



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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October 18, 2026



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Tuesday, October 20 | Tuesday Program

Thursday, October 22 | Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 23 | First Penance Practice @ 4:00

Saturday, October 24 | OCIA & OCIC Meeting

Next Sunday, October 25 | Home Study Class @ 9:30,

Confirmation Class @ 11:30, & Rosary at 11:30 in O'Brien Hall

RECONCILIATION

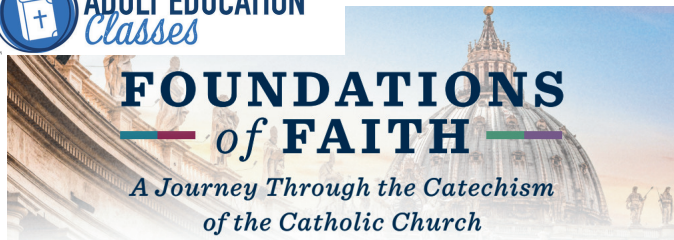
Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church

HANDS OF CHRIST RECOGNITION

Do you know a high school senior who lives out Christ's love through service to their church, home, school, and community? The Hands of Christ Recognition is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, honors high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" to those around them. Honorees will be recognized at one of several diocesan ceremonies in 2027. If you would like to nominate someone you see as a Hand of Christ in our community, reach out to our parish office.



ADULT EDUCATION
Classes



Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with Foundations of Faith: *A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Open for all adults in our parish who would like to learn more about the foundations of our faith!

October Classes:

→ Join us for Foundations of Faith & OCIA on **Saturday, October 24 and November 14 at 6:00 in O'Brien Hall.**

For more information, contact Lily Barr, lily.barr@dor.org

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 1st. 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.

Thank you.



IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Aloise Benedict
Phillip Tangorre
Randy Southard

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

Main altar flowers for October 18-24, 2026 have been donated in loving memory of Martyn and Les Reimsnyder by their daughter, Nancy.

EXPLORE NOTRE DAME



HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 7-12 OPEN HOUSE



It may seem early to be thinking about next school year but now is a great time to explore your options. Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12, invites prospective students and their families to an **Open House on Wednesday, November 4, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Please note, check-in for the evening begins at 5:45 pm. Come discover what makes Notre Dame a special place to learn and grow, with opportunities in academics, athletics, the arts, and a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Meet our faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, and learn more about our welcoming community and college-preparatory education rooted in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy.

- RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSFallOpenHouse26>

Notre Dame is located at 1400 Maple Avenue in Elmira.

A busing option to ND is often available. To determine eligibility, contact the transportation office of your home school district.

Questions? Contact Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, at 607-734-2267.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment Weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. The next Weekend is planned for November 20-22, 2026 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. Register online at wwme.org. There is a \$100 Application Fee. For Information contact Mike & Kathy Williams, MikeandKathyw@gmail.com Or call 585-872-5432 or 585-217-389

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is now underway! As many of you know, this is annual appeal conducted annually by the Diocese of Rochester asking for financial support of the various ministries of the Diocese of Rochester. The theme of this year's appeal is **"All Things New: Embracing Our Mission in Christ."** You should have received materials concerning the Catholic Ministries Appeal, along with a pledge card, inviting your support of this year's appeal. Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal is **\$97,000.00**.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is joined with thousands of other people throughout our diocese as an investment in the future: the future of our church. Each gift is also an investment in our own future, as we put our faith into action. Your generosity to this appeal will help.

Fund ministries that help parents raise their children and our youth in the Catholic faith. Teaching values they will carry with them into adulthood, which will service them throughout life's challenges.

Help educate our seminarians on the road to priestly ordination, providing the next generation of priests to share the sacraments and bless our parishes and people.

Ensure we can help struggling families be lifted out of economic crisis, restoring them to stability again.

Prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, creating strong families.

Educate and prepare those who wish to become Roman Catholic for the fullness of life in the Church through the RCIA process.

Enable us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life, helping to give voice to the voiceless.

Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection with the church.

Provide important services to our parish that we would find difficult, inefficient, or wasteful to orchestrate on our own.

Support ministries that are a true blessing for the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned

Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves families and individuals in need, more than \$250,000. annually. We share blessings with them, they are a blessing to us.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf, Issac Jogues & Companion, Martyrs

6:45 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Curtin family - family

Tuesday, October 20 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - In Thanksgiving - Tricia Khan

Wednesday, October 21 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Special Intention of Jacqueline Alsworth

Thursday, October 22 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Doroteo Mallare - Lapitan family

Friday, October 23 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

Saturday, October 24 - Weekday

5:00 p.m. - Mary Woodard - daughter Evelyn & family

Sunday, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Ann O'Mara - Kelly & Manglapus family

10:30 a.m. - Deceased members of the Stermer family - family

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED:

If you have not already done so, I would invite you to visit the diocesan website at www.dor.org for further information on this year's appeal. I also invite you to join me in supporting this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. With the generous participation of all, we can make our parish goal.

Have a great week, and enjoy these October days. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



Come pray with the relic of Rochester's sixth bishop!

Locations & Dates

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
Rochester

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. STEPHEN
Geneva

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Spencerport

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY
Geneseo

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOSEPH
Penfield

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER
Horseheads

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Ithaca

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, 7:00pm



REGISTRATION IS ALWAYS OPEN!

You are always welcome to join our programs!
Just scan the QR Code or contact our Faith Formation Office.



