



# 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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September 15, 2019

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

Our Religious Education classes begin on the following dates:

**Tuesday Program** - September 17th at  
3:45 - 5:00 p.m. in the parish school

**Home Study** - Thursday, September 19th -  
kick-off meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Chapel

To register, please complete a registration form. For questions, please contact Barbara Matterazzo at 739-8214 or [smomfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformation@gmail.com).



## 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 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 opposite the church bulletin board or at the school office. Please call the school office at 739-9157 with any questions.



Our **Children's Choir** rehearsals began last **Thursday, September 12th** from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. in the church. All students in grades 2 - 6 are invited to join. Sign up forms are at the back of the church and may be returned through the collection basket or directly to the parish or school offices. The Children's Choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass every first weekend of the month throughout the school year. They also sing at Lessons and Carols, the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass, and Palm and Easter Sundays.

The **Youth Choir** - singers from grades 7-12 are invited to join. Rehearsals begin today, **September 15th** at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Cathy Peckham if you are interested.

The **Resurrection Choir** provides music for all our funeral liturgies. If you are interested in joining, please contact Cathy at 739-3817.

**New cantors and instrumentalists** are encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Cathy at 739-3817.

## 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, September 16**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - school

**Tuesday, September 17**

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

6:00 PM Sacramental prep - First Reconciliation,  
make up - school

6:00 PM Quilter's Prayer group - school

7:00 PM RCIA - school

**Thursday, September 19**

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

6:00 PM Parent/student Home Study meeting - chapel

**Saturday, September 21**

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

**Sunday, September 22**

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

6:00 PM Confirmation candidate meeting - school

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Lillian Ante

Jimmy Branciforte

Terry Cullen

Jack Dunlavey

Tom Keagle

Patrick Kelley

Allen Lampman

Rev. Vincent Langan

Sergio Lazzaris

Sandra Mentuck

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Tom Cincebox - Cathy & David Peckham***Votive Candle:***For Loretta Deats as she celebrates her 90th birthday -  
her many friends***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Bill Cantando and Fr. Mac - the  
Cantando family***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***Happy Birthday, granddaughter, Kirstin Amisano - Love,  
Grammy & Poppy***Chapel Candle Flowers:***In loving memory of Bill Cantando - Liz & family**In honor of Nicholas' 3rd birthday - Love, Mommy, Daddy  
& Andrew***Blessed Mother – Church:***In memory of Mom & Dad - Suann Maio***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***In memory of Sam Pansero - Ginny Pansero***SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - September 22, 2019****25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

**IN OUR PARISH****Where Does Our Donated Food Go?**

In the vestibule of our Church, there is a food cart to collect donations of food for those in need. All food goes to the Horseheads Food Pantry which is located in the Horseheads Presbyterian Church Annex. This pantry began back in 1982 and was originally located in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the Village of Horseheads. Several years ago it moved and became housed in its present location. The pantry is supported by seven Christian churches: Breesport Methodist, Community Wesleyan, First United Methodist, Horseheads Presbyterian, Pine Valley Methodist, St. Mary Our Mother Catholic and St. Matthew's Episcopal churches.

The pantry serves the families of the Horseheads School District, Elmira Heights, and the outlying rural areas such as Erin, Breesport and Montour Falls. Its clients are generally able to receive food once a month, but are able to receive more often in emergency or extenuating circumstances. Most of the food given out is food that is donated through voluntary collections at each of the churches, and occasionally by other organizations. Some other food items needed, but not necessarily donated, can be bought from the Food Bank by the pantry with donated funds. It is also through this pantry that we at St. Mary Our Mother obtain access to the families and individuals whom we serve through our Christmas Basket program.

The Horseheads Food Pantry has two co-directors, Kathy McNulty and Janice Kinney, who have been doing this for many years. Monetary donations may be brought or sent to the Horseheads Food Pantry at Horseheads Presbyterian Church, 2943 Westinghouse Road, Horseheads. If you encounter people in need of help, please share this information with them. The pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2:00 p.m. Also, remember, you are welcome to visit the pantry and look around during these hours. We thank our parishioners who have been supporting the pantry with their donations of food and funds.

**Prayer for Military**

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

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**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Today I would like to share with you a letter from Bishop Emeritus Matthew H. Clark, which was received just before Labor Day. Due to the early bulletin deadline for last Sunday's bulletin, we were not able to print this until today. With Bishop Clark's blessing, I share with you his letter on his health in its entirety:

*My Friends,*

*I find it difficult to write this letter about a new health concern and I expect that you will find it difficult to read.*

*So, let me get to the point, I have been diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer's disease. I was stunned when my neurologist told me that. I imagine that anyone would be. Here's what led up to that moment.*

*About 16 months ago, I noticed changes in my health that concerned me. Some examples: it takes me considerably longer to accomplish the ordinary tasks of life such as changing my clothes, preparing my breakfast, opening plastic sealed packages, sticking to the task at hand, buttoning just about anything. I have to search for words and often lose my train of thought.*

*Initially, I attributed such things to my neuropathy. That was certainly part of it. But it dawned on me that what I was also dealing with was difficulty in staying focused on what I was doing.*

*I reported all of this to my primary care physician, who referred me to a neurologist. On my first visit the doctor wanted to know more about the experiences I described above and he had several other questions and exercises to test my cognition. A few examples: "What is today's date? Name as many animals you can in 30 seconds. Draw a cube like the one next to it. Draw a clock with all the numbers and locate 10:20 a.m. on the clock. Memorize three words and be ready to repeat them later in our conversation. Count backward from 100 in intervals of 7."*

