



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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August 9, 2026



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

PARISH EVENTS

Monday, August 10th | Faith Formation Meeting, *page four*
 Thursday, August 13th | Popsicle Pop-Up; Registration Event
 Friday, August 14th | **Parish Offices Closed**
 Next Sunday, August 16th | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 5:00

Popsicle Pop-Up | Registration Event

As part of our Month of Mary, join us at the playground anytime from 5:00–6:00 PM! Enjoy free popsicles, register for Faith Formation/Sacraments, learn more about our programs for the year ahead, or just stop by to say hello and grab a sweet treat.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH AT 12:00

Pray the Rosary!

Join Faith Formation families at 12:00 to pray the rosary together! Meet outside by the Mary stain glass. Bring your own rosary or one will be provided! *Open to all!*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Annual Back to School Project

LET'S HELP LOCAL CHILDREN GET READY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Each year Catholic Charities invites us to donate school supplies to help parents send their children back to school with everything they need and ready to learn. This year backpacks with supplies will be distributed to 600 Chemung County school children (K-6th grade) on August 22 at the annual Safe Kids Strong Kids event (11AM-2PM) at the Chemung Co. Fair Grounds. No advance registration is needed.

Supplies needed to fill the backpacks: colored pencils, composition notebooks (wide-ruled), folders (two-pocket), erasers (hand-held), markers (washable), blunt tip scissors.

Donated supplies will be collected until August 12 and can be dropped off at one of these locations:

- Chamberlain Acres Garden Center
- Chemung Co. Libraries (Big Flats, West Elmira, Horseheads, Steele)
- Corning Community College Elmira campus
- Copy Express
- Chemung Co Dept of Aging
- Mr. Panosian Famous Shoes
- Purple Iris Boutique Horseheads
- Wallin Insurance
- Tranquility Beauty Shop
- Catholic Charities office Church St.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Lisa Herman
 Ronald Swartz
 Peter Acampora
 Elizabeth Kennedy*



ALTAR FLOWERS

The main altar flowers for the week of August 9-15, 2026 have been donated in loving memory of Bill Dominikoski by his wife, Diane and family.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER ACADEMIES & ATHLETIC CAMPS

Join us for a fun and enriching summer at Notre Dame!

- Learn more at: notredamehighschool.com.
- Register today: <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSSummer2026>

All programs will be held at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. For questions, please contact Michelle Barkley at 607-734- 2267.

UPCOMING

Retreats & Events

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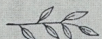


"LOOKING FOR SIGNS"

A weeklong retreat for Women Religious and other women seeking to nourish your spirit with both depth and joy.

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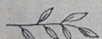


SENIOR LUNCHEON

Free lunch and presentation by Senator Pam Helming

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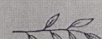


COUPLES RETREAT

Join other couples for a transformative weekend! Retreat theme: "Holy & Beloved".

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FILL YOUR SOUL DAY

Treat yourself to a relaxing day of centering prayer and lectio divina while enjoying the beauty of autumn on the grounds.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This weekend marks the second weekend of the month of August. I hope that you are enjoying these summer weeks, and your travels have been safe and enjoyable. Wherever your travels have taken you, be sure to include Sunday worship. And in your travels, if you see any different local liturgical traditions or practices of the places you attend, I would love to hear about them. I do enjoy the fact that many of you pass on a Sunday bulletin to me from the parishes you attended during your travels. As I write this column, for the weekend of August 8/9th, I realize that in just one month from this weekend-September 8th to be exact, will be the first day of school for our students. (Not that I am wishing summer away!) While our children may be on their "summer break," and involved in many activities, our parents are not afforded such a luxury I have found the following very wise advice for all parents.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1. *I will always love and respect my children for who they are and not for who I want them to be.*
2. *I will not burden my children with emotions and problems that are not Equipped to deal with, remembering that I am the parent and they Are the children.*
3. *I will, when discipline is necessary, let my children know that I disapprove Of what they have done, not who they are.*
4. *I will set limits for my children and help them find security in knowing what is I expect from them.*
5. *I will make time for my children and cherish our moments together, realizing who important-and how fleeting they are.*
6. *I will create a loving home environment and show my children that they Are loved, whenever and however I can.*
7. *I will be sure to give my children space—to grow, to dream, to succeed, And even to fail.*
8. *I will encourage my children to experience the world and all its possibilities, guiding them in its ways and taking pains to leave them careful, But not fearful.*
9. *I will take care of myself physically and emotionally so that I can be there for my children when they need me.*
10. *I will try to be the kind of person I want my children to grow up to be-loving, fair-minded, moral, giving, and hopeful.*

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
6:45 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of 6:45 a.m. Mass Family

Tuesday, August 11 - St. Clare
6:45 a.m. - Souls in Purgatory - Costello family

Wednesday, August 12 - Weekday
6:45 a.m. - Donna Berry - Jane & Joe Gallagher

Thursday, August 13 - Weekday
6:45 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Madison & Healy families- Pat Madison

Friday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe - Priest & Martyr
6:45 a.m. - Daniel Woodard - wife, Peggy

