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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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June 14th, 2026



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 17

6:30 p.m. • St. Mary Our Mother School Sixth Grade Celebration: Church

Saturday, June 13

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

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

JUNE

Saturday, June 13th

- Sacred Heart Retreat (Year 1 Confirmation)
 - 12:30-5:00 School Cafeteria
- Home Study "End of Year" Meeting
 - Book Drop off after 5:00 Mass

Sunday, June 14th

- Home Study "End of Year" Meeting
 - Book Drop off after 8:30 and 10:30 Mass

Questions? Email Lily.Barr@dor.org

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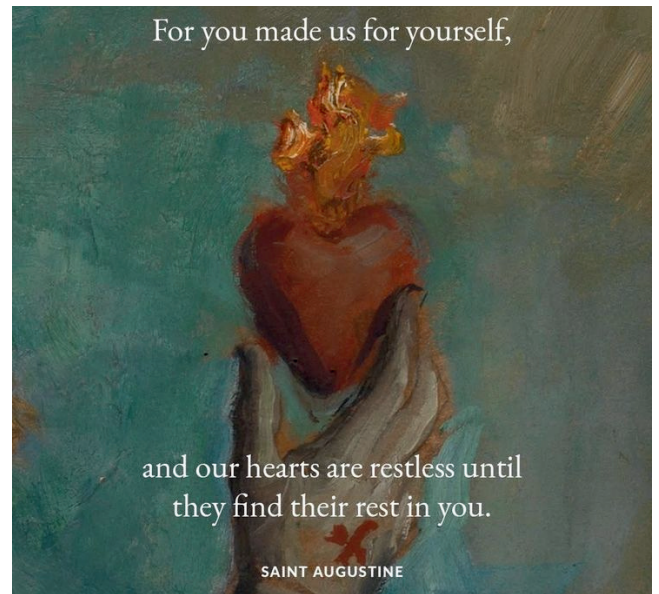
Weekly Contribution for week ending 5/31/2026
Total.....\$ 6,893.73

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Brett Owen
Lucille Panosian
Mary Catherine Whiting*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The main altar flowers for June 14-20 have been donated in loving memory of Jeannette Berretta by Chris



Virtues, Explained!

Affability

There was a certain sister in the Carmelite convent who particularly tried the patience of St. Therese of Lisieux. But instead of avoiding this person, St. Therese instead made a point of smiling at her whenever the two met.

"Charity must not consist in feelings, but in works," wrote St. Therese. "I set myself to doing for this Sister what I would do for the person I loved the most." In doing so, she learned to see "Jesus hidden in the depths" of this woman's soul.

St. Therese was growing in the virtue of affability when she did this. Affability is attached to justice, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, and demands "that we behave pleasantly to those among whom we dwell." (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2)

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one," writes King David in Psalm 133

Elmira Parish of
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
PARISH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH 4-9 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH 12-5 PM
Drawings for raffles held Sunday

ST. CASIMIR'S PAVILION
BEHIND FAITH FORMATION CENTER
1010 DAVIS STREET
Event moved inside if weather is inclement

Basket Raffle	Entertainment
Garden Tent	Schedule
Pizza Fritta	6/27
Ice Cream	5-9 PM
Bake Sale	Second Time Around
Dessert Cafe	6/28
Kids Games	12-4 PM
Grand Raffle	Blue Eyed Soul
Pierogi	4-5 PM DJ Music
Beer	
Lots of Food	

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE! BRING A FRIEND!
JUNE 27TH AND 28TH, 2026

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This is the time of year when many of our college students are graduating from various Colleges and Universities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all our college graduates. It is also a time when those who serve in leadership positions in the Church are celebrating anniversaries of their service to the people of God.

In the May issue of *the Catholic Courier*, many of the priests, deacons, and religious who are celebrating anniversaries were listed. Among them were a number of jubilarians with local ties to our area. Among those priests who are celebrating sixty-five years of service are **Father R. Richard Brickler**, pastor emeritus of Saint Boniface Church, Rochester, and **Father Ronald E. Gaesser**, pastor emeritus of Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca. Diocesan priests celebrating sixty years of service are **Father William C. Michatek**, who some parishioners who summer at Keuka Lake may remember from his days as pastor of Saint Michael parish in Penn Yan. This class also included **Father Thomas F. Nellis**, who first assignment was a Saint Mary our Mother from 1966-1972.

