



# 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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October 24, 2021

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated next **Sunday, October 31st at 10:30 a.m.** During this liturgy, we will remember all those who have died from our parish since November, 2020, and will remember each of the departed by name. If you have a family member or friend who passed away during the last twelve months whose funeral was not at St. Mary Our Mother and would like their name included, please contact the parish office. All are invited to this liturgy as we pray for our departed loved ones, and offer support to their families and friends.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now past CMA donors have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

## 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 does not complete it, unfortunately, he/she can no longer volunteer.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers and sincerely hope that you are looking forward to continuing your volunteer service/ministry to our parish.

## OUR CMA CAMPAIGN PRAYER

O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts,  
bless our parish,  
strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the building of Your Kingdom here in our church and throughout the world.

We pray for your help in achieving success in this campaign, so that we can help others throughout our Diocese.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - October 31, 2021****31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28  
 Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. Bernard Dollen      Joseph Jamison, Jr.  
 Dale Ruth                  Kathleen Wigsten

**FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***For an end to the coronavirus - Deloris Sherwood***IN OUR PARISH****Parish Office Hours**

There have been recent changes to the parish office hours. The new hours are:

Monday - Thursday      9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Friday                      office is closed

**Cemetery Clean Up**

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by next **Monday, 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.

**Prayers and Squares Quilting Group**

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available for anyone who is ill. We are not able to distribute them at 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.

**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:**

I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst. (Jer 31:8)

**Psalm:**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

**Second Reading:**

No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. (Heb 5:4)

**Gospel:**

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." (Mk 10:46-52)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of October 24, 2021**

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52  
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16  
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

**Observances for the week of October 24, 2021**

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday  
 Monday:  
 Tuesday:  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

**October** is the month when we center our attention on the respect for all life, often times referred to as **Respect Life Month**. It is a time of year when we see significant changes in our weather as the summer activities come to an end and autumn activities begin. It is a time when we become aware of the "dying" of the earth as flowers go into their winter slumber, as the trees give up their colorful leaves, as we tend to remain indoors more often, and the cooler days reminds us that winter is not far off.

These seasonal changes invite us to explore our human changes. We become aware of the boundaries of life: living, dying, rising again. We become aware of how very precious each day of life is and how we should treasure each day that God gives us. We also become more aware of those who share life with us and how precious is their life to us and to the world.

Given this reality, we focus once again on the basic tenets of our faith: life begins with God and life ends according to God's plan. The Church teaches us that life begins at conception. As a mother cares for her infant in the womb, she is assisting God in the creative process not only giving birth to new life, but allowing herself to house life and nurture her developing child. We hear and see many debates these days which speak of life in the womb - what can be allowed and what must be forbidden; what can be legislated and what cannot be legislated. We see political debates from those seeking office who attempt to define the church's teaching. The teaching is rather simple - life begins at conception when God chooses to initiate the creation of a new child.

In the same vein, life continues until God determines when we should come home to heaven. This has become somewhat complicated with the advance of medicine and the development of technology and medications which can prolong and sustain life. At times, a family may face the question, "*are we sustaining life or simply keeping the body going?*" Families have to decide when enough is enough regarding treatments and medications. This is also a challenge because no one likes to let go of a loved one and no one likes to think that 'they' may have ended someone's life. Yet, deciding for comfort care, deciding this is enough pain, deciding that further treatment is not going to add to the quality of life embracing the idea that it is time to let go and let God bring a loved one home - these are all quality decisions and actually embrace life and the preciousness with which we hold life.

It is easy to appreciate the preciousness of life when we hold a newborn infant in our arms, and experience how beautiful life is. Strangely enough, it is also easy to appreciate the preciousness of life when sitting at the bedside of a dying person, listening to their breathing, hearing their final words, saying silent prayers - there is a deep appreciation for all that sustains life. On a beautiful fall day, when we see the beautiful autumn colors, experience the crisp seasonal air we can sense the wonders and value of human life.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, October 25 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - Roger

### Tuesday, October 26 - Weekday

6:45 AM George Gresock - Joe & Mary Sue Skelly,  
Joseph & Leslie & boys

### Wednesday, October 27 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

### Thursday, October 28 - Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles

6:45 AM Dick & Peter Burdulis - Mary, Dee Dee & Dan

### Friday, October 29 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

### Saturday, October 30 - Weekday

5:00 PM Kenneth & Dorothy VanBurger - Robert & Barb VanBurger

### Sunday, October 31 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Jim Burgio - Dobek family

10:30 AM Mass of Remembrance

It is more challenging to appreciate life when we are angry at another when we have been hurt, when we are frightened or confused. We do not value life when we feel sad or depressed, lost and wonder where are friends are, and don't even value our own lives! Yet, the challenge is always and everywhere to realize life is precious. Why? Life is a gift from God - and we cannot take that fact lightly. Life is entrusted to us and we need to be responsible for it and never put it in jeopardy. Life is something to be experienced, enjoyed, and seen as a means of coming in touch with God. Life always evolves, grows, and surprises us - if we are not open to life, none of this can happen.

