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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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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

GOSPEL:

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Mt 21:32)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels
- Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

SECOND READING

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

GOSPEL READING

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

INTRODUCTORY RITES



Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Or: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act (A)

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Penitential Act (B)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Dialogue at the Gospel

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon/Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

CONCLUDING RITES



Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

We have arrived at the final days of September, over six months that we have been dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. Our schools are open, including our school here at St. Mary Our Mother. Our Faith Formation programs are being done remotely. Sunday Mass attendance is slowly increasing. Please remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended until further notice. If you are sick, or are not comfortable in groups of people, please stay home.

In the past, the month of September would find the resumption of many parish activities. These post Covid-19 days have placed a damper on many of these activities. Ordinarily, we would have had our first parish Pastoral Council meeting earlier this month. The members of this group are following:

<i>Vincent Moschetti</i> , Chairperson	
<i>Cindy Annunziata</i>	<i>Hanne O'Donnell</i>
<i>Jenine Cleary</i>	<i>Richelle Riina</i>
<i>Jackie Conklin</i>	<i>Patricia Rosetti</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. Prior to these Covid-19 days, meetings of the Pastoral Council were open to all members of the parish. We are still formulating how best to conduct these meetings this year.

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 of this council. Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the pastor and serve as an advisory group to our business manager, Mr. Richard O'Lenick, our newly appointed finance director, Susanne Krebs, and me in offering their expertise in keeping our parish, school and our many ministries in good financial order. Their insights are all the more important and needed as we navigate through the Coronavirus pandemic times.

In addition to these two Councils, another important group in the parish is 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. As in the case of many other committees and parish groups we are still in the planning stages of how best to go forth with our stewardship efforts this year.

Thank you for your continued concern, prayers and support of St. Mary Our Mother during these challenging days.

Have a great week, and continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, September 28 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Mark French - Bob & Becky Corcoran

Tuesday, September 29 - Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

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

6:45 AM Special Intention of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

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

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Friday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, October 3 - Weekday

5:00 PM Mary Cesari Mann and Lucy & Henry Cesari
- Mary Navone

Sunday, October 4 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Teresa Dobek - her family

10:30 AM Tom Cincebox - Richard & Mary Helen Hall & family

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Catherine Kole

Kenneth Voorhees

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangement:**

For a special intention - Patti & Bill Rosettie

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of animals on **Sunday, October 4th** at 12:00 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, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained, and that all owners wear a face mask and observe a safe social distancing for this event. The wearing of face masks is not required for pets.

DIOCESAN BANKRUPTCY

Recently, Bishop Matano issued an update addressing the bankruptcy proceedings of the Diocese of Rochester. This letter is available on our parish website, St.MaryOurMother.com

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

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

GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

We ask that you register each week for the Mass you will be attending, as we need to limit the size of the congregation to 33% of our church seating capacity, approximately 150 people. Please call the parish office or email smomc@stny.rr.com no later than **Thursday at 4:00 p.m.** Remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended until further notice.

To prepare to attend:

- Wash your hands before you leave home.
- Bring a face covering or mask; masks are required from the time you exit your car in the parking lot until you return to your car. (This also applies to private prayer in church.)
- Bring your own hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.
- Bring your own worship materials, as no hymnals or missalettes are available.
- Please do not congregate in the church building or anywhere on the parish grounds.
- One restroom is available, but do not congregate around it.

When you arrive:

- Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass, and check with the person at the registration table.
- Ushers will be available to help you.
- You can deposit your offering envelope in the receptacle near the doors when you arrive. There will not be a collection at the offertory.
- Please sanitize your hands at one of the stations as you enter church.
- You will be directed to a seat in church, with seating beginning in the front to the back.
- The chapel remains closed at this time.

During Mass:

- Generally, there will be little congregational singing, as masks must **always** be worn throughout Mass.
- There will be no acolytes, altar servers or choir, one lector, one Eucharistic Minister, one cantor, when needed.
- There is to be no physical contact during the Lord's Prayer or at the Sign of Peace.
- When approaching to receive Communion, please follow the directions of the ushers or volunteers present. Remain six feet apart from others, observing the markings on the floor.
- As you receive Communion, receive Communion in your hands (there is no safe or hygienic manner to receive Communion on the tongue during the pandemic), walk at least six feet away from the minister before lowering your mask to receive the host, replace your mask, and return to your seat. The Eucharist will only be offered in the form of the Body of Christ.
- You are not obliged to receive Communion at Mass if you are uncomfortable doing so. If you are not receiving Communion, simply step out of your seat and back away to allow others to return to their seat with minimal contact.

Going forth:

- At the end of Mass, the priest will go immediately to the sacristy, and the ushers will direct you to exit from the church building, beginning with the last pew first.
- Private prayer is not available after Mass as to facilitate immediate cleaning and sanitizing of the pews and restrooms.
- Please go directly to your vehicle when you leave church, with no socializing in the Church, side walks, or in the parking lots.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work our way through this phased reopening process. We thank you for your suggestions as we move forward!

MINISTERIAL STAFF
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IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Live Streaming Mass

We have installed a new camera and are now providing a live stream video of Mass at each of the three Mass times. If you are unable to tune into the live Mass, you can view a saved recording of each Mass any time of day. To view the Mass you can go to our website at www.StMaryOurMother.com, then select "Masses" from the menu at the top of the homepage. From there you can click on "Live Stream" and join live Mass or view the archived recordings.

In addition to viewing from our website, you can also download the YouTube app from your smart TV, smartphone or tablet, then search for and subscribe to the "St. Mary Our Mother" channel to view Mass on your smart devices.

We fully appreciate if you decide not to attend in-person Mass, but we hope you will take this opportunity to participate virtually.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Elmira Life Chain

The Elmira Life Chain will take place on **Sunday, October 4th**, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Wisner Park (Church and Main Streets), Elmira. Tasteful signs of Respect for Life will be provided; please bring and wear face masks. Participants will stand 6 to 8 feet apart and silently pray to witness for life. This event is sponsored by CV4Life.org.

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love

United States Catholic Bishops pastoral on racism

"Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by some groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanic and African Americans face discrimination in hiring, housing educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans for suspected criminal activity. There is also growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners immigrants, and refugees. Finally too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered."

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