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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 5, 2021

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CASE) MANDATORY TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In March 2021, the Diocese of Rochester updated its *Volunteer Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Policy* to include ALL volunteers, not just those who work with children or vulnerable adults. The training is offered in an easy to use online program. Volunteers will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and complete a background check prior to starting your volunteer service.

This mandatory CASE training must be renewed every three years (volunteers over 70 years of age who have previously completed CASE training are only required to complete the background check and Code of Conduct forms).

With the new policy, all **ushers, cantors, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Faith Formation and youth group volunteers** are required to be CASE trained.

Volunteers can access the training at <https://www.dor.training/> or by contacting the Faith Formation office at 739-8214 (Barbara Matterazzo or Maribeth Leipold) for information or assistance.

Since this training is mandatory, if a person is not able to complete it, unfortunately, they can no longer volunteer.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers and are sincerely hoping that you are looking forward to continuing your volunteer service/ministry to our parish, which you have so faithfully served.

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. The annual parish meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 19th**, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in church. At this meeting, a summary of the 2020/2021 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for 2021/2022 fiscal year. In addition, the chairperson of our Finance Council, **Mr. Shane Alsworth**, our business manager, **Ms. Terri Orbin**, area finance director, **Mrs. Suzanne Krebs**, and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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.

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - September 12, 2021****24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a
 Second Reading: James 2:14-18
 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Kris Skelly

MEMORIALS

**Sanctuary Candle, Votive Candle,
 Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

*In loving memory of Loretta Meade - her sons, Alan
 and Sheldon*

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangement:**

*In thanksgiving on the 60th wedding anniversary of
 Joyce & Richard Pirozzolo*

Blessed Mother - Church:

*In celebration of Deloris Sherwood - the Alsworth
 family*

IN OUR PARISH**Parish Offices Closed**

The parish offices will be closed on **Monday, September 6th** in observance of the Labor Day holiday weekend. The offices will open on **Tuesday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m.** We wish you a very happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

Prayers and Squares Quilting Group

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available for anyone who is ill. We are no longer able to distribute them at the end of Mass. If you know anyone who would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact 738-3699 (Maribeth) or 731-8085 (Wilma) to make arrangements to stop at the parish office for your quilt.

Flower Sign Ups

Please call the parish office if you would like to honor special events in your life with a floral arrangement in our Church or Chapel. Flowers are available for the main altar, the chapel, the Blessed Mother in the chapel and the Blessed Mother in Church.

Mass Intentions

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that He promised to those who love Him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of September 5, 2021**

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Observances for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Friday:
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Patriot Day
 Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Grandparents' Day

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Another Labor Day weekend is upon us! This weekend signals for many the end of summer activities. With schools opening this week, summer vacations are winding down, and with autumn just around the corner, it is time to savor the Labor Day weekend. Many families and groups of friends will gather this weekend to enjoy this final holiday of the summer season. With this in mind, it is important to pause and appreciate the meaning of this holiday.

The question has been often asked, "*When did Labor Day become a holiday?*" In 1894, **President Grover Cleveland** declared Labor Day a legal holiday a time for people of this nation to pay tribute to the American worker. Three years earlier, **Pope Leo XIII** had published a landmark encyclical entitled *Rerum Novarum*, which championed the rights and dignities of workers. Leo XIII insisted that all workers had the right to productive work, just wages, and benefits. To achieve these goals, workers also have the right to organize or to join a union.

On this Labor Day, Americans have much to be grateful for. Even in these challenging economic times, we enjoy economic freedom. The prosperity we enjoy in this country is not something that is common in every country throughout the world. Many people have been left behind and the gap in family income continues to widen. The top five percent of the American population takes home a larger share in personal income than they did forty years ago. At the same time, the shares of income going to people in the middle sixty percent has declined by nearly ten percent. This decline is even sharper for those in the bottom twenty percent. This trend is one reason for America to respect a strong, active, and democratic labor movement.

Workers, particularly members of organized labor, have given much to America over the last century. It is through their efforts that the great American middle-class was born. Yet American unions never capitalized to the concept of "class" warfare that found such fertile ground in the rest of the industrialized world. Union leaders instead saw their organization as part of the American experience of democracy and urged their membership to seek social justice for all instead of class struggle.

Many of the values embedded in the labor movement's search for social justice have a firm foundation in our own faith values. Both seek public policies that protect and promote strong families and family values, expand a stable middle-class, create decent jobs, and reduce the level of poverty and need in our society. In another encyclical on labor and the dignity of work, *Laborum Exercens* the late **Pope John Paul II** envisioned a society in which the singular title of "worker" would be applied to all, whether the worker be a doctor, a mechanic, or a CEO. Work, the late Holy Father wrote, "*is something we do, it stands at the core of our persona identity.*" These are simply a few thoughts for us to ponder this Labor Day.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 6 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Tuesday, September 7 - Weekday

6:45 AM Loretta Deats - Legion of Mary

Wednesday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Ellen Chase - the Mitchell family

Thursday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:45 AM George Gresock - Carol Viele

Friday, September 10 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, September 11 - Weekday

5:00 PM John Delgotto - Dick & Joyce Pirozzolo

Sunday, September 12 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Brian Meehan - Jan Temple & Carol Clemens

10:30 AM John Gough - Danny & Rosalie Mandell

Next Saturday will mark the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Please remembers in prayer that day all who were killed that day, as well as their families and friends who survive them. It is also an appropriate occasion to pray for an end to all terrorism and violence in our world, especially in Afghanistan

Please have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
Sacramental Preparation

We are currently accepting registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation.