*In July, the doctor took me through the same battery of tests and they showed a diminishment in cognition since the ones I had taken the year before.*

*In addition to those tests, I had two CT scans of my brain. Both indicated some abnormal brain structures that are hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease.*

*Alzheimer's is a progressive disease. You can't reverse it or retard it. Some can remain in the early stage for quite some time. The doctors advise plenty of sleep, a healthy diet, exercise and socializing as much as possible. I'll be seeing my neurologist again in 3 months.*

*Thank you for your attention to this update. Let me conclude on a more personal note.*

*I have journeyed with you in ministry to the people of our Diocese for 40 years. I have always considered it to be a privilege and an honor.*

*I am grateful for your love, support and encouragement throughout these years both in good times and difficult ones. As I write this, I remember our brother priests who once served with us and have gone before us in faith to their eternal reward.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, September 16 - Ss. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, bishop, Martyrs**

6:45 AM Jenny Joy - husband, Roger

**Tuesday, September 17 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Mary Young - Ray Wawrzusin

**Wednesday, September 18 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family

**Thursday, September 19 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

**Friday, September 20 - Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

6:45 AM Sam Kucko - Megan O'Brien

**Saturday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

5:00 PM Angeline Nenni - Beering family

**Sunday, September 22 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Delores Sano - Sr. Ann Merrill

10:30 AM Larry Madden - Terry & Steve Spaulding

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

*I intend to remain active in ministry as long as my health allows. I look forward to your continued prayers and support in the days and months ahead. I certainly will remember you in my prayers.*

*Please feel free to share this letter with your parishioners and everyone in your pastoral care.*

*Peace and blessing to you.*

*Reverend Matthew H. Clark  
Bishop Emeritus of Rochester*

Please continue to pray for Bishop Clark and for all who suffer with Alzheimer's disease, for their caregivers, and for all those medical professionals and organizations working to enhance their care and treatment.

Have a good week and enjoy these September days. See you in church!

Fr. L.

**IN OUR PARISH OCNTINUED...**

**Thinking of Becoming Catholic?**

If you (or someone you know) are not Catholic and are curious about the Catholic faith, or if you are a baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, we invite you to come to our RCIA sessions. This set of sessions will help to learn what Catholics believe and prepare you to receive the sacraments of the Catholic faith.

These sessions are held in St. Mary Our Mother School and will begin this Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and will meet on every Tuesday in accordance with the Horseheads school calendar. For youth, ages 8 through middle school age, they are from 3:45-5:00 pm. For high schoolers and adults, the session will be held from 7:00-8:30 pm.

If you have questions, are in need of more information, or wish to register, please contact Liz Berliner, RCIA facilitator, at 796-9702.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

This weekend our parish and parishes across the diocese and country will be holding an annual special collection to fund the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make positive and permanent changes to their communities.

"When you join with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, you are helping community development projects led by low income groups to make a difference in their communities," says Bishop David P. Talley, chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The CCHD works with community groups to find solutions to local problems, to create businesses, and to find ways to improve their lives.

In the Southern Tier region of our diocese, the new Chemung County-based group, Man2Man, received a small grant from CCHD in 2018. Man2Man is a diverse group of local men working together and encouraging each other to be engaged and concerned about the local community and about improving their own health and well-being. During the past year, they focused on domestic violence, human trafficking, voter registration, and health issues.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

Thank you for your offering to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development special collection this weekend. If you did not and still wish to donate, please make your donation next weekend and label it CCHD. Thank you.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Discovering God**

St. Mary's Church, 224 Franklin St., Elmira will present a mission series, *Right Here...Right Now, Discovering God* from **Sunday, September 29th** through **Tuesday, October 1st** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Mission director will be Fr. Geoff Rose, OSFS. Sunday's topic is *Finding God in Prayer*, Monday's topic is *Finding God in Life's Decisions & Events*, Tuesday's topic is *Finding God in Relationships & Worshipping Community*.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
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- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
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**Message from Bishop Matano**

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ:

In fidelity to our Catholic faith, we have the right and responsibility to be involved in addressing public policy issues. Our freedom to elect leaders and to engage in political debate comes as a result of the great risks and sacrifices of those who came before us. With appreciation for the efforts of those who have preceded us and worked to preserve religious freedom and our human rights, we need to educate ourselves and make informed decisions about who will lead us. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops remind us in the document, *Faithful Citizenship*: *In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our church but the best traditions of our nation.*

I am grateful to our Public Policy Committee for providing guidance for appropriate ways parishes can be politically engaged and thereby nurture positive political engagements among the faithful. In addition to laying the groundwork for political engagement, this year our Diocesan Public Policy Committee draws our attention to three additional urgent issues:

~ The disturbing promotion of legislation in New York State that would wrongfully allow physicians, whose profession is committed to healing, to end the life of a terminally ill patient.

~ The troubling problem of addiction in all its forms and the Church's role in supporting those who struggle with opioid, alcohol, gambling or other addictions, and their families.

~ The need for state funding to support essential infrastructure improvements in non-public schools.

Our own lives, our communities and the institutions we love are all impacted by the choices made by elected officials and legislative bodies. I encourage you to reflect on your Catholic faith and be educated about candidates and issues so that your informed conscience may guide you to make loving, life-giving choices in the political arena.

Rejoicing in God's gift of life, I remain,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano  
Bishop of Rochester

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