



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 16, 2026



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

PARISH EVENTS

Friday, August 21st | **Parish Offices Closed**

Next Sunday, August 23rd | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church

TODAY IN OUR PARISH

Pray the Rosary with us at 12:00 on Sunday, August 16th.

We will meet outside by the Mary Stained Glass. Bring your own Rosary or receive a new one!

SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATIONS:

- Information about registrations for **St. Mary our Mother School 2026-2027** year can be found on Page Five.
- Registrations for **St. Mary our Mother's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Classes** can be found on Page Four.



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.

Thank you for your generosity!



IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lisa Herman



ALTAR FLOWERS

The main altar flowers for the week of August 16-22, 2026 have been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her husband, Ben.

NOTRE DAME RETREATS UPCOMING DATES:



WEEKEND'S GOSPLE REFLECTION

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir



**Use your gifts to
serve others, for
His glory.**

check out page four to find ways to serve our parish!

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

For most of us, the Lord's Prayer was the first prayer that we learned as children. The following is written by **Father Ronald Rolheiser, O. F. M.**, who offers an interesting commentary on this popular prayer, and invites us to occasionally pray this prayer in this manner.

A Lord's Prayer For Justice

Our Father... *Who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned. The sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn, and those who, by victim of Circumstance, beat the heat of the day.*

Who art in heaven... *where everything will be reversed, where the first will be last and the last will be first. But where all will be well and every of being will be well.*

Hallowed be thy name... *may we always acknowledge your holiness, respecting that your ways are not our ways, your standards are not our standards. May the reverence we give your name pull us out of selfishness that prevents us from seeing the pain Of our neighbor.*

Your Kingdom come... *help us create a world where, beyond our own needs and hurts, We will do justice, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you, and each other.*

Your will be done... *open our freedom to let you in so that the complete mutuality that characterizes your life might flow through our veins and thus the life that we help Generate may radiate your equal love for all and your special love for the poor.*

On earth as in heaven... *may the work of our hands, the temples and structures we build In the world, reflect the temple and structure of your glory so that the joy, graciousness, tenderness, and justice of heaven will show forth within our Structures on earth.*

Give... *life and love to us and help us to see everything as a gift. Help us to know that nothing comes to us by right and that we must give to the poor, not because they need it, but because our own health depends on us giving to them.*

Us... *the truly plural us. Give not just to our own but to everyone, including those who are difficult than the narrow us. Give your gifts too all of us equally.*

This day... *not tomorrow. Do not let us push things off into some indefinite future so that we can continue to live justified lives in the face of injustice because we can make good excuses for our inactivity.*

Our daily bread... *so that each person in the world may have enough food, clean air, adequate health care, and sufficient access to education so as to have the sustenance for a healthy life. Teach us to give from our sustenance and not Just from our surplus.*

And forgive us our trespasses.. *forgive our blindness toward our neighbor, our self-preoccupation, our racism, sexism, and our incurable propensity to worry only about ourselves and our own. Forgive our capacity to watch the evening news and do nothing about it.*

As we forgive those who trespass against us... *help us to forgive those who victimize us. Help us to mellow out in spirit, not to grow bitter with age, to forgive the imperfect parents and systems that wounded, cursed, and ignored us.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 17 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Sandee Johnson - Pat Madison

Tuesday, August 18 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Living & Deceased members of 6:45 a.m. Mass Family

Wednesday, August 19 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Linda Atencio - Mitchell Family

Thursday, August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

6:45 a.m. - Mary Ann Coddinton - her family

Friday, August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

6:45 a.m. - Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 22 - Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. - Dorothy & Lou Hervol - Mary Lou & Tom McCullough

Sunday, August 23- Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Bob Lantzy - wife Lois & family

10:30 a.m. - Casimir & Josephine Kujawski - their children

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED...

And do not put us to the test... *do not judge us only by whether we have fed the hungry, Given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimized the poor. Spare us this test for no one can stand before your gospel scrutiny. Give us, instead, more days to mend our ways, our selfishness, and our systems.*

But deliver us from evil... *that is, from the blindness that lets us continue to participate in anonymous systems within which we need not see who get less than we get.*

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

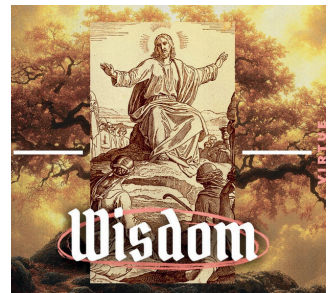
Fr. L.

WISDOM EXPLAINED:

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom? Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarliness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE. GET INVOLVED.

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 (No teaching experience needed!)
- Youth Group Volunteers & After-Mass Event Volunteers
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Coordinators
- Adult Bible Study Volunteers & Facilitators

Our parish needs you! Whether you can give an hour, share a talent, help at an event, or serve regularly, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference in our parish community.

*No experience necessary,
just a love for God + a heart to serve!*

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

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!



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

Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo, Parish Secretary

Ms. Wendy Slater, Office Assistant

Mr. Doug Johnson, Cemetery Manager

Mr. Roger Williams, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mr. Vincent Moschetti, Chairperson

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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.



AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul taken directly to heaven.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

In this *Month of Mary*, Faith Formation students have dedicated their time packing and inspecting food at the Southern Tier Food Bank. A few volunteer sessions at the Foodbank this Summer have already made a huge impact on our community! Faith Formation has helped package cabbage, rice, flour, cucumbers, and bread all making its way to homes in our community!

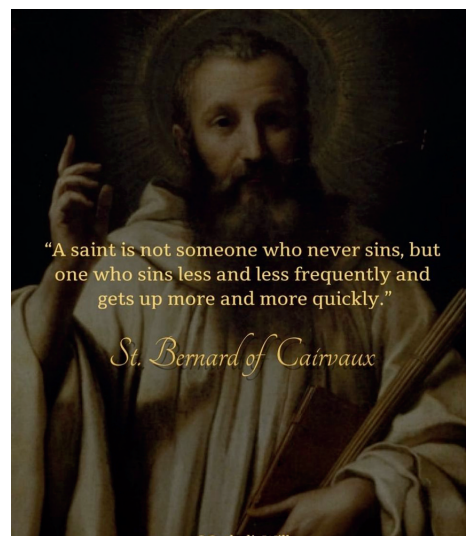
The last volunteer session with **Faith Formation is on August 18th from 9-12!**

- All are welcome to join! Sign up on the Food Bank's website: <https://foodbankst.org/volunteer/>



CHURCH IN THE WORLD: YOUTH PEACE MEETING IN SOUTHERN ITALY

"From the 10th to the 14th of August, young people from different cultures and religions will be gathering in Santa Maria di Leuca, on shores of the Mediterranean, for the eleventh edition of "Carta di Leuca", on the theme: "*A Mediterranean of peace for a world at peace - Beauty, Art and Peace*". Established in 2016, the annual gathering aims to bring young people from some of the various shores of the Mediterranean to help form concrete commitments to peace. This year's programme draws inspiration from Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa's pastoral letter: They returned to Jerusalem with great joy. During the first three days of the event, volunteers will lead workshops in which they address wounded relationships, the richness of differences, the importance of welcoming others, healing memories and building hope. Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, is scheduled to arrive in the region on the 13th of August, he will join the participants in the event as they arrive in the Basilica of Santa Maria de Finibus Terrae." *Read the full story at [VaticanNews.VA](https://www.vaticannews.va)*



"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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