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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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September 29, 2019

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2020

The Hands of Christ is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior of the Class of 2020 for the Hands of Christ recognition. A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria: consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example; is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community; is a positive role model for peers and younger children; is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother Parish. To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form including the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and high school, along with examples of the above mentioned criteria. These registration forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. The date nominations are due in the parish office is Monday, November 24th.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York, every parish corporation is to have an annual meeting to supply information to the parish at large with regard to financial and legal issues. This annual meeting will take place next Sunday, October 6th immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in our church. At this meeting, a summary of the 2018/2019 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. In addition, the chairperson of our Finance Council, Mr. Shane Alsworth, our Business Manager, Mr. Richard O'Lenick, area Finance Director, Mr. David Quinn, and Father Linsler will be present to answer any questions or concerns. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of animals this **Friday, October 4th** at 6:00 p.m. in the east parking lot (near the playground area) of St. Mary Our Mother Church. All pets and their owners are welcome! To provide a safe environment for all who attend this event, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2019/2020 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157.

UNITED WAY

Please remember to "write in" St. Mary Our Mother School on your United Way pledge card. We thank our many parents and grandparents who do remember us each year with a write-in pledge. However, other United Way donors do not realize that St. Mary Our Mother School is an option. The "window" for making elections is open for Corning, Inc. from now through October 11th.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, September 30**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, October 1

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

7:00 PM RCIA - school

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 PM Social Ministry - rectory

Thursday, October 3

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

6:30 PM Parent Association - school

Friday, October 4

6:00 PM Blessing of Animals - east parking lot

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration - chapel

Saturday, October 5

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, October 6

11:45 AM Annual meeting - church

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

6:00 PM Confirmation candidate meeting - school

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P. J. Cardinale

Carol Parker

Valeda Savard

Ronald Thompson

MEMORIALS**Votive Candle:***Special intention of Bill Dominikoski - Sandee, Doug & Peggy***Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of Joseph M. Palladino - brother & sisters***Sacramental Wine:***In memory of Sandy Mentuck - Nancy & Gene Barcomb***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***In thanksgiving for our 59th anniversary - Joe & Euclida Jamison**In memory of the Morales family - Tina Morales***Chapel Flowers:***(2) In memory of Sandy Mentuck - Leipold family***Blessed Mother – Church:***In memory of Ann Ponzi - husband, Phil***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***In memory of Ann Ponzi - husband, Phil*

The following flower donations were inadvertently omitted from last week's bulletin:

Main Altar Arrangement:*In loving memory of Martyn & Les Reimsnyder - their daughter, Nancy***Chapel Flowers:***For the special intention of Bill Dominikoski***SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - October 6, 2019****27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

IN OUR PARISH**Scout Religious Medals for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts**

Did you know you can earn your Catholic Religious Medals in your Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs? There are four levels to be earned beginning at age 7. Classes run from October through February on Sunday afternoons, twice a month. Most levels are completed by Scout Sunday.

An information meeting and sign-ups will be held today, **September 29th** at 1:00 p.m. at the Girl Scout office, 226 Colonial Drive, Horseheads. This is a part of our Diocese of Rochester Youth Ministry. Adult volunteers are welcomed. Please call Maureen Hayden at 607-426-2537 or Lois Love at 607-562-3839 with any questions.

A Note of Appreciation

Many parishioners may not be aware that St. Mary Our Mother Church serves lunch, once a month, at the Elmira Community Kitchen. For many years, **Jubilee Foods** has blessed us with their generosity by donating desserts for our team, each and every month. Their act of kindness has helped feed 75-100 people in the area. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jubilee Foods for their ongoing support. We sincerely appreciate all they do to support our church and our community!

Christmas Basket Coordinators

The Social Ministry Committee will be meeting with families at the Horseheads Food Pantry. To provide Christmas dinner for these families and gifts for the children, coordinators are needed. Coordinators phone the families and put meat and gift tags on the trees. They make certain that the meat has been purchased and all gifts are under the tree by the appointed date.

For additional information, please call Patti Rosettie at 873-7545 or Lisa Feist at 329-4346. Also, there is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board. Coordinators who helped last year will be called by a Social Ministry member.

Cemetery Clean Up

Please remove all spring and summer decorations from the cemetery by **Sunday, November 3rd**. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 3rd.

