



# 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 27, 2024



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Tuesday, October 29th.**

3:45 p.m. —Faith Formation classes—school

**Thursday, October 31st.**

7:00 p.m. —Adult Choir rehearsal—church

**Saturday, November 2nd.**

3:30 p.m. —Sacrament of Penance—church

**Sunday, November 3rd.***Daylight Savings Time Ends*

The main altar flower arrangement for the week of October 27—November 2, 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Sonia, John and Mark Palladino by the Palladino family.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Michol Ann Cesare  
Paula Monte Chapman  
Thomas Deegan  
Ann Johnson  
John Palladino  
Cynthia Stansfield

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:**

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated next **Sunday, November 3rd** at the **10:30 a.m.** Mass. During the liturgy, we remember all those who died from our parish since November, 2023 and will remember each of our departed brothers and sisters by name. If you have a family member or friend who has died during the past twelve months whose funeral was not from St. Mary Our Mother and you would like to have their name included during this Mass, please contact the parish office and we will include their names on the remembrance list. All are invited to come and share in this special time of remembering our faithful departed loved ones, and offer support for their families and friends.

**RETURN TO STANDARD TIME:**

Please remember that we return to Standard Time next Sunday, November 3rd., at 2:00 a.m. Please be sure to set your clocks back one hour before retiring next Saturday evening.

**HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2025:**

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 2025 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

\*consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;

\*has been actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;

\*has been a positive role model for peers and younger children;

\*is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother parish and attends Mass regularly;

\*is currently a high school senior.

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 the examples of the above mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. All nominations are due in the parish office by December 1, 2024.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP:**

Please remove all spring decorations and flowers from the Cemetery by Sunday, November 5th. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Spring and Summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 5th.

**NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2024: Being a faithful citizen:”**

Please pray for all those seeking election to public office. As we prepare to vote on Nov. 5th, our U.S. Catholic Bishops ask us to pray and reflect: What is the connection between our faith which offers a vision of hope where justice and mercy abound and the desire to change the world for the better? What kind of leaders does our society need? For what should they stand and how should they lead?

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

I would like to thank everyone who has taken a few moments to participate in the **Diocesan Wide Census**. Thank you for those who took the time last Sunday to complete a census card. A good number of people have told me that they completed the form on-line. For those who have not yet filled out a census form, I would encourage you to do so as soon as you can, so that our records can be updated with the most accurate and correct information as possible. Census cards are available in church and through the parish office, or you can complete the card on line by visiting the diocesan website, dor.org, and follow the census link.

As you are aware, we are in the midst of the annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. The 2024-2025 theme for the year's appeal is "**Extending Christ's Mission.**" As of Monday of this past week, 79 donors from St. Mary Our Mother have pledged \$22,032.00 toward our parish goal of \$96,000.00 I sincerely thank those who have given to the Catholic Ministries Appeal and ask those who have not yet given to prayerfully consider making a financial gift to this appeal.

One of the most frequently asked questions concerning the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is how the monies collected from the appeal are allocated. The following is a list of the appeal allocations.

**9% - Serving people in need through Catholic Charities:**

*The CMA provides a subsidy to Catholic Charities to support its regional offices/agencies throughout 12 counties serving the poor, elderly, infirm, and the most vulnerable in our communities.*

**32% - Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes and institutions:**

*The CMA provides funding and resources to assist parishes, pastors, staff, Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, ministers and chaplains in serving the faithful through Liturgical, Urban, Rural, and Multicultural programs and ministries; Hospital and Jail Chaplaincy, Finance, Human Resources, Facilities Management, Information Technology, Tribunal, Archives, Communication, Stewardship, and Pastoral Planning Services.*

**7% - Supporting Seminarians, Deacons, and Pastoral Leaders:**

*Your donations to the CMA support the education and professional development of our seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders.*

**5% - Educating our young in the Catholic faith:**

*The CMA helps prepare our youth for fulfilling and faith-centered lives through parish Religious education programs, Catholic schools, Campus ministry, sacramental preparation, young adult and youth ministry programs.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 28, Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</b> Ann Damm—Becky, Karen & Bob
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 29, Weekday</b> Our Faithful departed
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 30, Weekday</b> Pilar Lapitan—her family
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	<b>October 31, Weekday</b> Our Faithful departed Robert Kosty—Beth and Vinnie Azzarella
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>November 1, All Saints Day</b> Living and deceased members of the 6:45 Mass family
9:00 AM	In honor of our school's patron—St. Mary Our Mother
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 P.M.	<b>November 2,</b> Sheryl Buxton—her family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 3, The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 A.M.	Joseph Along (birthday)—Ladies of Charity
10:30 A.M.	Mass of Remembrance

