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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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HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2020

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior of the Class of 2020 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

- Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;*
- is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;*
- is a positive role model for peers and younger children;*
- is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother Parish.*

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form including the nominee’s name, address, telephone number, and high school, along with examples of the above mentioned criteria. These registration forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. The date nominations are due in the parish office is **Monday, December 2nd**.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York, every parish corporation is to have an annual meeting to supply information to the parish at large with regard to financial and legal issues. This annual meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 6th** immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in our church. At this meeting, a summary of the 2018/2019 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. In addition, the chairperson of our Finance Council, **Mr. Shane Alsworth**, our Business Manager, **Mr. Richard O’Lenick**, area Finance Director, **Mr. David Quinn**, and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of animals on **Friday, October 4th** at 6:00 p.m. in the east parking lot (near the playground area) of St. Mary Our Mother Church. All pets and their owners are welcome! To provide a safe environment for all who attend this event, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL 15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic will be held next **Sunday, September 29th** (12:30 p.m. shot-gun start) at the Elmira Country Club. The Captain & Crew tournament 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.

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 23**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, September 24

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

6:00 PM Quilter's Group - school

7:00 PM RCIA - school

Wednesday, September 25

6:00 PM Welcome dinner - school

Thursday, September 26

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Saturday, September 28

6:00 AM AMBA Blood screening - school

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, September 29

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Robert (Tom) Cullen

Lance Ordway

Janet Pierri

Charles Todd

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***For the youth of the Palladino/Rogus families - Palladino family***Votive Candle:***In loving memory of Tommy Margeit - Louise & Ed Oksinski***Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of Sonia Ewsuk Palladino and son, Mark - Palladino family***Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Tommy Margeit - Mom & Dad***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***In thanksgiving for our anniversary - Jonas & Ellen Bankaitis***Chapel Candle Flowers:***In loving memory of Mom, Grandma & GG (Teresa Mallette on her birthday) - Linda Gardner & family***Blessed Mother – Church:***In loving memory of Mom & Mike - Joyce Murray***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***In loving memory of Mom - Skip Root***SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - September 29, 2019**

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

IN OUR PARISH**A Note of Appreciation**

Many parishioners may not be aware that St. Mary Our Mother church serves lunch, once a month, at the Elmira Community Kitchen. For many years, **Jubilee Foods** has blessed us with their generosity by donating desserts for our team, each and every month. Their act of kindness has helped feed 75-100 people in the area. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jubilee Foods for their ongoing support. We sincerely appreciate all they do to support our church and our community!

Do You Need Help With Falling Leaves?

The St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group is hoping to help their neighbors in need with a little fall clean up on **Saturday, October 26th**. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our Faith Formation office at smomfaithformation@gmail.com or 739-8214.

If you are a student in 5th-12th grade and wish to help with this event, please contact the Faith Formation office to sign up.

Christmas Basket Coordinators

The Social Ministry Committee will be meeting with families at the Horseheads Food Pantry. To provide Christmas dinner for these families and gifts for the children, Coordinators are needed. Coordinators phone the families and put meat and gift tags on the trees. They make certain that the meat has been purchased and all gifts are under the tree by the appointed date.

For additional information, please call Patti Rosettie at 873-7545 or Lisa Feist at 329-4346. Also, there is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board. Coordinators who helped last year will be called by a Social Ministry member.

Cemetery Clean Up

Please remove all spring and summer decorations from the cemetery by **Sunday, November 3rd**. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 3rd.

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

Last weekend we celebrated Catechetical Sunday, a day when we acknowledge and affirm the many dedicated people who serve as teachers and catechists in the various faith formation programs of our parish. These dedicated individuals include our teachers in the Tuesday Faith Formation program, kindergarten through Grade 6; the Home Study program, the Summer Intensive program held each July; our parish's sacramental programs for First Eucharist, First Penance, and the two year Confirmation process; and our Children's Liturgy of the Word program. Today is also a day to affirm those who serve as teachers at St. Mary Our Mother School, Holy Family School, and Notre Dame Junior & Senior High School.

In this column two weeks ago, mention was made of our principal, teachers, and staff which comprise St. Mary Our Mother School. With our Faith Formation programs beginning last week, I would like to acknowledge and thank those who give of their time and talent in serving our parish in this most important ministry:

Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo	<i>Coordinator of Faith Formation</i>
Mrs. Amy Barr	<i>Faith Formation Associate</i>
Mrs. Maribeth Leipold	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner	<i>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>
Religious Education teachers - Kindergarten through 6	
<i>Coleen Bukowinski</i>	<i>Jean Oshetski</i>
<i>Jackie Conklin</i>	<i>Megan Puylara</i>
<i>Shirley Lant</i>	<i>Jacquie Shope</i>
<i>Maribeth Leipold</i>	<i>Betsy Surosky</i>
	<i>Sara Yorio</i>

Home Study - grades K through 7

<i>Amy Barr</i>	<i>Barbara Matterazzo</i>
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Confirmation preparation

<i>Amy Barr</i>	<i>Barbara Matterazzo</i>
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

<i>Amy Barr</i>	<i>Barbara Matterazzo</i>
<i>Paula Ksionzyk</i>	<i>Hanne O'Donnell</i>
<i>Maribeth Leipold</i>	<i>Jacquie Shope</i>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, September 24 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jack Purcell - Jane & Joe Gallagher

Wednesday, September 25 - Weekday

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

Thursday, September 26 - Weekday

6:45 AM Charles Berry - his cousins

Friday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

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

Saturday, September 28 - Weekday

5:00 PM Earl Lantzy - Jeanne & Ray Carney

Sunday, September 29 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Claire Navone Pitts - her family

10:30 AM Mary Ann Kane - Patricia & Richard Burdulis

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

Our sincere thank you to these dedicated people who serve our parish in this important work of helping our children, young people, and adults grow in deeper appreciation, understanding, and love of our Catholic faith. I also thank those who serve as the first teachers of their children in the ways of our faith - our parents!

Have a great week, and enjoy this final, full week of September. See you in church!

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

United Way

Please remember to “write in” St. Mary Our Mother School on your United Way pledge card. We thank our many parents and grandparents who do remember us each year with a write-in pledge. However, other United Way donors do not realize that St. Mary Our Mother School is an option. The “window” for making election is open for Corning, Inc. from now through October 11th.

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 began Tuesday, September 17th and will meet on every Tuesday in accordance with the Horseheads school calendar. For youth, ages 8 through middle school age, the sessions 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

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*.

Respect Life Mass

A Respect Life Mass, Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life, will be held on **Sunday, October 6th**, at 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on “How to Give” on the left.

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 potatoes for the month of September. 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*

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
- Mrs. Jeanne Carney**, Facilities Coordinator
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Mrs. Kim Roemmelt**, School Secretary
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Todd Stewart**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls His disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." This week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Diocesan Creating a Safe Environment (CASE)
Newsletter**

The 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.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

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 Horseheads Food Pantry. 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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