Priest celebrating fifty-five years of ordained service included **Bishop Emeritus Salvatore R. Matano**, who served as Bishop of Rochester from 2014 until his recent retirement. **Father Peter T. Bayer**, whose ministries have included parish work, coordinator of diocesan relief efforts in the Southern Tier after Hurricane Agnes, to the diocesan offices, to minister to the elderly at Saint Ann Community in Rochester. **Father P. Frederick Helfrich**, pastor emeritus of Holy Spirit Church, Penfield; and **Father Donald J. Curtiss**, who resides at Mount Savior Monastery. Father Curtiss served at Saint Patrick Church, Elmira from 1973-1976, as well as All Saints in Corning.

Priests making fifty years of service are **Father Peter C. Clifford**, currently pastor of Saint John of Rochester parish in Fairport and **Father Thomas P. Mull** pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Geneva. Also celebrating the fifty year milestone are **Father Peter G. Helfrich** and **Father Michael G. Upson**.

Others celebrating ordination jubilees in 2026, some of whom you may know are the following:

- 45 years: **Fathers Dennis J. Bonsignore, Brendan P. Buckley, O. F. M. Cap., Daniel J. Condon, Daniel T. McMullin, Anthony P. Mugavero, and Paul J. Tomasso.**
- 40 years: **Fathers John G. Gathenya, James P. Jaeger, and Gary L. Tyman.**
- 35 years: **Bishop John S. Bonicci, Fathers Paul A. Monacci and Roman Caly.**
- 30 years: **Father John O. Omboga and Brian G. Plate**
- 25 years: **Fathers Joseph W. Marcouz and Daniel Healy**
- 15 years: **Father Peter T. Singano**
- 10 years: **Fathers Justin D. Miller and Jorge I. Ramirez**
- 5 years: **Fathers Steven B. Lewis and Joseph P. Maurici III**

As you read the above, think of the pastoral care, preaching, and teaching that has been accomplished thanks to the effort of these dedicated individuals. We send our deep gratitude, with our congratulations and best wishes to all who are celebrating milestones of service to our local church. At the same time we ask the Lord for an increase

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, June 15- Weekday

6:45 A.M. - Linda Burke – Bob & Sue Cunningham

Tuesday, June 16- Weekday

6:45 A.M. - Joseph LeMark – Ann LeMark

Wednesday, June 17- Weekday

6:45 A.M. - Sandra Johnson – Pat Madison

Thursday, June 18- Weekday

6:45 A.M. - Tom Reidy – Woody & Mary Kay Woodworth

Friday, June 19- Weekday

6:45 A.M. - Richard Hall – Peggy Woodard

Saturday, June 20- Weekday

5:00 P.M. - For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 21- Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. - For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

10:30 A.M. - For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONT'D

in vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life, and to church ministry.

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

Fr. L.

UPCOMING RETREATS
JULY 2026

- June 28- July 3** **"ROOTED IN PRESENCE . . ."**
Retreat for Women Religious or Lay Associates. This retreat is a contemplative space in which to rest, listen, behold and be held.
Given by Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM
- July 12-17** **"REAL PRESENCE"**
This retreat will explore the spirituality and theology of different aspects of our Eucharistic celebration. We will open ourselves to the mysticism to which the Eucharist invites us.
Given by Sr. Mary McGlane, CSJ
- July 19-24** **SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT**
A silent retreat for women and men. Each retreatant assigned a spiritual director to meet with daily.
Directors: Fr. Dennis Billy, O.S.A.; Fr. Philip Sutherland, SJ; Sr. Elaine Engler, SSJ; Deacon Kevin Carges and Joelle Scordo
- July 24-25** **UNPLUG AND DISCOVER**
Take 24 hours to rediscover balance, clarity, and inspiration in a world driven by technology.
Given by Jamie Fazio, MDiv; Zoe Howland Graduate Resident Minister, Villanova

MORE INFORMATION →

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JULY 7-11
5:00-7:00 PM
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer, children are invited on a faith-filled journey around the world.
 Each day, we'll visit a new country to learn how people across the globe live out their faith through saints, traditions, and celebrations.

