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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 28, 2025



## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.” - Lk 16:25

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Tuesday, September 30**

4:00 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—school

**Thursday, October 2**

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

**Saturday, October 4**10:00 a.m.—St. Francis Day Blessing of Animals—  
Church east parking lot

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

**RESPECT LIFE MASS:**

Most Revrend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, invites all to the Diocesan Mass on Respect Life Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, New York.

**Memorials:**

Our main altar arrangement for the week of September 28 – October 4, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Les and Martyn Reimsnyder by their daughter, Nancy.

**In The Peace of Christ:**

Evelyn Altilio  
Judy DelGotto  
Joanne Johnston  
Charlie Kirk  
William Krazinski  
Nancy Sarbo  
James Tokar  
Donald Zahorian  
Anthony Palladino

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:**

Please join us for the annual **Saint Francis Day Blessing of Animals** next **Saturday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m.** in the east parking lot (near the playground) of Saint Mary Our Mother Church. All pets and their owners are welcome! To provide a safe environment for this event, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

**2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad-through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs. Starting next weekend, we will have more information to share with you about this year's appeal.

**WORKING ON THE MARGINS:  
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT:**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

In today's Gospel Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in His parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The rich man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implication of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

We find ourselves at the final week of the month of September, with three months to go in the calendar year of 2025. Schools are open, including our school here at Saint Mary Our Mother, with an enrollment of 120 students. Our Faith Formation programs have begun, with all sacramental programs beginning shortly. After the months of summer, we continue to welcome many of our parish members back to our Sunday Masses.

The month of September also sees the return of many parish activities and meetings. Earlier this month we had the first meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council for the coming year. The following are the members of our Parish Pastoral Council:

<i>Vincent Moschetti</i> , Chairperson	
<i>Cindy Annunziata</i>	<i>Philip Ponzi</i>
<i>Jackie Conklin</i>	<i>Richelle Riina</i>
<i>William Limoncelli</i>	<i>Hanne O'Donnell</i>
	<i>Patricia Rosettie</i>

In addition to her council duties, Richelle Riina serves as the recording secretary for the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council deals with parish policies, providing direction, guidance, and leadership helping the parish to better fulfill its mission. The council members are willing to listen to your concerns and bring them to the council's attention for consideration.

While the parish Pastoral Council deals with matters of parish and "pastoral concerns," the Finance Council addresses issues related to finance, buildings and grounds, and parish property issue. Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the pastor, and serves as an advisory group to our Operations and Finance manager, **Michelle Card**, our Regional Finance director, **Sanjay Solomon**, and myself, in offering their expertise in keeping our parish, school, and many ministries in good financial order. Their insights and guidance have been and continue to be important as we continue our journey forward.

In addition to the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, our parish has had in the past a Stewardship Committee, which helps raise our awareness of our baptismal call to be good stewards of all that God has given us. At the time, due to the moving relocation of many members of this group, the time has come to recruit new members for this group. If you feel that you could help as a member of this group, please contact us through the parish office.

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

*Fr. L.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>September 29—St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</b>
6:45 A.M.	Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>September 30—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>
6:45 A.M.	Faithful Departed
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus.</b>
6:45 A.M.	Special intention of the 6:45 a.m. mass family
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>October 2 —The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
6:45 A.M.	Faithful Departed
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>October 3—Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Faithful Departed
9:00 A.M.	Sandy Harkness—faculty and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 4—St. Francis of Assisi</b>
5:00 P.M.	Jeanne Carney—Joyce and Dick
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 5—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 A.M.	Teresa Dobek—family
10:30 A.M.	Margaret Amisano—Guy Amisano

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— **Father John Muir**

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER GARDENING ANGELS:

Are you looking for a unique opportunity for stewardship within our parish? Here is an opportunity for all parishioners, regardless of age, to help us maintain and enhance our outdoor spaces.

There is always a weed to pull, or a plant to nurture, a tree to prune, or a leaf to rake...

