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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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August 4, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs, medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "storing up treasure for ourselves". The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL 15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration has begun for the 15th annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic. The Captain & Crew tournament will be held on **Sunday, September 29th** (12:30 p.m. shot-gun start) at the historic Elmira Country Club. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we invite our school, parish and community partners to help by supporting this event. The day consists of an 18-hole round of golf, a delicious dinner, along with a 50/50 and prize raffle.

Even if you are not a golfer, we invite you to join us for the post-golf dinner and raffles. Sponsors and golfers are asked to submit a registration form, along with payment, to the school office at 811 Westlake Street, Horseheads, NY 14845. Checks should be made payable to *St. Mary Our Mother School*. Registration forms can be found on the table outside of the sacristy in the church or at the school office. Please call the school office at 739-9157 with any questions.



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, August 5**

9:00 AM Summer Art camp - school

Tuesday, August 6

9:00 AM Summer Art camp - school

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 AM Summer Art camp - school

Thursday, August 8

9:00 AM Summer Art camp - school

Friday, August 9

9:00 AM Summer Art camp - school

Saturday, August 10

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, August 11

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary Ann Andrade

Joseph Malorzo

Marilyn Merola

Marie Quach-Le

Peter Wright

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Charles Berry - Dick & Joyce Pirozzolo***Votive Candle:***For the special intentions of Joyce Savino - Ann & George**Gresock and Joan & Chuck Ruhmel***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Richard Rodabaugh - Cindy & Rocky Rumsey***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***In memory of our son, Phillip Oreste Amisano - Richard & Maryanne Amisano**In memory of David & Camille Coble - Lloyd & Claire Coble***Chapel Candle Flowers:***Bless my children - Joyce Yee**In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - his wife, Deloris***Blessed Mother – Church:***In thanksgiving! - Richard & Maryanne Amisano***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***Special Intention - Anita Osborn***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

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - August 11, 2019****19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

IN OUR PARISH**Discover the Catholic Church**

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic? Have you been baptized in another Christian tradition and now want to join the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic but did not follow up with celebrating the other sacraments, but now wish to enter into full membership in the Church? If so, our RCIA program is for you.

What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of learning what the Catholic Church believes and teaches, of growing in one's faith and relationship with God, and of discerning what it means to be a member of the Catholic faith community.

Who typically attends RCIA?

- ~ Those who have never been baptized are interested in the Catholic faith.
- ~ Baptized Christians who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and joining the Catholic Church.
- ~ Those who were baptized Catholic but not fully catechized and not having received Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- ~ Non-Catholics married to Catholics and wanting to more fully understand the Catholic faith.

What are the expectations of the program?

- ~ Weekly participation in a group or individually depending on your prior faith formation.
- ~ Weekly participation at Sunday Mass and reflecting on the Sunday scriptures.
- ~ Spending time with God in prayer and being open to the call of God in your life.

When are RCIA sessions held?

Our RCIA groups for the fall are now forming. Sessions will begin on **Tuesday, September 17th** and continue until the end of April. Classes for adults (ages fourteen and up) will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and classes for youth (ages 8 to 13) will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, to register for classes, or to just talk about the process needed for your situation, please contact Liz Berliner at home at 796-9702 or at eberliner43@gmail.com.

If you know anyone who might benefit from such a program, please share this information with them.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I would like to use this space today to share a recent document from the **United States Council of Catholic Bishops** on the immigration issues taking place at the southern border of our country. The recent photo of the father and baby daughter who drowned crossing the Rio Grande inspired **Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo**, President of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops and **Bishop Joe S. Vasquez** of Austin, Chairperson of the USCCB Committee on Migration to issue this statement entitled:

U.S. Bishops Decry Inhumane Conditions for Children in federal Custody at the Border

We join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis I in immense sadness, having seen horrific images of Oscar Martinez and his daughter Angie Valeria, who died in the Rio Grande Valley while attempting to flee persecution and enter the United States. This image silences politics. Who can look on this picture and not see the results of the failures of all of us to find a humane and just solution to the immigration crisis? Sadly, this picture shows the daily plight of our brothers and sisters. Not only does their cry reach heaven, it reaches us. And it must now reach our federal government.

All people, regardless of their country or origin or legal status, are made in the image and likeness of God and should be treated with dignity and respect. Recent reports of over-crowded and unsanitary conditions are appalling and unacceptable for any person in United States custody, but particularly for children who are uniquely vulnerable. Such conditions cannot be used as tools of deterrence. We can and we must remain a country that provides refuge for children and families fleeing violence, persecution, and acute poverty.

Congress has a duty to provide additional funding to address the needs of children in federal custody. Their supplemental appropriations bill should increase protections for immigrant children, including heightened standards and oversight for border facilities. It is possible and necessary to care for the safety of immigrant children and the security of our citizens. By putting aside partisan interests, a nation as great as ours is able to do both.

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You may wish to contact our senators and representatives and encourage them to take action to Oppose Inhumane Detention Conditions for Immigrants and Widespread Enforcement Actions. But most importantly, you can pray to the Holy Spirit that the Spirit may open our hearts and strengthen us to carry out God's work with compassion, devotion, and love.

Enjoy this first full week of August. See you in church!

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 5 - Weekday

6:45 AM Phillip Amisano - Mom and Dad & family

Tuesday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:45 AM Helen Linsler - nieces & nephews

Wednesday, August 7 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family

Friday, August 9 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

Saturday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

5:00 PM Peter Burdulis - his family

Sunday, August 11 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Deceased members of Navone & Rossi families - Mary Navone

10:30 AM Walter Grabowski (25th anniversary) - wife, Mary Anna & family

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.

Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either.

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.

On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

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, during the school year, 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 anyone 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. No 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.

Prayer for Military

We lift up in prayer each day those who are serving our country, especially those in harm's way.

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.

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!

REGIONAL EVENTS

Local Back To School Drive

Catholic Charities and EOP (Equal Opportunity Program) will be collecting new school supplies from now until August 12th to help local students prepare for a successful school year. Drop off locations in Chemung Country include: Ferrario Ford, Horseheads; Five Star Bank, Horseheads; Panosian's Famous Shoes, Elmira; Parmenter Tire, Horseheads; SPCA, Elmira; Purple Iris, Horseheads; Treu Office Supply, Elmira; and our local libraries. For a complete list of needed items, please see our Church bulletin board.

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 salmon or fish 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!

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

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MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Jean Yorio**, School Principal
- Mr. Richard O'Lenick**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner**, RCIA Coordinator
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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CONTACT INFORMATION

- Parish Office**
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- Parish Web Site.....www.StMaryOurMother.com
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street (607)-739-9157
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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

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

Diocesan Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Newsletter

The summer quarterly diocesan CASE newsletter is available online at <https://www.dor.org/protecting-our-children/newsletters/>. There are also copies available in the vestibule of the church.

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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