation will also be used to help cover the cost of property insurance. Your donation helps us to keep St. Mary's well-maintained. Thanks for your support-

ST. MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

Brief Description

St. Mary's Soup Kitchen serves meals to the hungry of our community since 1983. Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Full Description

Your donation to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen helps provide a nutritious meal to those in need every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Your donation will be used for food, supplies, and equipment and payroll of soup kitchen employees. Thank you for your care for the poor.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Brief Description

Make a special contribution to help our parish.

Full Description

Your donation will be used for any ministry or program of the parish that is not specifically indicated in our list of funds in our webpage. Just let us know how you would like your gift to be used. Thanks!

FAMILY CRISIS FUND

Brief Description

The Family Crisis Fund was established to help parish families who are in need.

Full Description

Your donation to the Family Crisis Fund allows St. Mary's to help parishioners who might need help with rent, utilities or medical expenses. Sometimes the money is a gift and other times families are asked to repay the fund, if possible. This allows the fund to go further to helping out other parish families in need.

ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

Brief Description

Provides Catholic education for the youth and young adults of our parish as well as helping provide workshops, retreats or other opportunities for Catholic Education for parishioners.

Full Description

Your gift to the St. Mary's Religious Education fund will provide opportunities for growth and renewal in our faith. Funds are used for classes, workshops, seminars and retreats, and conventions. Since we closed our own school, the fund is also used to help subsidize the tuition payment for parish children who attend Catholic elementary schools in our Archdiocese. (Each parish is required to pay a subsidy for any child attending an archdiocesan elementary school).

LITURGY FUND

Brief Description

Your donation to the liturgy fund will provide support for the communal worship of our parish.

Full Description

Your donation to the liturgy fund will support the communal worship of our parish by providing funds for the music ministry, liturgical books, candles, banners, sacramental vessels, vestments and sacred cloths.

ESTATE PLANNING

Brief Description

Our Lady of Perpetual Help- St Mary's welcomes your consideration of a gift or bequest in your estate planning.

Full Description

St. Mary's welcomes gifts or bequests and would be glad to provide information on how to include Our Lady of Perpetual Help- St Mary's in your estate plan. Please provide your name and contact information and information will be sent. Thank you for considering a gift that will help our parish to continue to grow.

HOLY DAYS

Brief Description

The Church liturgical year recognizes important days, called holy days or obligation in the church. During the liturgical year the church there are seven holy days. These are opportunities for consideration of giving a special offering.

Full Description

During the Church liturgical year the seven holy days are: Solemnity of Mary, Easter, Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary into heaven, All Saints' Day, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord.

Please consider a gift to the parish on these holy days. You may decide the amount and which holy day you would like to give a contribution. Our parish also includes the opportunity to provide a gift on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Thanksgiving. You may choose to include these important days with a contribution.

LOCAL CHARITIES

Brief Description

St. Mary's parishioners help support local charities that lend assistance to parishioners and community members. The parish will send your donation directly to the charity of your choice.

Full Description

Local charities depend on many community members to support their efforts. St. Mary's parishioners are generous in supporting these local social service organizations. You may contribute a one time gift or you may support the charities with monthly contributions. The current charities that St. Mary's parishioners support are Fish of Albany, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Interfaith Caregivers (now known as Volunteer Caregivers), Habitat for Humanity, and Helping Hands.