



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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May 5, 2019

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate our thirty-two children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at St. Mary Our Mother. May our children continue to grow in their love for Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and receive our Lord each and every Sunday.

Those children receiving their First Holy Communion today include:

*Morgan Adams
Willow Barr
Izabella Bennett
Samantha Bonnell
Cala Bubacz
Cari Bubacz
Cody Bubacz
Jeffery Cain
Ali Carrier
Logan Earl
Mason Earl
Jay Elliott
Lucia Ferratella
Justice Gavazzi
Michael Gavin
Tyler Kimball*

*Nathan Le
Liliana Mata
Paul Meritt
Daniel Min
Elise Nichols
John Warren Oshetski
Adelaide Pronti
Gabriella Rosen
Charlie Ruhmel
Gianna Rylott
Elissandra Scibek
Lillian Shope
Hannah Sydlansky
Vanessa White
Deidre Wojciechowski
Joseph Wood*

Congratulations and best wishes to our children, their parents and families on this wonderful occasion!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn of the season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, May 6**

6:30 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - school

Tuesday, May 7

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 PM Parish Council - rectory

Thursday, May 9

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Saturday, May 11

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, May 12

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In loving memory of Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr & family***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In memory of Kate & Walt Enslin - Joan & Barry Sawester***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Chapel Candle Flowers:***Happy Birthday, Jacque - Dee**Happy Birthday, Lois - Dee***Blessed Mother – Church:***Happy Birthday son, Rick Jr. - love, Mom & Dad***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***Happy Mother's Day, Mom & Our Holy Mother - Suann Maio***FLOWER SIGN UPS**

Flowers in the church and the chapel are always available to remember special people - living or deceased - or special times in our lives. Please check the forms on the Church bulletin board. Thank you!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Would you like to offer a Mass intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for a living or deceased person or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intention(s). Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to schedule.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - May 12, 2019****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

IN OUR PARISH**Lost & Found**

Many items have been left in the Church and are available at the parish office. Might you have misplaced your hat, your gloves, your scarves, maybe your glasses? Please call or stop by the office during office hours. Thank you.

Coming Soon: Math Olympiads at St. Mary Our Mother School

The new Math Olympiads team forming at St. Mary Our Mother School needs volunteer coaches to help get it off the ground. Please consider offering your time as much as once a week from October through March. Weekly practices prepare student "mathletes" for five monthly competitions starting in November. But much more important are the objectives of encouraging children to explore math and ask questions about anything they don't understand, no matter how basic, and providing guidance for students who want to challenge themselves. This will be an easy-going, learn-as-we-go activity for 3rd through 6th graders and their coaches. Practice materials and guidance will be provided. No special math expertise required- just enthusiasm.

For more information, contact parent coordinators Matthew and Lori Meritt at [607-329-5178](tel:607-329-5178)/matthewdmeritt@gmail.com or Nick and Katy Piet at [607-873-4505](tel:607-873-4505)/nkjpiet@gmail.com.

Caring Project

Our parish of St. Mary Our Mother continues to provide food for our needy neighbors. One thing that we don't often think about is the continuing need for diapers. As a parish, we are asking you to help. Might you be able to bring diapers - any size, but especially size 4/5, and any adult size diapers to the Church (near the food cart).

Altar Memorials

Our altar memorials continue to be a special way to honor those who have gone before us and those intentions we wish to remember for both the living and the deceased.

The weekly donation for these memorials remains the same as in the past:

Sacramental Wine:	\$15.00
Eucharist Hosts:	\$10.00
Sanctuary Candle:	\$10.00
Icon Candle:	\$10.00

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The Easter season is a time of new life and renewed commitment to our Catholic faith. The phrase "Easter Sacraments" reminds us of the promise of the Risen Lord to be with us always, especially in the "breaking of the bread." This weekend, our parish has the special honor of welcoming the extended families and friends of the thirty-two children who will celebrate their First Holy Communion. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday we invite these young children to the Lord's table for the first time. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors as well as our regular parishioners of St. Mary Our Mother this weekend.

These First Communion children, their parents and families have been preparing for this day for many months. By their faithful and regular participation at Sunday Mass, our parents have been teaching their children by good example, what it means to be fed at the Lord's table when receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. We congratulate our parents on their on-going efforts of what they promised when their children were baptized; in being the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of the Catholic faith.

It is a wonderful moment in the life of every parish to witness our children coming forth and doing what our Lord has instructed us when receiving the Eucharist. Those of us who receive the Eucharist often can forget Who we are receiving or take it for granted and allow it to become routine. Your fine example of participating in Mass and receiving Holy Communion each and every Sunday regularly and reverently serves as a "teachable moment" not only for our First Communion children, but for our entire parish family.

