



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 19, 2019

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Monday evening, May 20th, our parish will join other parishes from our area in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for thirty candidates and their families. **Bishop Salvatore Mantano** will preside at this celebration at St. Mary Church, 155 State Street, Corning, New York. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to join in the Confirmation liturgy which begins at 7:00 p.m.

We ask for your continued prayers and support for these young people as they prepare to receive this sacrament. The following are the confirmation candidates from St. Mary Our Mother:

<i>Aaron Aepelbacher</i>	<i>Catherine Kurniawan</i>
<i>William Aepelbacher</i>	<i>Claire Lewis</i>
<i>Nicholas Alvernaz</i>	<i>Luccianno Menard</i>
<i>Gavin Arnold</i>	<i>Jacob Menzi</i>
<i>Bethany Balster</i>	<i>Nathan Murray</i>
<i>Emmalie Barkley</i>	<i>Emily Nguyen</i>
<i>Lily Barr</i>	<i>Nickolas Parker</i>
<i>Liam Bond</i>	<i>Atalyia Rijo</i>
<i>Emily Bonsignore</i>	<i>Liam Scarselletta</i>
<i>Eric Bukowski</i>	<i>Nathaniel Tenbus</i>
<i>Maxwell Cousin</i>	<i>Luke Thomas</i>
<i>Brenna Gavin</i>	<i>Anna Velasquez</i>
<i>Kathryn Gough</i>	<i>Dakota Warren</i>
<i>Steven Gough</i>	<i>Sean White</i>
<i>Kailey Kirkwood</i>	<i>Bryson Wood</i>

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2019/2020 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus Himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does He become human, but He takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of His life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When He began gaining popularity as a preacher, He still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in His disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, May 20**

6:30 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - chapel
 7:00 PM Confirmation - St. Mary, Corning

Tuesday, May 21

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church
 6:00 PM Quilter's prayer group - school

Thursday, May 23

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Saturday, May 25

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, May 26

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick
 7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Howard Coddington Margaret (Peg) Gallagher
 Fannie Parasiliti William Price
 Jean Ann Smetanka

MEMORIALS**Votive Candle:**

In memory of John Messino - Vern Yonkin

Eucharistic Hosts:

In memory of John Messino - Vern Yonkin

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In loving memory of Larry Madden - Karen & Mark Hagan

In memory of Catherine Kosty & Florence Ruocco - Bob & Marianne Kosty

Chapel Candle Flowers:

In memory of Toni Haner - Ginny Pansero

In memory of deceased members of Pansero family - Ginny Pansero

Blessed Mother – Church:

Special Intention for Kevin - Deloris Sherwood

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

Happy Birthday brother, Doug - Kathy Willes

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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - May 26, 2019****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

IN OUR PARISH**Annual Baby Shower**

Our Social Ministry committee will be sponsoring their annual Baby Shower this weekend, May 18th & 19th and May 25th & 26th. Please bring new, unwrapped baby items to Mass and place them in the bassinets. Monetary donations may also be placed in the box provided. The items received will benefit the Southern Tier Pregnancy and resource Center in Elmira. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

American Flags

As we approach the Memorial Day holiday, we will honor our veterans and service men and women by flying our American flags. Flags are available by calling the school office at 739-9157 or the parish office at 739-3817.

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).

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

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

In the next couple of weeks, we will welcome a number of children into our Church community through the Sacrament of Baptism. It is always a special time whenever we can welcome new members into our faith community. From time to time it is advantageous to review certain guidelines and expectations that the Church has in regards to its sacramental life. Today I would like to share information about the Sacrament of Baptism, particularly those who serve in the role of godparent.

A **godparent**, in partnership with the parents, helps the child grow and mature in the Christian faith, giving witness by their own lives and practice of what it means to be Catholic. The godparent position is not an honorary one, but a practical and serious responsibility, extending through the time the baptized person becomes an adult. In the Rite of Baptism, the parents of the child to be baptized are reminded: *"It will be your duty to bring this child up in the practice of the faith, to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"* Once they have said, "Yes," the godparents are asked, *"Are you ready and willing to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?"* As they answer in the affirmative, the godparents accept the responsibility of helping to raise the child in the knowledge of God and in the practice of the faith.