Prayer for Military

We lift up in prayer each day those who are serving our country, especially those in harm's way.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

On Wednesday, September 11th, St. Mary Our Mother Parish Pastoral Council met for its September meeting. The Parish Pastoral Council is one of the leadership bodies of the parish serving in an advisory capacity to the pastor and parish staff. The members of this year's council include:

<i>Vincent Moschetti</i> , Chairperson	
<i>Cindy Annunziata</i>	<i>Hanne O'Donnell</i>
<i>Jenine Cleary</i>	<i>Richelle Riina</i>
<i>William Dominikoski</i>	<i>Patricia Rosettie</i>
<i>Raymond Kaschalk</i>	

In addition to her council duties, Richelle Riina serves as recording secretary for the Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council deals with parish policy issues, providing direction, guidance, and feedback so that the parish can better fulfill its mission. The council members are willing to listen to your concerns and bring them to the council's attention for appropriate response. The meetings of the council are open to all members of the parish.

Whereas the Pastoral Council deals with matters of "pastoral concern", the Finance Council addresses issues related to finance, buildings, and parish property issues. **Shane Alsworth** serves as Chairperson. Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the pastor, and serve as an advisory group to our business manager, Mr. Richard O'Lenick, the regional finance director, Mr. David Quinn, and myself in offering their expertise in keeping our parish, school, and our many ministries in good financial order.

In addition to these two councils, another active group in the parish for the past few years has been our Stewardship Committee. These dedicated and talented individuals have helped raise our awareness of our baptismal call to be good stewards of all God has given us. **Eric Mozdy** serves as the chairperson of this committee. Like all our councils and committees, our Stewardship Committee needs to be commended for their fine work. This committee will begin meeting in October, and we invite others to join us. Might God be calling you to share your time and talent as a member of this committee?

The month of September is a month of beginnings; the beginning of school, the beginning of football season, the resumption of many parish activities, and the return of many parishioners who have been away for the summer. Thank you to all who make up their financial obligations to the parish while away for the summer. As you know, parish expenses and obligations do not take a break for the summer. Thank you for your generous support of St. Mary Our Mother!

Have a great week, and enjoy these September and October days. See you in church!

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Charly Graves - his wife, Jan

Tuesday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Patrick O'Connell - Joe & Anne Welch

Wednesday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, October 3 - Weekday

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - family

Friday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

6:45 AM Arthur Spaulding - Spaulding family

9:00 AM Lillian Ante - St. Mary Our Mother School faculty & staff

Saturday, October 5 - Weekday

5:00 PM Sue Beering - her family

Sunday, October 6 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Theresa Dobek - her family

10:30 AM Teri Guardi - Accavallo family

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The theme for this year's campaign is, **I AM the vine, you are the branches**. The CMA gives each of us an opportunity to bear good fruit and live out our purpose as the branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese. Your support enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be generous in your response. Every gift is needed and important!

Please see the brochure in the pews (or back of the church) for more information. If you have given to the CMA in the past, you will receive a letter in the mail with your pledge card during the week of October 15th. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Christmas Food Baskets

In anticipation of the needs of families in our area, our Social Ministry Committee is collecting food during October, November and December for the Christmas food baskets. Only **food** items are needed and the following are staple items that we include in each box: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce/marinara, spaghetti or other pasta, tuna fish or canned meat, canned or dried soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, cake mixes, frosting, cookie and muffin mixes, jello or pudding, pancake mix, rice, dried potatoes, stuffing mix, baby food, baby cereal and baby drinks, hot chocolate mix.

PLEASE - FOOD ONLY - NO COFFEE OR JUICE, NO PAPER PRODUCTS, CLEANERS OR TOILETRIES ARE NEEDED.

Your generous donations are appreciated and may be placed in the cart near the entrance of the church. Shopping lists are located on the table near the food cart to help when purchasing food items at the store.

REGIONAL EVENTS

National Life Chain

Can you spend one hour in silent prayer to witness for the dignity of human life? Please join us for the annual National Life Chain, **October 6th**, between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., at the corner of Church and N. Main Streets in Elmira (Wisner Park). We will stand for one hour, holding sign supporting the dignity of all human life, in silent prayer, in solidarity with groups across the country doing the same thing at the same time, rain or shine. For more information, please call Steve at 607-739-9282 or John at 607-739-1011.

Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 8th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. Wounded Healers is open to anyone who needs support, education and understanding in a time of grief after the death of a loved one. There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

14th Annual McAuley Award Dinner

Notre Dame High School is pleased to honor Rev. Lewis Brown ('59) and Mr. Bob Edger (posthumously) at the 14th annual McAuley Award Dinner on **Tuesday, October 8th** at 6:00 p.m. at the Elmira Country Club. Reservations for the dinner may be made by contacting Katie Lilley ('97), Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations, at 607-734-2267, ext. 325. Seats for the evening are \$75.00 per person. We hope you will consider joining us as we celebrate both Rev. Lewis Brown and Mr. Bob Edger for their years of dedicated service and for the positive impact they have had on Notre Dame School over the years.

Discovering God

St. Mary's Church, 224 Franklin St., Elmira will present a mission series, *Right Here...Right Now, Discovering God* beginning today, **Sunday, September 29th** through **Tuesday, October 1st** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Mission director will be Fr. Geoff Rose, OSFS. Sunday's topic is *Finding God in Prayer*, Monday's topic is *Finding God in Life's Decisions & Events*, Tuesday's topic is *Finding God in Relationships & Worshipping Community*.

Respect Life Mass

A Respect Life Mass, Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life, will be held on **Sunday, October 6th**, at 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Jean Yorio**, School Principal
- Mr. Richard O'Lenick**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner**, RCIA Coordinator
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Jeanne Carney**, Facilities Coordinator
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Mrs. Kim Roemmelt**, School Secretary
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Todd Stewart**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Parish Office**
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- Parish Web Site.....www.StMaryOurMother.com
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street (607)-739-9157
- E-mail.....smoms@dor.org
- School Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Diocesan Creating a Safe Environment (CASE)
Newsletter

The quarterly diocesan CASE newsletter is available online at <https://www.dor.org/protecting-our-children/newsletters/>. There are also copies available in the vestibule of the church.

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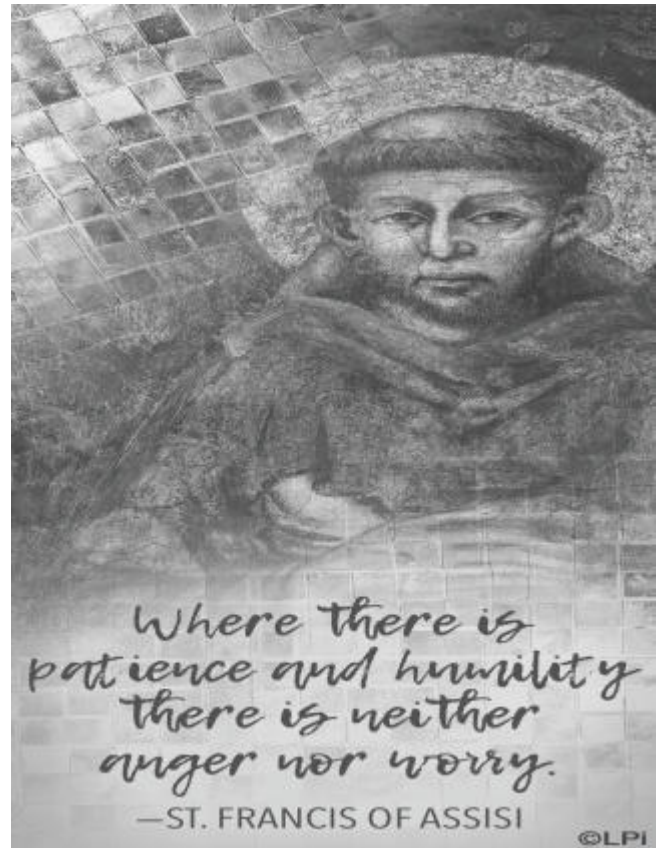
Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the Horseheads Food Pantry. You can drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call Barbara at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Do You Need Help With Falling Leaves?

St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group wishes to help their neighbors in need with a little fall clean up on **Saturday, October 26th**. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our Faith Formation office at smomfaithformation@gmail.com or 739-8214.

If you are a student in 5th-12th grade and wish to help with this event, please contact the Faith Formation office to sign up.



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