**Pastor's perspective continued:****33% - Funding Operations and Support Services**

*The CMA helps to fund operation of diocesan offices/ministries in the Pastoral Center, including maintenance and capital improvements.*

**9% - Funding the Ministries of our Pope and Bishop:**

*The CMA gives Catholics the opportunity to extend their reach beyond their parish boundaries to support Vatican ministries, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, New York State Catholic Conference, the work in the efforts of Bishop Matano, and the lay advisory councils that guide diocesan-wide decisions.*

**5% - Supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign:**

*It costs five cents to raise one dollar for the CMA, well below the nonprofit industry average. A portion of funds raised through the CMA is used to develop and execute fundraising efforts associated with the Appeal, including professional expertise, staffing, gift and date processing, promotional materials and postage.*

***All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services and ministries outlined above. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy settlement costs associated with abuse.***

I hope you find this information helpful as you consider your gift to this year's appeal. Have a great week and please continue to take care of yourself and each other.



**CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL:**

We hope you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme of this year’s campaign is “**Extending Christ’s Mission.**” This annual appeal affords each of us an opportunity to support the larger Church so that it can meet real needs throughout the diocese. Your support enables the Church to be responsive and caring. Please be generous in your response to this appeal. Every gift is needed and important! If it is easier, you can make your pledge at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org). You can also pay your pledge in six installments. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.

**NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE EVENTS:**

**November 1-2 Special Event:**

“Tolkien’s Faith Journey Retreat.

Holly Ordway with Word on fire institute and Houston Christian University.

**November 6 —Fill Your Soul Day:**

“Looking Godward: Noticing God’s Presence in Prayer and in life”

(Jim Krisher with Center for Spiritual Direction, Syracuse

**November 15—Senior Luncheon Series**

“**Easy To Do Strength and Stretching**”

(with Jennifer Muscato, UR Thompson Health & Wellness)

**NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2024-LEARN ABOUT THE ISSUES:**

In their pastoral statement, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, our U.S. Catholic Bishops remind us that we are called to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue during this election season. In a culture that is dominated by “partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype, the Church calls for a different kind of political engagement.” Pope Francis teaches, “we put our Gospel call to love one another into action by advocating for policies that support the flourishing of all people. The means through which we engage and how we work with one another should also reflect our values. This is a better kind of politics.” Visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) to access resources on civil dialogue and how our faith calls us to engage during election season and beyond.

Please pray for all those seeking election to public office.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Peter Singano** in Residence
- Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Assistant
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
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- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
- Michelle Card**, Business Manager
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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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## SHARE THE WARMTH: HELP US HELP OUR COMMUNITY: Coat Drive

Come participate in the fourth Annual Coat Drive! September 18th—October 31st. we are accepting new and gently used: coat- scarves - gloves - hats - socks. All sizes for children and adults.

Drop off location bins: IAFL Main Lobby, LECOM at Elmira main lobby; Chemung Valley Montessori School, Alternative School for Math and Science, and St. Mary Our Mother School.

For more information, please contact: [elmiracoat-drive@gmail.com](mailto:elmiracoat-drive@gmail.com)



## HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:

The clients of the Food Pantry generally are eligible to gather their food supplies only once a month. With Thanksgiving coming up shortly, the pantry is requesting the following traditional Thanksgiving foods:

- Boxed Instant Mashed potatoes
- Turkey Stuffing Mix
- Pie Crust Mix
- Pumpkin Pie Filling

The Pantry Staff hopes to be able to supply each family that comes in the next month with these four popular Thanksgiving foods. Please consider donating one or more of these items. Please bring your food offerings to the pantry box located in the vestibule of the Church.

Your continued support of the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: GIVING: Giving as God does:

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

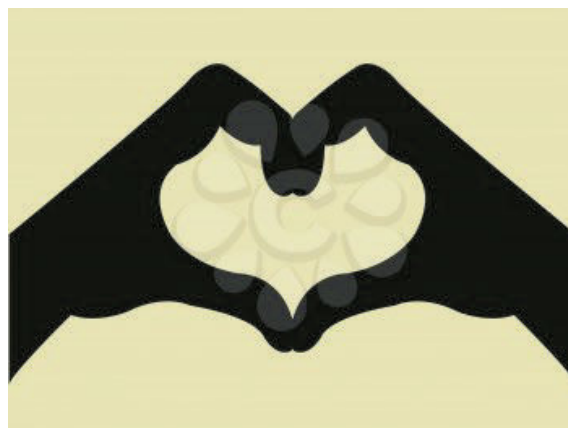
Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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