WHAT TO EXPECT EACH DAY:

TRAVEL Explore new country and its Faith traditions	SAINTS Learn about inspiring saints from around the world	CRAFTS Hands-on crafts and team-building activities	GAMES Interactive games, and free time outdoors	DINNER Food will be provided each evening inspired by the country of the day
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SIGN UP NOW
 Register to Attend or Volunteer



GRAND FINALE!
 We will end our week together with Saturday Mass, where students will take an active role leading the congregation and celebrating our faith together

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VBS

Children going into K-6 & of all Faiths can join! Open for ALL!

Interested?

- Scan the QR Code above to Register
- Find our Webpage at stmaryourmother.com to see more information & Register Link
- Or call (607) 739-8214



Only 20 Spots left!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign represents a mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Rochester Diocese to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. Your help spreads the gospel message!

Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

MATTHEW 9:36-10:8

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— *Father John Muir*

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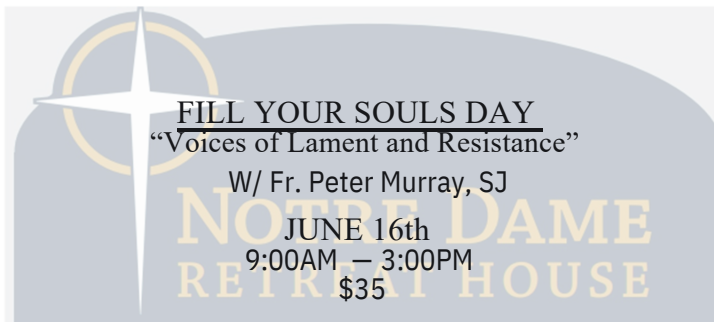
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We live during an era when various forces all around us conspire to make us less able to lament, and/or to offer resistance to the goings-on found in our times. Still we know there are many fine people, poets among them, who strive and have striven to offer up voices of a different kind, and to help us in these times of unsettling and untimely transitions, and in trials both political, social and spiritual.

The main poets and writers we will encounter on this day will be Daniel Berrigan, Linda Hogan and Denise Levertov.



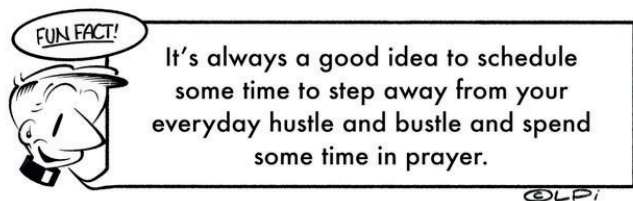
Sacred Heart of Jesus. I breast on Thine

“Did you hear about the Sister who opened a travel agency?”



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FOLK GROUP

An interest in starting up a folk group here at St. Mary Our Mother has been expressed by one of our parishioners who has a background playing bass with a folk group. There would be a need for acoustic guitar players and willing singers in order to create this new ensemble. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817 and leave your name and phone number, or see Cathy Peckham after mass. You will be contacted.

Action Alert!

The new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit would allow all taxpayers to receive a 100% federal tax credit, up to \$1,700, for donations that fund scholarships helping students with tuition, tutoring, and other education costs. If New York opts in, this program would bring millions of dollars in privately funded support to families, while allowing taxpayers to redirect a portion of their federal taxes to help students across the state, including our Catholic school families. Tell Gov. Hochul to opt in! Go to:

www.bit.ly/federal-scholarship-credit to take action today.

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Is summer on your mind yet? Looking for ways to keep your kids active, engaged, and having fun? Notre Dame has something for everyone! Our exciting lineup of Summer Academies includes: Cooking 101, Just Desserts, Teen Trailblazers, Build It. Code It. Drive It!, Craft-It-With-Cricut, Not Your Average Art Camp, Sweet Feet Hiking & Nature Photography Camp, Summer Seminar on the Performing Arts, and Advanced Musical Theater Review. We're also offering Athletic Camps, including our popular Crusader Soccer Camp led by Boys Varsity Head Coach Gavin Harrington, and a Tennis Camp directed by Varsity Head Coach Erik Romminger. Learn more at: notredamehighschool.com. Register today: <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSSummer2026>. Join us for a fun and enriching summer at Notre Dame! All programs will be held at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. For questions, please contact Michelle Barkley at 607-734-2267.



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