The qualifications for serving as a godparent for Baptism or Confirmation are set by the Church. To fulfill the role of a godparent or sponsor, the person must be: a fully initiated Catholic, that is, the aspiring sponsor has been baptized and confirmed, and received the Eucharist; at least sixteen years of age (unless there is an extraordinary reason for someone younger); and living a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and its expectations. A baptized person of another Christian denomination or tradition may serve as a Christian witness to the baptism with a Catholic sponsor.

It is up to the parents and pastor to insure that these qualifications are met. Here is where some potential problems may arise. Often parents themselves are not actively participating in the practice of their faith. While they have faith in their hearts and truly want their child to be baptized, they are not always expressing and deepening their own faith life through the participation at Sunday Mass and in the sacraments of the Church. While we never sit in judgement of another, and try our best to be a welcoming community, these are some of the challenges we face. This is one reason we require a **Baptism Preparation Class** before baptism. This class can be taken even prior to the birth of the child. Second, we often find that potential godparents have not been confirmed, are not practicing the faith themselves, and some are not even baptized. We are required to ask that potential godparents or sponsors provide documentation stating the person's qualifications for being a godparent. Third, some parents wish to have multiple godparents for their child's baptism. The Church requires only one, preferably two (a godfather and a godmother).

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 20 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM For the special intentions of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

Tuesday, May 21 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Ann Ponzi - Joe Skorczewski

Wednesday, May 22 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch
10:30 AM (Bethany Manor) Special Intention

Thursday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM William Dunn - Spaulding family

Friday, May 24 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Florence Ruocco - Marianne & Bob Kosty

Saturday, May 25 - Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Dorisanne Reed - Sally Douglas

Sunday, May 26 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Pablo & Elisea Atienza - Macapinlac family
10:30 AM Ann Ponzi - Mary, Queen of Peace
5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

Godparents and sponsors stand as a witness to the fact that the entire Church sponsors the child in the faith and will take its role in witnessing to the Catholic faith as the child grows, matures, and participates in the Church's life through the parish, the Church's sacraments and programs.

Baptism must never be considered as a private, family affair. Nor is it a cultural event. Baptism is an act of faith; an act of prayer; an act of the whole Church. It is an act of Christ, as the newly baptized are embraced by the grace and spirit of Christ, and take their place in the community of Christian believers. Baptism is the first step in a person's life-long journey of faith. Strengthened by the other sacraments of the Church, and nourished often by the sacrament of the Eucharist, we continue to grow in the very life of Christ himself.

Have a great week. Continue to celebrate this final week of the Easter season. See you in church!

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

CMA Annual Appeal

The 2018/2019 CMA annual appeal ends soon. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services, and ministries that strengthen our whole Church.

Why is it important that I give to the Appeal? From the very beginnings of the faith and the earthly ministry of Our Lord, our Church has depended on the faithful to provide their time and energy, skills and gifts in building the Kingdom of God. Without financial support, we could not adequately teach our young, help our old, feed our poor, maintain our churches and other buildings, or provide for our priests. The Body of Christ's only real means of support is through the generosity of its members. Thank you for your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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.

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."*

Attention Camp Stella Maris Camper Alumni

Were you a CSM camper between 1926-1969? We'd love to have you back to Camp for our 2019 Alumni Gathering on **Tuesday, June 25th!** We are looking to show our camper alumni everything that's changed, and everything that's remained the same about CSM over the years. We will be hosting two gatherings that day; a breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and a dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to either event by calling 585-346-2243 or emailing Samantha@campstellamaris.org.

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!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel Jesus make a bold and clear statement to His disciples. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those "others" we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus' love command. How often do we heed Jesus' love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command?

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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.



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