Our plan is to bring the Gardening Angels together "formally" 2 times each year (once in the Spring and once in the Fall) for a campus-wide day of gardening and yardwork, with the added opportunity to weed, nurture, prune, and rake throughout the growing seasons, as needed.

If you'd like to join the Gardening Angels group, please consult the bulletin board located in the church vestibule.

## Now Hiring: Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year:

St. Mary Our Mother School, along with other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rochester is hiring substitute teachers for the upcoming school year.

We are looking for individuals who are motivated, energetic, and passionate about working with children. Substitutes play a vital role in maintaining a positive and productive learning environment, and we are grateful for their dedication and flexibility.

### Interested?

If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference in the lives of students while supporting Catholic education, please contact Mrs. Heather Bill at 607-739-9157.

### Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree preferred (Associate's Degree with childcare experience considered);

Strong communication and interpersonal skills;

Reliable, professional, and compassionate individuals who love working with children.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in our parish and community.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Heather Bill, Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School  
607) 796-2795.

## NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

October 10-12—"Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope" Women's retreat; Fri. 5:00 p.m. to noon Sun.

October 14 "Our Lady, the Angels and Their Mission for Our Time"—8:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

October 17: Senior Luncheon Series: "Stroke Prevention: 11:30 a.m. —1:30 p.m.

October 24th—26 Men's Retreat—Fri. 5:00 p.m. to noon Sunday

November 14-16 Men & Women Semi Silent Retreat, Friday @ 5:00 to Sun. noon.

November 18th—"The Body and Soul's Journey through Grieving", 8:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.—By Roslyn Karaban, MDiv, PhD and Sr. Melissa Gernon, SSJ

November 21st —Free Senior Luncheons  
December 19th —Free Senior Luncheons

Register: 585-394-5700 or [info@notredameretreat.org](mailto:info@notredameretreat.org)

For more information on day and presenter:  
[www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org)

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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

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

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#### Religious Education Office

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**PRAYERS AND SQUARES:**

Prayers and Squares is a group that makes lap size quilts for our parish. The finished quilts are displayed at the weekend Masses several times during the year and are available for anyone needing comfort and prayers.

The 4th and 5th grade students at St. Mary Our Mother School help tie the quilts and pray the Rosary over them. Many hands are needed to make the quilts and no experience is necessary. The group meets twice monthly in the afternoon. If you would like more information, please contact Wilma Sullivan at (607) 731-8085.

**ADULT CHOIR:**

The Adult choir began rehearsals on **Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church sanctuary and continue weekly. All adult singers and students in high school or older are invited to join. The choir sings at 10:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday from September through mid-June and the special Liturgies of Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. If you have thought about joining before but never took the “plunge”, now is the time to test the waters. We would love to have more singers!

ANYONE interested in becoming a cantor or a member of the Resurrection Choir, please come to see me at the organ after mass.

**Food Pantry needs:**

**Due to the recent fire at Tops Markets, the Food Pantry is in urgent need of the following items:**

Snacks for kids  
Bread  
Peanut Butter  
Meats  
Dairy

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: First All School Mass—Friday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m.**

St. Mary Our Mother School is excited to celebrate our first All School Mass of the 2025-2026 school year on Friday, October 3rd, at 9:00 a.m., and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend! This special gathering brings together students, staff, and families to come together in prayer, reflection, and celebration of our faith.

Our sixth grade class will take a leading role in this Mass, guiding us through the readings, music, and liturgical participation. From singing and ringing the bells to helping lead the congregation in prayer, our sixth graders are excited to share their gifts and faith with the entire school community. Their leadership not only enriches the Mass but also inspires younger students to actively participate and grow in their own faith journeys.

All School Masses are a treasured tradition at St. Mary Our Mother School. They offer a meaningful opportunity for students and families to experience the joy of coming together in worship, celebrate our Catholic Faith, and strengthen the bonds within our school and parish community.

We invite everyone to join us on Friday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate this wonderful start to the school year in prayer, song, and fellowship. Your presence and support mean so much to our students and staff as we continue to grow together in faith.

Blessing always,

Mrs. Heather Bill  
Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School







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