



# 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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May 16, 2021

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because He is God, Jesus also guarded and protected His disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of His resurrection, He tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 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 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

## A PRAYER WHEN WEARING A MASK

Each time we put on a mask,  
may it be an invitation to remembrance,  
a communal call to pause and grieve  
all those we have lost,  
a number so high it defies imagination.

Apart though we are and must be,  
may we recognize that we are linked,  
all of us held together by these bits of  
fabric and elastic,  
stitched into a beautiful quilt  
of shared humanity,  
wrapping all the way around the globe.

To put on a mask is to light a candle,  
and may our lights be bright indeed,  
bright enough to comfort us in our mourning,  
bright enough to dare us to hope,  
that our love will lead us to a better future.

Amen

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - May 23, 2021****PENTECOST SUNDAY**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 Gospel: John 20:19-23

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Bonnie Davenport

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of John Pirozzolo - Mary Ann Caroscio***Eucharistic Hosts:***In loving memory of Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***In loving memory of deceased family members - Anne Haner-Uncapher***IN OUR PARISH****Calling All Golfers...Golf Classic 2021 Rescheduled**

Due to the community health concerns last fall, our school had to postpone our yearly golf tournament for 2020. Now that the weather is improving, and health and safety protocols are being defined, we are pleased to reschedule the golf tournament.

The 16th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 6th** at Willowcreek Golf Club with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament promises to be a great day of relaxation and fun with some necessary added safety protocols, including face masks, social distancing, etc. We will be attempting some games like double your money, St. Vincent donation for favorable lie, closest to pin and longest drive, all while maintaining players health and safety. We are requiring all registrations be paid in advance of the tournament to avoid money changing hands at registration. We have set up an online tournament website that can accommodate registration and online payments. Please visit the following link to register, <https://st-mary-our-mother-school-16th-annual-golf-fundraiser.perfectgolfevent.com/>. You will also be able to find this link on the St. Mary Our Mother School facebook page. Sponsors and players can register by printing out the registration form found at the tournament website (see above) and sending it to the school office as well. If you have any questions, please contact us at 739-9157. We look forward to a fun day out on the course!

**Cemetery Memorial Day Service**

On Memorial Day, May 31st, at 10:15 a.m., the Horseheads American Legion will conduct a brief ceremony to honor all service members in our cemetery. The service will be held near the flag pole in the south cemetery. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

**Social Ministry Baby Shower**

We are unable to have our annual baby shower at this time. The Life Center is currently moving to a new location and they are requesting monetary donations only. You may send your checks to the following address: Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center, 375 W. Water St., Elmira, NY 14905

Please do not leave baby items in the church. Thank you.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of May 16, 2021**

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-12, 19-20 17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-19 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Observances for the week of May 16, 2021**

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day  
 Monday:  
 Tuesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
 Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
 Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
 Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

**PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE**

Next weekend, we celebrate the great feast of **Pentecost**, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples to bring fire and flame to their hearts’ commitment to Jesus. The Holy Spirit continues to place our hearts on fire to know Jesus. It is especially important that we realize the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we continue to navigate during these times of uncertainty.

In the mystical writings of **St. Teresa of Avila**, this doctor of the Church relates a beautiful story that underscores her relationship with Jesus. Teresa would often engage in conversation with the Lord, and one evening, Teresa heard Jesus ask her name, to which she replied with her religious name, saying, “*I am Jesus of Teresa.*”

Teresa felt she had a great relationship with the Lord. It is to this kind of close relationship that each of us is called. **St. Francis of Assisi**, whose name Pope Francis I adopted, was said to have prayed simply by asking repeatedly of the Lord, “*Who are you, and who am I?*” It was from the depth of the answers he received, and the questions he continued to ask, that Francis drew his strength to renew Christ’s church.

The call to an active prayer life and to lead a life filled with contemplative moments is given to each of us. **St. Ignatius of Loyola** called us to “contemplation in action”, that combination of prayer in our life that inspires the good things we do each day which in return deepens our commitment to prayer. As Christians, we know that our good works become hollow when they are done without a relationship with the Lord who inspires us. By the same token, a life of prayer can become rote and sterile if we leave it behind when we become overwhelmed in our daily routines. Our goal is to achieve a balance between good works and our desire to have a close relationship with Jesus.

May this Easter season and the Feast of Pentecost place in our hearts a desire to continue to know Jesus and motivate us to live our lives in greater service to our Lord.

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

Fr. L.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, May 17 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Special Intention - Rita Macapinlac

**Tuesday, May 18 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

**Wednesday, May 19 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

**Thursday, May 20 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

**Friday, May 21 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM John Delgotto - Beth Azarelli

**Saturday, May 22 - Easter Weekday**

5:00 PM Florence Ruocco - Bob & Marianne Kosty

**Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost Sunday**

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

10:30 AM Tony Cavaluzzi - JoAnn & Steve Cowulich

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

As of May 19th, we have received pledges of \$80,963.42 from 267 donors or 72.15% of our goal of \$112,209. We are most grateful to those who have made a generous sacrifice to the CMA to enable the mission of the Church to continue both locally and throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

To those who have not yet contributed to the CMA, we would be most grateful if you would consider doing so. Any amount helps us toward our financial and participation goals. We are moving slowly but we need to achieve our goals by May 30, 2021.

