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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 11, 2019

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday of this week, **August 15th**, is the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule for our region is as follows:

Wednesday, August 14th

5:30 p.m. - *St. Mary*

Thursday, August 15

6:45 a.m. - *St. Mary Our Mother*

8:00 a.m. - *St. Patrick*

12:05 p.m. - *St. Peter & Paul*

5:30 p.m. - *St. Mary Our Mother*

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 fund-raisers 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 are located 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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogma until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, August 12**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Saturday, August 17

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, August 18

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary Augustina Aviles

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of deceased members of the John Palladino - family***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In memory of Robert & Mary Lou Tremaine - Joan & Barry Sawester***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***Our wedding anniversary - Mary & Bob Kuhnel**In memory of Etta & Arnold Jerome - Giuliana Calderone***Chapel Arrangements:***In memory of Raymond E. Benedict - wife, Mary Ellen**Special intention of Bill Dominikoski - his many friends***Blessed Mother – Church:***In loving memory of Ann - Philip Ponzi***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***Happy Birthday, Dr. Barbara Mix - JoAnne Belloma***Credence Table (behind main altar):***Thanks to God, Happy Birthday, Mom - Suann Maio***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!

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 18, 2019****20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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

Last weekend our nation experienced two incidents of gun violence with the horrific shootings in both El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. In the aftermath of these tragic events, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following statements, which I would like to share with you:

USCCB Statement on the Dayton, Ohio Tragedy:

“We extend our condolences to the families and friends of those murdered in Dayton last night. The lives lost confront us with a terrible truth. We can never again believe that mass shootings are an isolated exception. They are an epidemic against life that we must, in justice, face. God’s mercy and wisdom compel us to move toward preventative action. We encourage all Catholics to increased prayer and sacrifice for healing and the end of these shootings. We encourage Catholics to pray and raise their voices for needed changes to our national policy and national culture as well. We call on all relevant committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to outline a reinvigorated policy agenda and pastoral campaign to address ways we can help fight this social disease that has infected our nation. The Conference has long advocated for reasonable gun laws and increased resources for addressing the root cause of violence. We also call upon the president and congress to set aside political interests and find ways to better protect innocent life.”

USCCB Statement on the El Paso, Texas Tragedy:

“This Saturday, less than one week after the horrific instances of gun violence in California, yet another terrible, senseless and inhumane shooting took place, this time at a shopping mall in El Paso, Texas. Something remains fundamentally evil in our society when locations where people congregate to engage in the everyday activities of life can, without warning, become scenes of violence and contempt for human life. The plague that gun violence has become continues unchecked and spreads across our country. Things must change. Once again, we call for effective legislation that addresses why these unimaginable and repeated occurrences of murderous gun violence continue to take place in our communities. As people of faith, we continue to pray for all the victims, and for healing in all these stricken communities. But action is also needed to end these abhorrent acts.”

The bishops ask us to continue to pray for the victims of these senseless acts of violence and for all who suffer as a result of hatred and violence in our world. May we also pray for the end of all violence and for greater peace throughout our world.

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, August 12 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Bernadette Dunn - Spaulding family

Tuesday, August 13 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

6:45 AM Daniel Woodard - his wife, Peggy

Thursday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Mills family - family

5:30 PM Ann Ponzi - husband, Phil & family

Friday, August 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Mass of thanksgiving on the 50th wedding anniversary of Mary Susan & Joseph Skelly

Saturday, August 17 - Weekday

5:00 PM Henry & Josephine Ryan - Jim & Mary Carr & family

Sunday, August 18 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Norma Burgio - Dobek family

10:30 AM Judi Lynch - husband, Ben

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

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.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Local Back To School Drive

Catholic Charities and EOP (Equal Opportunity Program) will be collecting new school supplies from now until tomorrow, **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

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

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? 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Food Bank of the Southern Tier

St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group will be volunteering at the Food Bank on **Thursday, August 29th** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to help sort and repack food and grocery items for distribution to neighbors in need throughout the Southern Tier. This event is open to all students entering 5th-12th grade.

If you would like to help, please register on the Food Bank website for the "St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group" time slot. Please feel free to call 739-8214 or email smomfaithformation@gmail.com with any questions.

We hope to see you there!



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