

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

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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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: conword sistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by and example; is actively involved in their parish as school community; is a positive role well as their 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 today, 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

October 6, 2019

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.

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, October 7	
5:00 PM	Mary Queen of Peace - chapel
5:30 PM	Stewardship meeting - rectory
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus - school
Tuesday, October 8	
3:45 PM	Religious Education - school
3:45 PM	RCIA - school
4:00 PM	Religious Education (additional gathering) -
	church
5:00 PM	Finance Council - rectory
7:00 PM	RCIA - school
7:30 PM	Wounded Healers - school
Wednesday, October 9	
5:30PM	Parish Pastoral Council - rectory
Thursday, October 10	
2:45 PM	Children's Choir - church
Saturday, October 12	
	Sacrament of Penance - church
Sunday, October 13	
	Youth Choir - church
5:00 PM	Regional Mass - St. Patrick
7:00 PM	Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIS

Michael D'Elia Theresa Callahan Angeline DiLaura Edward D. Gustina

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle: In loving memory of Bernie Weigle - his family **Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:** In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her children and grandchildren

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Main Altar Arrangement:

(2) In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her husband, Ben **Chapel Candle Flowers:**

In loving memory of my mother, Judi Lynch - Brian Lynch In loving memory of my mother, Judi Lynch - Mike Lynch

Blessed Mother – Church:

In loving memory of Sue Beering - husband, Fran

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

In memory of Marguerite, Joseph & David Gwin - Sally Gwin

Credence Table (table behind the altar):

In loving memory of my mother, Judi Lynch - Julie Lynch-Raymond

SCRIPTURE READINGS SUNDAY - October 13, 2019 **28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Gospel:

2 Kings 5:14-17 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

IN OUR PARISH Scout Religious Medals

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.

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.

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.

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.

Praver for Military

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

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

For the past thirty-nine years, there has been an annual campaign seeking financial support for the many ministries and outreach services of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, known as the **Catholic Ministries Appeal.** This campaign also supports the on-going work of ministry in all parishes in our diocese.

Within the next two weeks, you should receive Bishop Matano's letter inviting your support of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. In the second paragraph of his letter, the bishop uses the following words, which makes reference to the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Church, as well as the recent bankruptcy and reorganization within our diocese, words spoken which are very sincere and spoken from his heart:

"It is impossible to ask for your support of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal without first acknowledging this challenging time for our Church. With heartfelt understanding of the upset, sadness, disappointment you might be experiencing, I humbly ask you to not give up on your practice of the faith, our Church and above all, your faith in Jesus. The Church needs your support in this present time of challenge. The needs of your parish and the needs of those we serve across our 12-county diocese remain significant."

Because of the unique challenges facing this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, the CMA office produced a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" concerning both the CMA as well as the diocese's bankruptcy and reorganization efforts. For further information on this, you can visit the diocesan web-site at dor.org.

1. What is the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)?

Begun nearly forty years ago in 1981-1982 as the "Thanks Giving Appeal", the purpose of the CMA is to raise money to support crucial diocesan-wide ministries and outreach. The fund was renamed in 2006 to better reflect the appeal's intent of helping to support crucial outreach and ministries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester and the mission of each of our parishes.

2. Are funds raised through the annual Catholic Ministries appeal used to pay for legal settlements associated with abuse?

No. All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy legal fees or settlement costs associated with abuse. A listing of CMA allocations may be found at www.dor.org/cma.

3. If Catholic Ministries Appeal funds are not used, how will the Diocese pay for legal settlements associated with abuse?

As part of the diocesan reorganization plan, the Diocese intends to create a fund with a pool of money from both diocesan assets and funds from insurance carriers.

4. How will funds raised in the Catholic Ministries Appeal be affected by reorganization?

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary Ann Ponzi - Faith & Mike Tarby 6:45 AM Tuesday, October 8 - Weekday 6:45 AM Sergio Lazzaris - Franca & George Wednesday, October 9 - Weekday 6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed 10:30 AM (Hickory Knoll) Special Intention Thursday, October 10 - Weekday 6:45 AM Ronald F. Furstoss - his wife, Jean Friday, October 11 - Weekday 6:45 AM Irene Johnson - Fran Lepa Saturday, October 12 - Weekday 5:00 PM Pilar Lapitan - her family Sunday, October 13 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in **Ordinary** Time 8:30 AM Teri Guardi - her family 10:30 AM Robert Bravo - his family

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St.Patrick

5. I am hesitant to give to a "bankrupt" organization. Why should I?

Your contributions provide funding to operate crucial ministries for people of all walks of life. While the diocese reorganizes, these needs continue and can only be met with the financial support of the faithful.

From the very beginnings of the faith and the early ministry of Our Lord, our Church has depended on the faithful to provide their time and energy, skills and gifts in building the Kingdom of God. Without financial support, we could not continue the mission of the Church. The Body of Christ's only real means of support is through the generosity of its members.

6. Why did the Diocese decide to hold the CMA goal flat and not recalculate individual parish goals?

In anticipation of a challenging fiscal and fundraising environment in the coming year, the diocese is holding the CMA 2019/2020 goals for each parish flat, with no increase. This was a challenging consideration and one that required fiscal planning and consideration for all parishes and institutions served by CMA funding across the Diocese.

By holding the overall CMA goal flat this year - the diocese is committed to maintaining the level of services to the parishes, Catholic Charities, Ministries to Youth and Young Adults, Seminarian and Deacon education, and other CMA funded programs. It is important to remember that the CMA covers about 57% of the diocesan budget, not the entire diocesan budget. In order to maintain a flat level of services from CMA funding to parishes and other institutions, the diocese has had to reduce the amount of funds available for other areas not directly supported by CMA funding.

These questions and answers will be continued in next week's perspective. Have a great week, and enjoy these October days. See you in church! Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED... Christmas Basket Coordinators

The Social Ministry Committee will be meeting soon 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 signup sheet on the church bulletin board. Coordinators who helped last year will be called by a Social Ministry member.

REGIONAL EVENTS National Life Chain

Can you spend one hour in silent prayer to witness for the dignity of human life? Please join us today 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.

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.

Holy Site Bus Pilgrimage

St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Watkins Glen will have its 10th bus pilgrimage on **Wednesday, October 23rd** to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, the mother church of our diocese. Tour the church, attend Mass at 12:10 p.m., followed by lunch (bring your own bag lunch). The next stop will be Rochester's Memorial Art Gallery to enjoy the religious art exhibits, as well as other creative wonders. The suggested offering which includes the bus trip and museum, is \$40. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 607-535-2786 to RSVP or for further information.

Rosary Crusade

Please join us on **Saturday, October 12th** at 12:00 noon. There will be a Rosary Rally held in many cities throughout the United States and you are invited to be part of the biggest Rosary Crusade in history sponsored by **America Needs Fatima.** The Rosary Rally will be held at two locations: **outside** St. Charles Borromeo Church in Elmira Heights and **inside** St. Casimir's Church in Elmira. If you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to pray wherever you are. Our Lady will hear all our prayers!

Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting this **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.

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

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

Returnable Bottles and Cans

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 <u>smomfaithformation@gmail.com</u> 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.

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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