Thank you for our consideration of this annual appeal.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**April 4**

Sunday Offering:.....\$8,078.00

**April 11**

Sunday Offering:.....\$8,869.00

**April 18**

Sunday Offering:.....\$9,262.00

**April 25**

Sunday Offering:.....\$6,262.00

**Easter Total**.....\$12,350.00

**REGIONAL EVENTS****Easter Season Reflections on Care for God's Creation**

This week we continue to focus on our stewardship of God's beautiful creation with a daily quote from *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. This is followed by an action step (\*) that you can take as an individual or a family to protect the environment.

**Sunday, May 16**

"God has created everything with intrinsic goodness." (#65,69)

\* More resources available on Laudato Si:

[www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/laudato-si](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/laudato-si)

**Monday, May 17**

"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach...so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (#49)

\* Pray for our neighbors who face environmental devastation in recent floods, hurricanes and wildfires.

**Tuesday, May 18**

"All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty." (concluding prayer of Laudato Si)

\* Consider the gifts given to you. How are you called to protect the life and beauty of our common home, the earth?

**Wednesday, May 19**

"Contemporary man has not been trained to use power well...our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience." (#105)

\* Rethink your home energy usage to increase your use of wind and solar energy.

**Thursday, May 20**

"We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us." (#160)

\* Plant a simple garden in your back yard with your children, grandchildren or neighbors.

**Friday, May 21**

Religion and science need to help each other. Religion offers ethical and spiritual resources that science lacks when explaining reality.

\* In your conversations with family and friends try to emphasize the importance of our religious beliefs in understanding science and utilizing technology.

**Saturday, May 22**

Love, "overflowing with small gestures of mutual care," sets before us the ideal of a "civilization of love". (#229)

\* Keep in mind that even the simplest act should be done with love and care for one another.

**Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost**

"All it takes is one good person to restore hope." (#71) "God so loved the world that He gave His only son so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

\* On this birthday of the church, gratefully reflect on God's love for us shown in the diversity and beauty of the human family and gifts of our home, the earth.

**Diocesan Missions Sunday**

Today is Diocesan Missions Sunday, acknowledging the missionary efforts of the Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil.

We are called to take part in the missionary work of the church. We may not all have to move to another town or city to do so, but impelled by the Holy Spirit, each one of us is to move beyond our daily concerns, important as they are, to help others live in the faith that sustains us.

Bishop Salvatore Matano calls us to a responsible sharing in the missionary works of the Diocese of Rochester. No diocese is truly a diocese unless it extends beyond its own borders and allows itself to be touched by the presence of each church.

May we share the gift of faith today by helping our missionary friends with our prayers and a generous gift.

In this year of St. Joseph, may God continue to bless these women and strengthen their commitment to follow Jesus.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

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**REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...  
Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial  
Fitness Services**

Catholic Charities provides free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention services to help homeowners avoid the loss of their homes, and Financial Fitness services to help restore credit and financial stability. This program offers free credit counseling, financial managements, and assistance negotiating with lenders. We work to find solutions for individuals and families, whether it's saving your home or rebuilding financial solvency, we are here to help. This program serves homeowners in Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. These services are provided free through a grant from the New York State Homeowner Protection Program. For more information or to make an appointment to talk with a Catholic Charities housing counselor, please call Karen Wheeler at 607-734-9784, ext. 2132.

**Notre Dame High School Open House**

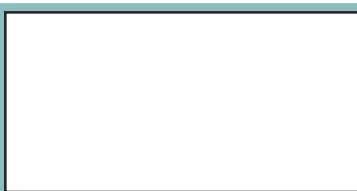
Notre Dame High School, grade 7-12, is hosting a Spring Open House this **Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.** Notre Dame is currently accepting applications for the 2021/2022 school year. Due to covid, the number of attendees will be limited. Please RSVP by visiting [notredamehighschool.com](http://notredamehighschool.com) or call 607-734-2267, ext. 8.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT  
The Ascension of the Lord**

Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed His disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. In the first reading, after Jesus' ascent, the angels ask His disciples, "Why do you stand here staring at the skies?" The angels want them to look around themselves and be assured that Christ is working through them. The Ascension does not memorialize Christ leaving us. But instead, Christ working through us, His mystical Body, His church. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

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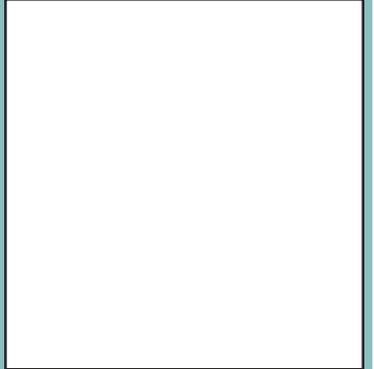
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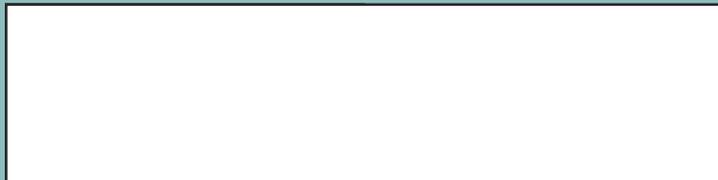
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