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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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October 12, 2025



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”
- Lk 17:19

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, October 13
Columbus Day Holiday
parish offices closed

Tuesday, October 14
 4:00 p.m.—Faith Formation classes—school
 7:00 p.m.—Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group—school

Thursday, October 16
 7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir rehearsal—church

Saturday, October 18
 3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance —Church

Sunday, October 19
 Collection for World Mission Sunday

Memorials:

The main altar arrangement for October 12—18 has been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her husband, Ben.

The Eucharistic Hosts and Sacramental Wine for October 12—18, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her children and grandchildren.

In The Peace of Christ:

Joseph Coletta
 Ann Tarbell Fort
 Marilyn Goff

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP.**

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 2nd. 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: St. Mary Our Mother School:

Last Friday, October 10th, our classroom teachers and specials teachers traveled to Rochester to take part in the annual **Diocese of Rochester Teacher Conference Day**. This gathering brought together Catholic school educators from across the diocese for a full day of professional development, reflection, and fellowship.

The day was filled with opportunities to learn from dynamic speakers, attend meaningful workshops, and share best practices with colleagues. Topics ranged from strengthening instructional practices and integrating faith into the classroom, to building a culture of respect and collaboration among students and staff.

Equally valuable was the chance for our teachers to come together with fellow Catholic educators who share the same mission: to form and inspire students both academically and spiritually. The sense of community and shared purpose was uplifting and encouraging, reminding all of us that we are part of something much bigger—working together to build strong Catholic schools across the Diocese of Rochester.

We are grateful to our teachers for their dedication, their willingness to grow as professionals, and their commitment to bring back new ideas and energy to St. Mary our Mother School. Days like this strengthen not only our teachers, but also the faith-filled education we provide to every child in our care.

With joy,

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

FINANCE FORUM:

All members of the parish are invited to a special meeting with members of our **Finance Council** on **Sunday, October 19th** immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in our church. At this meeting, a summary of the 2024—2025 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for the 2025—2026 fiscal year. In addition to the members of our Finance Council, **Mr. Sanjay Solmon**, our area Finance Director, **Michelle Card**, our Operations and Finance Director, and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns you may have. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

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

9% - Serving people in need through Catholic Charities

The CMA provides a subsidy to Catholic Charities to support its regional offices/agencies to meet basic needs, advance economic security, pursue housing solutions, strengthen families and children, deliver compassionate mental health and addiction care, support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, welcome immigrants and refugees and more.

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

CMA funding supports parishes, pastors, staff, pastoral councils, finance councils, ministers and chaplains serving the faithful through liturgical, urban, rural, and multicultural programs and ministries; hospital, nursing home and jail chaplaincies; pro-life ministries; and pastoral planning—all provided through the Office of Pastoral Services; as well as support services provided by the Offices of Finance, Human Resources, Facilities Management, Information Technology, Communications, Tribunal, Archives, and Stewardship.

6% - Supporting Seminarians, Deacons, & Pastoral Leaders

Donations to the CMA support the education, training and professional development of our seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders. Please note: the CMA is not the sole source of income for these programs.

35% - Funding Pastoral Center Operations Support Services

The CMA helps to fund the operation, maintenance, and capital improvements associated with the Pastoral Center, which houses diocesan offices and ministries, and hardware supporting technology services for all parishes and related institutions throughout the diocese.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	October 13—Weekday Joseph Schiefen—Jim & Carol Bramble
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	October 14—Weekday Margaret Bellizia—family
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus Mamie Woodard—sister, Evelyn & family
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	October 16—Weekday Deceased Mills family
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch Mary Young—Ray Wawrzusin
Saturday, 5:00 A.M.	October 18—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time King Fitzpatrick—wife, Teresa and family
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	October 19—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony Dandrea—wife, Ida Janet Garlasco—mom, dad, brothers, Frank and David and families.

Pastor's Perspective continued:**10%- 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 and efforts of Bishop Matano and the clerical and lay advisory councils that guide diocesan-wide decisions.

4% Educating Youth in the Catholic Faith

The CMA provides funding for the offices of Evangelization & Catechesis, Catholic Schools, and Pastoral Services to help prepare our youth for fulfilling and faith centered lives through parish religious education programs, diocesan Catholic schools, campus ministries and Catholic Newman Communities, sacramental preparation, young adult and youth ministry programs. Please note: the CMA is not the sole source of revenue for these programs.

4% Supporting the CMA Campaign

It costs 4 cents to raise \$1.00 for the CMA, well below the nonprofit industry average. A portion of funds raised through the CMA is used to develop and execute fund-raising efforts associated with the Appeal, including professional expertise, staffing, gift and data processing promotional materials, and postage.

All monies raised in the CMA are only for the programs, services, and ministries outlined here. No gift to the CMA are used to satisfy settlement costs associated with abuse. I hope you will find this information helpful as you consider your gift to this year's appeal. Have a great week. Please take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

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.

Notre Dame H.S. Grades 7-12 Open House for Prospective Students & families:

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12, is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, November 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for prospective students and their families. The evening will begin with a brief presentation in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium. Open House is our chance to meet the faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, learn about the benefits of a Notre Dame education. Notre Dame is a college preparatory school that provides an inclusive environment rich in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and academic excellence. Additionally, Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program, many opportunities to participate in the performing, visual, and language arts, along with a variety of extra-curricular activities such as FTC&FRC Robotics teams, ND Spotlights, Science, Olympiad, MaryLeaf (school newsletter), Yearbook, ND Supper club, and Quiz League. Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. A busing option to ND is often available. To determine eligibility, contact the transportation office of your home school district.

To RSVP for the Open House, visit notredamehighschool.com. Questions? Please contact Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, at 607-734-2267.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

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

For more information on day and presenter:
www.notredameretreat.org

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

There was a preacher baptising people in a river when he hears someone approach him. He turns to find a man, completely drunk and smelling like a brewery. The preacher is repulsed by the smell, but he manages to ask the man,

"Are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk answers, "Yes, I am."

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him up and asks the drunk, "Brother, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus."

The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again but for a little longer this time. He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, "Have you found Jesus, my brother?"

The drunk answers, "Nope. I haven't found Jesus"

By this time, the preacher is at his wits end so he dunks the drunk in the water again --- but this time he holds him down for about 30 seconds.

When the drunk begins kicking his arms and legs, the preacher pulls him up.

The preacher asked the drunk again, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher,

"Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

October 12, 2025—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

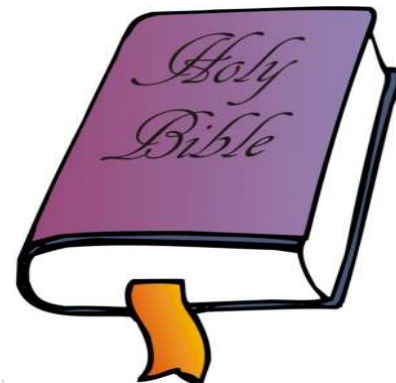
Luke 17:11-19

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the Eucharist, we remember that Christ Himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.





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