FAITH FORMATION October Calendar

- 10-4 Faith Formation Meeting at 11:30
- 10-6 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-10 OCIA & OCIC Meeting 6-7:15
- 10-13 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-17 First Penance Retreat 1:30-6:00
- 10-17 Youth Group (Gr. 6-12) & Confirmation 6-7:30
- 10-18 Donuts & Coffee Hour 11:30 "Halloween & All Saints Edition"
- 10-20 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-23 First Penance Practice 4-5
- 10-24 OCIA & OCIC Meeting 6-7:15
- 10-25 Home Study Meeting 9:30-10:15
- 10-25 Rosary & Confirmation Class 11:30
- 10-27 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-31 Halloween



THE AT-HOME CHALLENGE:

Create a special space in your home for prayer! Clear a small table or shelf, add a green cloth for Ordinary Time, and place a statue or picture of Mary. Finish your home altar by laying out your family's rosaries and Bible!

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

This month, all Faith Formation students are learning about Mary and her desire for us to pray the Rosary!

Students in our Tuesday Program classes have been praying a decade of the Rosary each week throughout October, while also learning the first part of the Hail Mary in Latin: "Ave Maria."

The Rosary is not just a way to pray, but a beautiful connection to our Heavenly Mother, who intercedes for us. Popes and saints have long encouraged Catholics to pray the Rosary, viewing it as a powerful spiritual weapon, a source of peace, and a way to protect our families and the Church. Sister Lucia of Fatima stated, *"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."* During this Month of the Holy Rosary, take some time to pray with our Heavenly Mother and ask for her intercession for yourself, your family, and our Church.



**THIS WEEKEND:
OPEN TO ALL IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR



October 18, 2026

O'BRIEN HALL

**STOP IN AFTER 10:30 MASS FOR COFFEE,
DONUTS AND COMMUNITY**



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
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ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

Sixth Grade Enrichment Day at Notre Dame

On Wednesday, October 28, our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to spend the day at Notre Dame High School for their annual Enrichment Day. This special experience gives our students a glimpse into what life could look like as a Notre Dame student, from academics and athletics to the many social and extracurricular opportunities available to them. Throughout the day, our sixth graders will be guided by Notre Dame alumni as they explore the building and experience a portion of a typical school day. They will also have the opportunity to learn about and explore the many clubs and activities Notre Dame offers to students in grades 7–12. Enrichment Day is a wonderful opportunity for our sixth graders to begin looking ahead to the next chapter of their education while seeing firsthand the welcoming community that awaits them at Notre Dame. We are grateful to Notre Dame for continuing to provide this experience for our students and for the many ways our two school communities are connected!

Blessings,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School



EXPLORE NOTRE DAME

UPCOMING EVENTS

➤ Enrichment Day @ ND Oct 28

- 9 am - Noon
- Experience ND - Sessions Include Theater, Science, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Robotics and Lunch

➤ Be a Crusader for a Day!

- Attend Classes, Meet ND Teachers, & Enjoy Lunch With Your Student Ambassador
- Explore Academics, The Arts, Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

• Schedule a Shadow Day: Contact Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions - (607) 734-2267

➤ Attend Open House

- Wednesday, November 4
- Check-in 5:45 pm
- Event 6pm - 7pm



Discover the ND Difference

- Academic excellence with ACE, AP, Honors and Regents courses in core subjects, world languages and computer science
- Competitive athletics and extracurriculars open to all students
- Dual Enrollment options with Elmira College & LECOM
- \$3.8 Million in college scholarships earned by the Class of 2026
- Welcoming and respectful of all beliefs
- Dynamic Visual & Performing Arts Program
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POPE LEO TO VISIT ASSISI 40 YEARS AFTER HISTORIC PRAYER MEETING

40 years ago, on October 27, 1986, Pope St John Paul II took part in the historic World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi, central Italy. For the first time in history, representatives of all world religions were invited by the Pope to pray together for peace.

The 2026 edition, which will take place in Assisi from October 25 to 27 and marks the 40th anniversary of the original gathering. The title of Assisi 2026—"Disarmed and Disarming Peace"—comes from Pope Leo's own words. The gathering will reaffirm that peace is possible, just as it was 40 years ago with Pope John Paul II and as it was at the 30th anniversary in 2016 with Pope Francis. against every form of violence."

A total of 384 representatives of religions, cultures and institutions from 53 countries will take part in the event. There will be 155 speakers participating in 24 thematic forums, addressing subjects including peace, prayer, the economy, conflicts, children and young people, the media, migration, disarmament, humanity, Christian unity, dialogue across the Mediterranean, the poor, and contemporary martyrs.

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

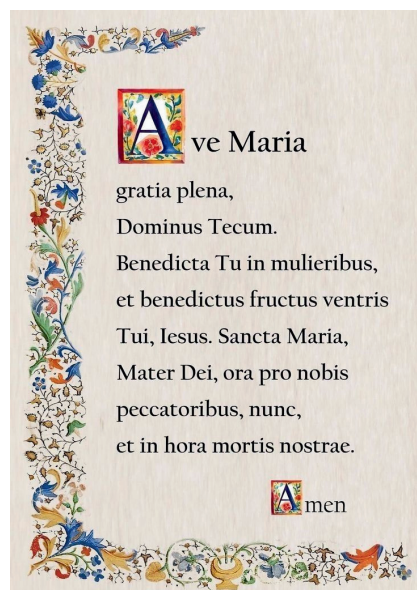
Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.



Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God. We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to



ve Maria

gratia plena,
Dominus Tecum.
Benedicta Tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris
Tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria,
Mater Dei, ora pro nobis
peccatoribus, nunc,
et in hora mortis nostrae.



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