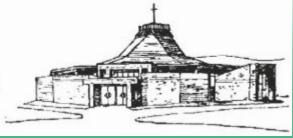


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MISSION STATEMENT

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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July 14, 2019

SUMMER MISSION APPEAL

Each year, the Diocesan Office for the Propagation of the Faith requests that parishes invite an associate of a religious community, mission diocese, or another organization involved in missionary work to make a formal appeal for financial support of their mission endeavors.

This weekend, July 13th and 14th, we welcome Father Rijo Jose, O. Carm, who is with us to tell us about the mission work of the Carmelites. The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, provide housing for orphans and rejected seniors, and conduct spiritual and religious formation. The mission efforts of the Carmelites are present in almost forty countries on five continents, including Zimbabwe in Africa and in areas of India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Papua, New Guinea.

One hundred percent of funds raised go directly to their missionaries who distribute and monitor the use of these funds. Please make your check payable to St. Mary Our Mother, with the word 'mission' in the memo field. We will be forwarding one check to the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith to support the mis-

sion work of the Carmelites.

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.

NURSING HOME EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday, July 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in the rectory meeting room for all who bring the Eucharist to the ElCor Nursing facilities (Maple Creek, Hickory Knoll & Colonial Ridge), the Bethany facilities (the Courtyards & Manor), and the Appleridge Senior Living facility. Those who bring Communion to these facilities are asked to attend. We are in need of more volunteers to assist in this on-going ministry of our parish. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, please join us for this meeting.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's Gospel turns our attention to one of Jesus' most familiar stories, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about living how God intended us to live: to acknowledge God's divine love and compassion lavished upon us, and to extend that love and compassion upon others without reservation. We can find a lot of reasons for not stopping to help someone. We can talk ourselves out of being Good Samaritans. Strangers are not our responsibility, or are they? Good stewards understand that God's mercy is a gift that must be shared, and that doing the right thing, acting as Jesus would act toward others, is the only course of action for one who lives according to the demands of the Gospel. How might you be a Good Samaritan this week?

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! The monies we collected help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How To Give" link on the left.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 15

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school

Tuesday, July 16

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school

Thursday, July 18

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program -

Friday, July 19

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school

Saturday, July 20

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, July 21

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Katie Mandeville Richard Usherwood William Waite

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle:

In memory of Ronald Schroth - Cathy & David Peckham

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Main Altar Arrangement:

Nadia Elizabeth Lopez, forever in our hearts - Bill & Pam Kiefer

Chapel Candle Flowers:

In loving memory of Eileen Collier - Ray & Jeanne Carney In thanksgiving - Spaziani family

Blessed Mother - Church:

In loving memory of Ann - Phil Ponzi

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

Special Intention - Patti Rosettie

FLOWER DONATION 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 - July 21, 2019 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

IN OUR PARISH

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).

Prayers & Squares Quilting Group

The Prayers & Squares Quilting group makes beautiful quilts for our parishioners' ill family members and friends. Jobs involved in creating a quilt include: cutting, pinning, ironing, and sewing. Completed quilt tops are taken to St. Mary Our Mother School and members work with the 5th graders to tie the quilts together, and then on a separate occasion, members join with the 4th graders to pray the Rosary over the finished quilts. Finally, the quilts are blessed at Mass and offered to people to take to someone who is ill. Our fellowship group meets from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month at St. Mary Our Mother School starting in September. The summer location for July & August is different, please call Wilma Sullivan or Donna Hammond (numbers listed below) for information on summer location. experience is necessary to join our group, and you may work for as long as you choose during our scheduled time. We hope you will consider joining us. For any questions, please contact Wilma Sullivan at 731-8085 or Donna Hammond at 796-5223.

Mass Intention

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.

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

One of the many ministries which we are blessed to have at St. Mary Our Mother is the number of people who bring Holy Communion to our area hospitals, nursing facilities, and senior living communities. Each Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, a communion service is conducted at the Appleridge Senior Living Community by one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. The service consists of the reading of the Sunday scripture readings, with the distribution of Holy Communion for those who are unable to join us for Sunday Mass. In addition, these ministers from our parish, as well as the parish in Elmira, bring Communion on a regular basis to patients at Arnot Ogden and St. Joseph Hospitals.

We also have our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who bring Holy Communion on a weekly basis to the nursing home residents at the Maple Creek, Hickory Knoll, and Colonial Ridge units of the ElCor Nursing and Rehabilitation facility, as well as to the Bethany Courtyard and Manor facilities. In addition, we offer Mass at Maple Creek, Hickory Knoll, Bethany Courtyard and Manor once every other month from September through June.

The ministry of bringing the Eucharist to the sick has its roots in the ministry of the early Church. The principal purpose and reason the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle in church, in the case of our church, the Eucharistic Chapel, is not for the private devotion of the faithful, but so the sick, the imprisoned, and the homebound may share in the benefits of Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) and be strengthened in faith. I am very grateful to our faithful and generous parishioners who provide this wonderful ministry to our people.