If your child is at least 7 years old, in second grade and has completed at least one year of faith formation and will be registering for religious education classes this year, your child will be eligible to prepare and celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion.

If you have a teen, entering the 8th grade or above, who has been in a continuous faith formation program through 7th grade, and has a desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church, your teen is eligible to begin the preparation process for their Confirmation.

Please contact the Faith Formation office at 607-739-8214 to request the appropriate registration form be sent to you. We can send the form via email or US mail.

Faith Formation Opportunities for 2021/2022 School Year

As of today's date, we are planning to bring back our Tuesday afternoon on-site K-6th grade program. We are also planning to resume our Home Study program for families who wish to do the study at home with their children. If neither of these options work for your family, we will also offer the Google Classroom forum. Seventh grade religious education will have a choice to participate in the online Google Classroom format or Home Study.

On-going Religious Education classes, through 7th grade, are most appropriate and extremely helpful for a student to be successful in Confirmation preparation. Students become eligible to begin preparation in the fall of their 8th grade school year. If you have a student entering 8th grade in September who wishes to prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form.



REGIONAL EVENTS

Knights of Columbus

Horseheads Knights of Columbus summer picnic will be held on **September 20th** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Big Flats Roy Cooper Pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass; the meat and beverage will be supplied. All are invited! Please RSVP to dstanton11ec@elmira.edu.

Notre Dame High School Shenanigans

Notre Dame High School in partnership with Liquid Shoes Brewing presents **Shenanigans** on **Saturday, September 18th** from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. There will be beer and wine tastings, food tastings and raffle drawings. Live music provided by The Latimer Lee Band. Tickets are \$20 per person or two for \$30 and are available at the NDHS Advancement office or email Theresa Tobey at to-beyt@notredamehighschool.com. Must be 21 to attend and all proceeds to benefit Notre Dame High School.

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for rice or pasta for the month of August, although all canned goods are always needed. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

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. Heather Bill**, School Principal
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
- Ms. Terri Orbin**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Jeanne Carney**, Facilities Coordinator
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
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- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Blood Donor Shortage

Before you dive into your summer plans, can you help us create a summer full of life to make sure the blood supply doesn't take a dip?

The Red Cross asks those who are healthy to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. Donations help ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. We can't do it without you.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS for information on local blood drives.

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.

Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' will meet by Zoom on **Tuesday, September 14th** at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. The topic will be "What We Learn about Grief As We Go". To attend the meeting, go to www.zoom.com, choose "join meeting" and use **ID #828 8706 8618**. If you are a little early, you will be sent to a virtual meeting room and Chris Lloyd, LCSW, will open the meeting to all at 7:30. If you encounter any difficulties, call 607-796-2795. "We have been there, wounded by death, and we see healing in the very act of helping."

NYS Legislator on Parole

Elders in the NYS prison system are denied parole again and again, even after being incarcerated for decades. Releasing them to their families would not only save millions of tax dollars, it would give them the opportunity to serve their communities.

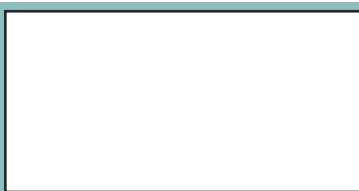
There's still time to convince the legislative leaders to call for a vote on the two bills we're supporting:

Fair and Timely Parole (S.1415/A.4231)
Elder Parole (S.15/A.3475)

Please take a minute to call Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie at 518-455-3791 and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Cousins at 518-455-2715. Ask that they allow these bills to come to the floor. Now is the time!

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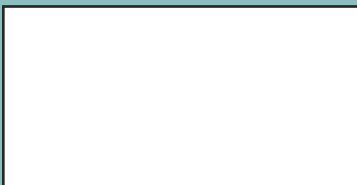


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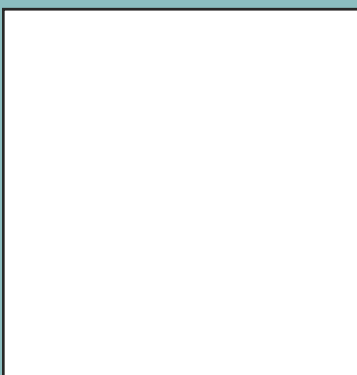
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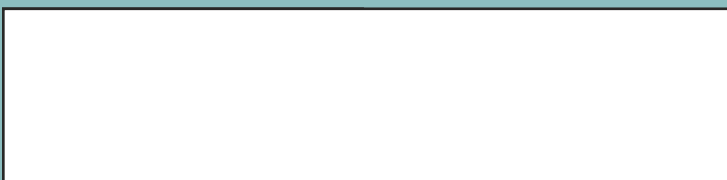
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