Saturday, August 15-Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 p.m. - Bob VanBurger - Loving wife, Barbara

Sunday, August 16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. - Doroteo Mallare - The Lapitan's
10:30 a.m. - Judi Lynch - her husband, Ben

THE CHURCH IN OUR WORLD: MISSION POSSIBLE YOUTH SOCIAL HACKATHON

"The third season of MISSION POSSIBLE Youth Social Hackathon, running from July 25 to 27, was co-organized by the Catholic Education Council of Thailand and LiCAS News. The three-day initiative at the Salesian Retreat House and the Hua Hin Vittayalai School provided a space for inspiration, collaborative problem-solving and shared hope under the overarching synodal theme, "Together We Make a Better World Possible." The young delegates embraced the spirit of synodality – a concept championed by the late Pope Francis that calls for a Church and a human family that listens deeply, walks together and acts in hope. Social innovators, acting as mentors to the young "hackers", shared personal stories of life challenges, resilience and finding hope, offering guidance as the teams began refining their project concepts. *Read the full story at VaticanNews.VA*

Assumption
of Mary ©LPi

THE ASSUMPTION: A SIGN OF HOPE

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recite in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

faith formation KICK-OFF

9/20 PENANCE/EUCHARIST

11:45-1:00 IN O'BRIEN HALL

- Parent and Child both Attend
- Open to all Families interested in the sacraments

9/22 TUESDAY PROGRAM

CLASSES BEGIN AT 4:00 & END AT 5:00

- Drop off at the Main Church Doors
- Open house on 22nd @ 4:50 for all families to meet teachers & learn more about the year

9/26 OCIA & OCIC

MEETING: 6:00-7:00 IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- Open for all interested in becoming Catholic, expanding their understanding of faith, or wanting sacraments.
- All Teens, Children, and Adults are welcome

9/27 HOME STUDY

CLASS: 9:30-10:15 IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- Parent & Students both attend

9/27 CONFIRMATION

MEETING AT 11:30 IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- Parent & Students both attend
- Year 1 Families done at 12:00
- Year 2 Families done at 12:15

Find Information, Full Calendars, & Registration Forms at stmaryourmother.com or scan:

SCAN ME!



We're looking for volunteers to help our parish grow! Current opportunities include:

- 5th Grade Catechist for our Tuesday In-Person Faith Formation Program
- Classroom Aides for Tuesday In-Person Faith Formation
- Youth Group Volunteers & After-Mass Event Volunteers
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteers
- Adult Bible Study Volunteers

If you'd like to share your time and talents, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Lily.Barr@dor.org.

Interested in learning more? Join us for our Volunteer Information Meeting on **Sunday, August 10, at 5:00 PM**. Whether you're ready to volunteer, want to explore different opportunities, or have ideas for new ministries and ways to strengthen our St. Mary Our Mother community, we'd love for you to join the conversation!



CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, & ADULTS! JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

The Order of Christian Initiation for Children, Teens, and Adults (OCIA) is a class designed to help with the process of becoming a Catholic. **Classes begin on September 26th at 6:00**. This meeting is open to anyone of any faith background to explore the Catholic Faith or work towards receiving the sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Get more Information: Lily.Barr@dor.org or 607-739-8214

Open to all Families in our Parish & Community!

AUGUST EVENTS

JULY 28 & AUG 6 & 19 - Food Bank 9:00-12:00

AUG 10 - Faith Formation & Parish Open Meeting 5:00-6:00

AUG 13 & 27 - Popsicle Pop-Ups 5:00-6:00

AUG 16 - Pray the Rosary 12:00

AUG 24 - Organize Supplies 9:45-12:00

SEPT 13 - Backpack Blessing 10:30

REGISTER NOW ➔

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
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GOSPLE REFLECTION

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir



ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

2026–2027 Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is pleased to share that **registration for the 2026–2027 school year is currently ongoing.** We welcome both new and returning families to explore all that St. Mary Our Mother School has to offer as part of our faith-filled, nurturing school community.

At St. Mary Our Mother School, **students in Pre-K 3 through Grade 6 are supported in an environment rooted in Catholic values, academic excellence, and a strong sense of community.** Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to helping each child grow academically, spiritually, and socially through engaging instruction and meaningful learning experiences.

Families continue to choose St. Mary Our Mother School for its welcoming atmosphere, strong partnership between home and school, and commitment to educating the whole child. From daily classroom learning to school-wide traditions and service opportunities, students are given the foundation they need to succeed and thrive.

We encourage families interested in learning more about enrollment, tuition, or scheduling a visit to reach out to the school office.

For additional information, please contact the school office or email Heather Bill at Heather.Bill@dor.org.

We look forward to continuing to welcome new families into our St. Mary Our Mother School community for the 2026–2027 school year.

LITTLE MESSY ART CAMP!

Our young artists had an amazing time exploring their creativity, trying new techniques, and making masterpieces they can be proud of. From paint splatters to big smiles, every day was filled with imagination, laughter, and hands-on fun.

A special thank you to Mrs. O'Brien for planning and leading such a wonderful week of creativity!

Great job, artists!



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