As we continue in this month of October, **Respect Life Month**, take a moment to appreciate the wonderful life God has given just to you! Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**Updated Covid-19 Protocol**

Due to the Covid-19 cases in our area, we are exercising extra caution to keep our parishioners safe, especially those who are not vaccinated. **Until further notice, masks are required whenever you are in a church building, including when attending Mass.** This applies to everyone old enough to safely wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. We are not at this time implementing any additional registration, social distancing, nor extra sanitizing procedures.

One half of the church seating will continue to be “open seating” with all rows open. The other half will be blocked off at every other row, for those more comfortable with social distancing. When you enter a pew row, please move to the furthest open seating area, so that others can fill in the row behind you. Thank you.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

Join in a Catholic appeal to work together to boldly protect our common home and our future. We invite you to join your voice with thousands of individuals from the U.S. Catholic community by signing this climate action petition - a faith-filled appeal to President Biden and the U.S. Congress, to work beyond partisanship and create climate solutions to care for present and future generations and our common home.

Dear President Biden and members of the U.S. Congress,

As U.S. Catholics united in the protection of children, generations to come, and our common home, we urgently appeal to you, to come together and lead our nation and world toward a sustainable and thriving future. Please work together beyond partisanship, and for the common good, by enacting ambitious national solutions and demonstrating global leadership that address the sources and threats of climate change and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We call for actions that:

~ Drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions so that global warming is limited to a 1.5 degrees Celsius increase, thus avoiding the worst impacts of climate change, and

~ Consistently prioritize the needs of peoples most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change in the design and funding of national and international programs that generate climate resilience, ecosystem restoration and conservation, clean energy and water infrastructure, and transitions for peoples impacted by the shift to a low-carbon future.

During these urgent times, we ask, as Pope Francis has, *“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”*. We ask you and pray to God that you work together, for at its core, climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, but about the future of God’s creation and the one human family.

To sign this on-line petition go to: [godsplanet.us/catholic-climate-petition-individuals](https://godsplanet.us/catholic-climate-petition-individuals). Or, call Congressman Tom Reed’s office (607-654-7566) and leave the above message.

**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 canned goods of any kind for the month of October. 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!

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to Him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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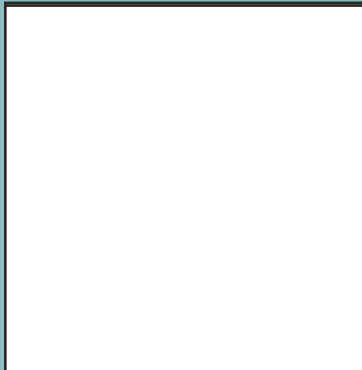
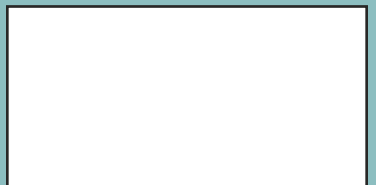


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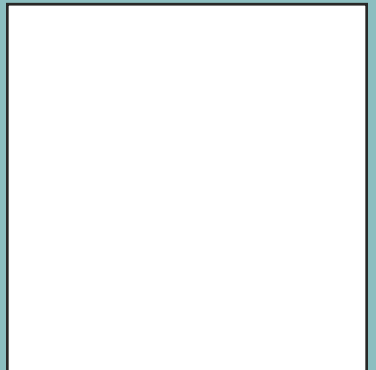
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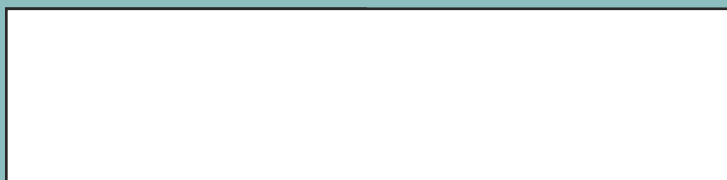
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