There are also a number of people who bring the sacrament of the Eucharist to family members or parishioners who are unable to join us for Mass on a regular basis. The visitation and bringing the Eucharist to the sick is part of our baptismal responsibility as we serve our brothers and sister. Your parish staff and your pastor are always concerned about the status of the sick and homebound of our parish. With the recent passing of the "HIPPA" patient privacy laws, it is very easy for us to lose contact with the sick. An occasional update from family members and those who bring communion to the homebound is always appreciated. It needs to be noted that when communion is brought to the sick or homebound, the Eucharistic Minister should see to it that the person receives the sacrament in a "timely manner."

On Tuesday, July 23rd at 9:30 a.m., in the rectory meeting room, there will be a short meeting of all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who are involved in our parish's ministry to local nursing homes. If you would like to join this group of dedicated volunteers, or are interested in learning more about this ministry, please join us. We are looking for additional volunteers to assist us in this outreach to the sick. Training will be provided. In the fall, we will offer training sessions for those who would like to become a Eucharistic minister for our Sunday Masses. What are the qualifications to be considered as a candidate for this

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family **Tuesday, July 16 - Weekday** 6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, July 17 - Weekday

6:45 AM Roger Dewey - Matty & Olga Princiotto

Thursday, July 18 - Weekday

6:45 AM Arthur Spaulding - Spaulding family

Friday, July 19 - Weekday

6:45 AM Angela Pansero - daughter, Ginny

Saturday, July 20 - Weekday

5:00 PM Robert Roberti - sister, Rita

Sunday, July 21 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Gene Harrison - Dobek family 10:30 AM Ann Ponzi - Theresa Tiberia

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

ministry? A person needs "to be a person whose good qualities of Christian life, faith, and morals recommend them." The candidate must also be sixteen years of age, an active and participating member of the parish, fully initiated into the Catholic Church; (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). This ministry is a wonderful way to serve our parish!

Have a great week, and enjoy these days of July. See you in church!

Fr. L.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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 canned fruit for the month of July. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

A Look Back and a Look Forward on Climate Change

Despite challenges to addressing climate change in this current political climate, the US Catholic community advocated significant steps to support our brothers and sisters around the world in building greater resilience to climate shocks and the changing climate that disproportionately affect those living in poverty. We helped motivate 88 members in the House of Representatives to join the Climate Solutions Caucus. We also helped to reauthorize the Farm Bill which maintained and improved international food security programs that promote sustainable farming practices and the care of the earth, our common home.

Let our U.S. House Representative Tom Reed (654-7566) know you are concerned about climate change/disruption here at home and globally. Ask if he joined the Caucus?

Caring for God's Creation

The average U.S. worker uses about 500 throw-away cups per year. Please try to bring a reusable cup with you and please try to avoid foam cups. Coffee shops are often willing to fill your reusable cup rather than using a throw-away cup. "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change." ~ Pope Francis

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 (Venice, Fl), 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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation Preparation

The Confirmation preparation process is a two-year program as determined by the Diocese of Rochester. If you have a student entering 8th grade or above in the fall who would like to begin their preparation for Confirmation, registration forms are available in the vestibule or contact the Faith Formation office at smomfaithformation@gmail.com or at 739-8214 to request a form.

Pre-registration is required. Registration forms can be emailed, mailed to St. Mary Our Mother, Faith Formation Office, 816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY 14845 or dropped off at the parish office.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

Are you planning a summer party or graduation party? Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the poor. You can drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call Barbara at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

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EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

What does it mean to give of yourself completely, without reservation, without fear, and without a concern for the cost? Should it matter if the person who needs us is unlike us in skin color, religion, or nationality? What does real mercy look like?

Jesus answered these questions beautifully in perhaps the greatest of the stewardship parables, the story of the Good Samaritan. Here a Judean traveler has been attacked, beaten, and left for dead on the side of the road. Others see him, but the cost to them to stop and help is too great. It is a Samaritan, one who is despised by most in the area, that stops, and he gives of his time, talent, and treasure to help the poor victim.

Where the Samaritan was going we cannot know for sure, but he stopped to give his time to the beaten man. Using oil and wine, he bandaged the wounds. Not everyone has the knowledge and skills to care for someone in this manner. Here, he gave of his talent. Then he placed the man on his own animal and carried him to an inn the rest of the day. The following day he pays the innkeeper, yet leaves explaining that if the payment is not enough, when he travels back on through he will repay him whatever the cost. Of course, here he shares his treasure.

The sharing of these things is profound enough, but it is the statement of his willingness to pay whatever the balance is that elevates this tale to an ultimate example of stewardship.

The Samaritan does not care how high the cost. He will give whatever is needed. This is mature discipleship, to respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. This is true stewardship.

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