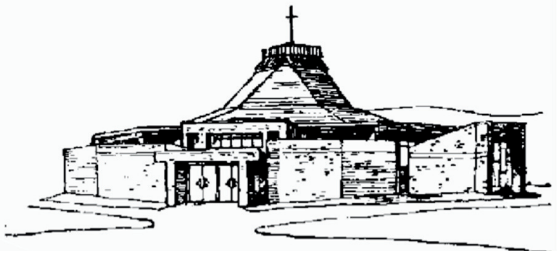


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MISSION STATEMENT
St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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October 25, 2026



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Tuesday, October 27 | 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, October 29 | 7:00 p.m. Blessed Fulton J. Sheen Relic Mass

Friday, October 30 | Parish offices closed

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2027

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. The critera:

- *Consistently demonstrates a Christian altitude by word and example*
- *Is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community*
- *Is a positive role model for peers and younger children*
- *Is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother*

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form, including the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and high school along with examples of the above-mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor.

All nominations are due in the parish Office by January 1, 2027!

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

In your current packet of envelopes, there is an All Souls Day envelope, on which you may write the names of your deceased loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the chapel altar during the month on November, and your intentions will be remembered in all liturgies during the month of November and throughout the year in Masses listed for "Our Faithful Departed."

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual **Mass Of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 1st,** at the **10:30 a.m. Mass.** During this liturgy, We remember all those who died from our parish since November, 2025. and will remember each of our departed brothers and sisters by name. If you have a family member or friend who has died during the past twelve months whose funeral was not from St. Mary Our Mother and you would like to have their name included during this Mass, please contact the parish office and we will include their names on the remembrance list. All are invited to come and share in this special time of remembering our faithful departed loved ones, and offer support for their families and friends.

The Book of Remembrance will be placed next to the Paschal Candle in the narthex, beginning on the weekend of October 26-27th. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book, which will remain next to thc Paschal Candle during the month of November.



IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Marilyn Cundy
Randy Southard
Sue Ann Rathpun
Janis Sternquist

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

Main altar flowers for October 25-31, 2026 have been donated in loving memory of deceased Stemer Family Members, by the Blauvelt Family

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.

Notre Dame
HIGH SCHOOL
Grades 7 - 12

FALL BACK TO STANDARD TIME



Please remember we return to Standard Time next Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before retiring next Saturday evening.

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 Charites
The *CMA provides a subsidy to Catholic Charites to support its regional offices/agencies throughout 12 counties 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.*

31% - Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes & 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 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.

7% - 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 Bonnici and the clerical and lay advisory councils that guide diocesan-wide decisions.

37% - Funding Pastoral Center Operations Support Services
The CMA helps to fund the operation, maintenance, and capital impoventents 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.

5% - Educating Youth in the Catholic Faith
The CMA provides funding för 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 preparalion, young adult and youth ministry programs. Please note: the CMA is not the sole source of revenue for these programs.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 26
6:45 a.m. - Deceased Costello family - family

Tuesday, October 27
6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

Wednesday, October 28 - Sts, Simon & Jude, Apostles
6:45 a.m. - Special Intention for Asraph Khan

Thursday, October 29
6:45 a.m. - Dr. Joseph Navone - James & Tammy Pepin
7:00 p.m. - Sheen Relic Mass

Friday, October 30
6:45 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the 6:45 a.m. family

Saturday, October 31
5:00 p.m. - Joseph Cesare - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day
8:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of Triano Family - Costello family
10:30 a.m. - Mass of Remembrance

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED:

5% - Supporting the CMA Campaign
It costs 5 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 fundraising efforts associated with the appeal, including professional expertise, staffing, gift and date processing, promotional materials. and postage.

All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries outlined here.

I hope you will find this information helpful as you consider your gift to this year's Appeal. Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

WELCOME BISHOP BONNICI

We warmly welcome **Bishop John S. Bonnici** to St. Mary Our Mother has he presides at a liturgy for the people of the Southern Tier honoring the recent Beatification of **Blessed Fulton J. Sheen**. This liturgy will take place **Thursday, October 29th** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Church of St. Mary Our Mother**, and will feature a relic of the Sixth Bishop of Rochester which was recently given to the Diocese of Rochester. The veneration of this relic will take place during this Mass. You are cordially invited to this liturgy as we continue to pray for Blessed Fulton J. Sheen!





REGISTRATION IS ALWAYS OPEN!

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

THE AT-HOME CHALLENGE:

Its almost All Hallows Eve! Celebrate Halloween and All Saints' Day together with some old Catholic Traditions! Bake Soul Cakes, an old tradition of remembering loved ones who have passed away, and say a prayer for their souls. Carve or paint a pumpkin with Catholic imagery or Saints! Before trick-or-treating, gather together for a family prayeron your front door. You can also attend Mass on October 31st or November 1st to celebrate All Saints' Day and the holy men and women who show us how to follow Jesus! If you don't have a costume yet, try dressing up as your favorite Saint or Confirmation Saint!

FAITH FORMATION IN ACTION:



Faith Formation had a very busy day on Saturday, October 17th! Our First Penance Retreat took place as we prepare students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on November 3rd. Take a moment to admire their little sheep, now gathered in the pasture with Jesus, and keep these children in your prayers!





Faith Formation also held its very first Youth Group/Confirmation gathering! We had a blast working in teams to solve a spooky escape room before brainstorming ideas for this year's service project. We'll meet again this Sunday, October 25th, for our first class and Rosary!

A huge thank-you to the wonderful team at Multi-Media Services in Corning for creating our Confirmation and OCIC booklets for this year! We can't wait to crack them open and get started this Sunday!

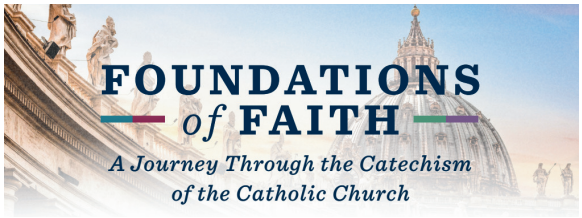


FAITH FORMATION
October Calendar

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



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!

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

Open to all Catholics!

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

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ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

Celebrating October





Excitement is in the air as we prepare for one of our favorite fall traditions at St. Mary Our Mother School! On Friday, October 30th at 1:30 PM, our students will take part in our annual Halloween Parade in the school parking lot. Families are welcome to join in the fun as our students show off their costumes, enjoy the festive decorations, and celebrate the joy of the season together. This year, we are excited to begin a new tradition of focusing on one character trait each month and connecting it with the life of a saint. Our October character trait is Gentleness, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Throughout the month, our students will learn what it means to treat others with patience, kindness, and compassion, following St. Francis' example of humility and care for all of God's creation. To bring the month to a close, our students and staff will celebrate by dressing down in orange on Friday, October 30th, the color associated with our October theme. It will be a wonderful way for our school family to come together in celebration while remembering the importance of practicing gentleness in our words, actions, and interactions with one another. We look forward to celebrating this special time of year with our students, families, and parish community!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School



PANTRY REQUESTS FOR THANKSGIVING

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, the Horseheads Food Pantry is requesting donations of these traditional Thanksgiving foods.

- Canned meats
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- Stuffing mixes
- Gravy packets
- Jiffy cornbread mixes
- Pie crust mix
- Canned pie filling (apple , pumpkin)
- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Boxed cereals

The Pantry Staff hopes to be able to supply each family that comes in within the next month with these popular Thanksgiving foods. Can you donate one or more of these? Please bring them to the church , and place them in the Pantry cart in the vestibule.
Your continued support of the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated.



THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John Muir

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