Parents and families have helped these children to understand what we believe about the Eucharist. Although the element of bread and wine appear unchanged in the action of the Sacred Liturgy through what we call "transubstantiation", these elements become the very Body and Blood of Christ. As we witness these children receiving Communion for the first time, today is a wonderful occasion for our entire parish to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ, and to assert our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Please join our staff and me in welcoming all who join us this First Communion weekend. I wish to acknowledge and thank **Barbara Matterazzo**, our Faith Formation Coordinator, for her dedication, enthusiasm and wonderful leadership of our First Communion program; **Angela Langendorfer**, from the faculty of St. Mary Our Mother School; **Amy Barr** and **Maribeth Leipold**, the catechists and aides **Jackie Conklin**, **Lily Barr**, **Kim & Emma Kelly**, **Shirley Lant**, and **Jean Oshetski**. We thank them for their assistance with our children and their families. We thank you, the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for your support of these children and their families as we celebrate today this very

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 6 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, May 7 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Fr. Robert MacNamara - Spaulding family

Wednesday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - their family
10:30 AM (Hickory Knoll) Special Intention

Thursday, May 9 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Pablo & Elisea Atienza - Macapinlac family

Friday, May 10 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Dr. Blanche Borzell - Spaulding family

Saturday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

5:00 PM For all mothers - living & deceased

Sunday, May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM For all mothers - living & deceased
10:30 AM For all mothers - living & deceased
5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

special First Communion Day. It is a great day for our parish!

Have a great week. Continue to celebrate these Easter days of new life and grace. Se you in church!

Fr. L.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Anniversary Celebration

Father Scott Kubinski and Father Richard Farrell will celebrate the 35th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood today, May 5th. The celebration will begin with Mass at St. Mary Church, Franklin Street, Elmira at 11:30 a.m., presided by Bishop Emeritus Matthew H. Clark, the bishop who ordained both Father Scott and Father Rick. A reception will immediately follow Mass in St. Mary gym.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to both Father Scott and Father Rick on this happy milestone.

Catholic Women: Is There Reason To Hope?

Saturday, June 1st from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is the conference gathering of women and men to hear recent developments at national and international levels to celebrate women's gifts of faith in action, at the SSJ Motherhouse, 150 French Road, Rochester, with FutureChurch executive director Deborah Rose-Milavev. The day includes morning refreshments and lunch. Your \$25.00 registration fee can be mailed along with your name and contact information to Karen Costello, 357 Marion St., Rochester, NY 14610. Please submit by May 22nd. Scholarships are available by written request. Email Karen at DontThrowInTheTowel@gmail.com with any questions.

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 14th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. This month's topic is "*How Grief Affects Us.*" There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

Wedding Jubilee Mass

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of marriage on **Sunday, May 19th** at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 25, 50 or more years are invited to be recognized. Please register at <http://conta.cc/2Ep7Ptw>.

Additionally, as part of the recognition, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50 years or more) to be included, please send an email, or a letter with the following information: Names, church, town where married, wedding date/year and a wedding photo (optional). Submissions are due by **May 6th**.

Email the above information to weddings@CatholicCourier.com or mail to: Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379.

Caring for God's Creation

After the recent introduction in the U.S. Congress of the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019**, Bishop Frank Dewane, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, welcomed the legislation as an important step forward in addressing climate change. He states, "*this bipartisan bill is a hopeful sign that, more and more, climate change is beginning to be seen as a crucial moral issue; one that concerns all people. If enacted, this proposal is expected to result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. At a time when the dangerous effects of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent, the need for legislative solutions like this is more urgent than ever.*"

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for creamed soups for the month of May. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Summer Intensive Program

Our Summer Intensive Religious Education program is scheduled for **July 8 - 19**, (Monday through Friday) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for grades 1 - 7. This is an intensive program and students must be available to attend class daily, both weeks. Registration forms can be found in the church vestibule on the shelves next to the bulletin board, or requested electronically from the Faith Formation Office.

It takes lots of volunteers to make this program happen. If you (adult or High School student) would like to have the opportunity to share your faith with the children of our parish, and you have these two weeks free to volunteer, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 739-8214 or smomfaithformation@gmail.com. We welcome your gifts and talents. This is a great opportunity for high school students who are in need of volunteer hours for next year.

Please note: Young people entering 8th grade in the fall and have completed the 7th grade religion program will be eligible to begin Confirmation preparation in September. Registration forms for Confirmation preparation are also available on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Christ our Teacher,
you conveyed your message through
parables and proclamations,
through mighty deeds and miracles,
through silence, sacrifice, and love.

On this National Teacher Day,
may all educators be inspired
by your example
of patient invitation to truth.

Grant them the grace
to lead by example,
to teach with wisdom and authority,
and to treat every child with dignity.
May they be strengthened
to continue
in this necessary work
for the Kingdom of God.

Amen.

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