To everyone who has made St. Mary's the place it is today:
Thank you.

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Mementos

Reflections on Our First 100 Years
1903-2003
A message from our President.

More than 100 years ago, St. Mary’s Hospital opened its doors for the first time. The hospital was a longtime dream of Monsignor William A. Browne, who asked the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, renowned for their nursing skills, if they would help him bring this dream to fruition. They agreed, and, working together, established St. Mary’s Hospital at Amsterdam in 1903. St. Mary’s soon became a model of what all hospitals strive to be: a place where compassion reigns, where medical technology saves lives and dreams, a place where people seeking solutions to medical problems receive not just expert care but support and encouragement along the way.

Over its 100-year-history, St. Mary’s has evolved and grown. Today, we are considered one of the most technologically competent hospitals in the Capital Region, and yet a place that never wavers from its core identity: that of people serving people.

To all who helped to build St. Mary’s Hospital over the decades, and to all who joined in the celebration of our centennial anniversary, I say thank you and welcome—on our continuing journey to the future.

Peter E. Capobianco
President and Chief Executive Officer
St. Mary’s Hospital at Amsterdam

The mission of St. Mary’s Hospital at Amsterdam is to care compassionately for those we serve with dedication to excellence and Christian ideals.
Who is St. Mary’s Hospital?
A friend in times of need.

Graduate nurses of 1947. Sr. Candida; Anne Marie Sweeney; Theresa Daley Sise; Mary Holmer; Pam Champagne Bottisti
Monsignor William A. Browne founded St. Mary's in 1903. He asked the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to run the hospital. Five sisters arrived to serve the community of Amsterdam.
A leader in health care.

Groundbreaking for St. Mary’s Gonzaga Hall Wing, 1948. Left to right: Mother Mechtilde, Provincial Superior, 1944-1950; Sister Frederick Connors, Administrator of St. Mary’s; Msgr. Edward Walsh, Pastor, St. Mary’s Church, Amsterdam; Sister Assumpta Joseph Cloonan; Sister M. Petronilla McGowan, Assistant Provincial Superior.
The Marcellus homestead on Guy Park Avenue opened its doors as St. Mary's Hospital on April 19th, 1903. The hospital had 27 beds.

In 1925, a major new wing was planned, offering 80 beds. Monsignor Browne, Mother Thomas, Mother John Joseph, and Mr. John P. Turner (Architect) presided at the groundbreaking event.

Mr. Herbert L. Shuttleworth helps to break ground in 1978 for the "new" St. Mary's Hospital building, a modern four-story structure opened in 1980.

The opening of a new addition in 1993 signals the next era of care at St. Mary's Hospital.

The October 2003 groundbreaking heralds another commitment to the finest in medical care for St. Mary's communities.
A place to heal the body and soothe the soul.

St. Mary’s business office, circa 1921. Mrs. Mary Carrigan is at the telephone, while Mrs. Austin volunteers. Patient Fred O’Brien, who recovered from a serious auto accident, looks on.
Today, St. Mary’s is regarded as one of the premier hospitals in the region, and provides the highest caliber of medical care with an emphasis on human compassion and state of the art technology.
A neighbor to our communities.

Sister William Fitzpatrick Aloysius and Sr. Mary Theresa accept a new isolette donated by the March of Dimes in 1970.
St. Mary's was founded to serve the community and continues to be mindful of its civic responsibilities, engaging in the life of its many neighbors in the Mohawk Valley.

Breast cancer support

“United Way 500”

Johnstown Family Health Center

Community groundbreaking celebration
An educator for life.

From left to right: Joanne Froelich; Mary Meyers; Julianne Spoth; Sister Mary Kevin; Linda Hayden; Elizabeth Kabacinski; Joan Moore Presotitis
St. Mary’s Hospital opens a nursing school, which becomes integral to the hospital’s development. Between 1921 and its closing in 1987, the school graduated more than 1,100 nurses.

Staff from St. Mary’s provides training and education to a range of individuals and community groups. The hospital also offers internships to students pursuing a career in health care.

Dr. Thomas Velz, Director of Laboratory

Nurse manager Bob Quist works with young students during a tour.

Members of The Class of ‘53 celebrate at a September 2003 reunion.

Hospital auxiliary members volunteer at a community health fair.
People helping people. Always
St. Mary’s has evolved into a family of more than 1,000 employees and many volunteers, all guided by the vision of founder Monsignor Browne and the original five sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, whose “reputation for efficient work, kindness and charity is widespread.” Today, we are steadfast in our resolve to offer only the finest in medical care and the utmost in compassion.