



# 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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October 20, 2019

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st, at 5:30 p.m.** During this liturgy, we will remember all those who have died from our parish since November, 2018, and will remember each of the departed by name. If you have a family member or friend who passed away during the last twelve months whose funeral was not at St. Mary Our Mother and would like their name included, please contact the parish office. All are invited to this liturgy as we pray for our departed loved ones, and offer support to their families and friends.

The Book of Remembrance will be placed next to the Paschal Candle in the narthex beginning the weekend of October 26/27th. You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in this book, which will remain near the Paschal Candle during the month of November.

## ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

In your current packet of envelopes, there is an All Souls Day envelope, on which you may write the names of your deceased loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the chapel altar during the month of November. Your intentions will be remembered in all liturgies during the month of November and throughout the year in Masses listed for "Our Faithful Departed".

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith - to bring the Gospel to all. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The theme for this year's campaign is, **I AM the vine, you are the branches.** The CMA gives each of us an opportunity to bear good fruit and live out our purpose as the branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the diocese. Your support enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be generous in your response. Every gift is needed and important!

Please see the brochure in the pews (or back of the church) for more information. If you have given to the CMA in the past, you will receive a letter in the mail with your pledge card during the week of October 15th. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.

## 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 2019 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 **November 25th.**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Monday, October 21**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - school

**Tuesday, October 22**

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

6:00 PM Quilter's Prayer group - school

7:00 PM RCIA - school

**Thursday, October 24**

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

**Friday, October 25**

9:30 AM Ladies Prayer group - rectory

**Saturday, October 26**

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

**Sunday, October 27**

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of deceased members of the Lucci family -  
Jennie Tomassi***Votive Candle:***In memory of Eleanor Curbeau - Donna & Carl Hammond***Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of Eleanor Curbeau - Donna & Carl Hammond***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***Thanks to God and in memory of Dad – Suann Maio**In loving memory of my father, Alberto – Peter Park***Chapel candle flowers:***In memory of Marguerite, Joseph and David Gwin – Sally  
Gwin**In memory of Anna and Howard Minchin – Jackie Conklin***Blessed Mother – Church:***In loving memory of Dad, Charles Brown – Matthew  
Brown***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***Special intention – Joy Anderson***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!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - October 27, 2019****30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

**IN OUR PARISH****Christmas Basket Coordinators**

The Social Ministry Committee will be meeting soon 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 contacted by a Social Ministry member.

**Scout Religious Medals**

Did you know you can earn your Catholic Religious Medals in your Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs? There are four levels to be earned beginning at age 7. Classes run from October through February on Sunday afternoons, twice a month. Most levels are completed by Scout Sunday.

This is a part of our Diocese of Rochester Youth Ministry. Adult volunteers are welcomed. Please call Maureen Hayden at 607-426-2537 or Lois Love at 607-562-3839 with any questions.

**Christmas Food Baskets**

In anticipation of the needs of families in our area, our Social Ministry Committee is collecting food during October, November and December for the Christmas food baskets. Only **food** items are needed and the following are staple items that we include in each box: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce/marinara, spaghetti or other pasta, tuna fish or canned meat, canned or dried soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, cake mixes, frosting, cookie and muffin mixes, jello or pudding, pancake mix, rice, dried potatoes, stuffing mix, baby food, baby cereal and baby drinks, and hot chocolate mix.

**PLEASE - FOOD ONLY - NO COFFEE OR JUICE, NO PAPER PRODUCTS, CLEANERS OR TOILETRIES ARE NEEDED.**

Your generous donations are appreciated and may be placed in the cart near the entrance of the church. Shopping lists are located on the table near the food cart to help when purchasing food items at the store.

*(In Our Parish continued on page 4...)*

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is now underway. The theme of this year's appeal is *"I am the vine; you are the branches."* We ask for your support of this year's appeal which supports the on-going work of ministry throughout the twelve county Diocese of Rochester.

For the past two weeks, we have featured in the column a series of "Frequently Asked Questions" concerning both this annual appeal as well as the diocese's bankruptcy and reorganization efforts. This week, we publish the third and final series of these frequently asked questions, with answers supplied by the CMA office:

### 9. How is my contribution to the CMA used?

The CMA funds seven specific categories of allocation. The bullet points under each category provide examples of specific ministries, services and programs funded through each allocation.

1. Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes and institutions:
  - ~ Welcoming new Catholics through special education programs (RCIA)
  - ~ Giving support to families, the elderly and the sick through chaplains to nursing homes, hospitals, jails and prisons
  - ~ Tools and resources for Creating a Safe Environment in the parishes and through the diocese
  - ~ Honoring marriage and preparing engaged couples
  - ~ Multicultural/urban/rural ministries
  - ~ Support for Respect Life and Life Issues and Programs to honor life from conception to natural death
  - ~ Spreading the Gospel through communications media
  - ~ Providing parishes with needed services and support such as human resources and pension services, information technology services and support, support of Finance Directors and Finance Councils
  - ~ Building and property management
  - ~ Tribunal services
  - ~ Diocesan archives
  - ~ Pastoral planning
  - ~ Stewardship resources
2. Educating our young in the Catholic faith:
  - ~ Providing support and resources for parish faith formation programs for youth
  - ~ Assistance and resources for sacramental preparation
  - ~ Assisting Catholic schools
  - ~ CYO
  - ~ Recognition of youth leaders & ministers through the Hands of Christ Award
  - ~ Young adult ministries, such as "Theology On Tap"
  - ~ Support of campus ministry programs at colleges and universities across the 12 counties of the diocese

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, October 21 - Weekday

6:45 AM Tom Cincebox - Jane & Joe Gallagher

### Tuesday, October 22 - Weekday

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family

### Wednesday, October 23 - Weekday

6:45 AM Lillian Henry - Carol & John Viele

### Thursday, October 24 - Weekday

6:45 AM Mary & Warren Woodard - Peggy & Mary

### Friday, October 25 - Weekday

6:45 AM Mary Raniewicz - Dave & Suzanne Giancoli

### Saturday, October 26 - Weekday

5:00 PM Arthur Nenni - Beering family

### Sunday, October 27 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Jean Ann and Louis Ferratella - Mary Grace Farr

10:30 AM Deceased members of the Jurusik & Sherant families - Mike Jurusik

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St.Patrick

~ Organization for attendance at the National Catholic Youth conference

### 3. Serving people in need through Catholic Charities

~ Reaching out to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the most vulnerable in our community

### 4. Supporting Seminarians, Deacons, Pastoral Leaders & Vocations

~ Seminarian education

~ Education of the diaconate through St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry

~ Education & professional development of pastoral leaders

~ Encourage & promote religious vocations

### 5. Funding the Ministries of our Pope and Bishops

~ Supporting Vatican ministries

~ Teaming with other dioceses in NYS/USA

~ The Office of the Bishop

~ Support of advisory and lay councils to the Bishop

### 6. Funding Operations & Support Services

~ Operation of diocesan offices/ministries in the Pastoral Center including maintenance and capital improvements

### 7. Supporting the CMA Campaign

~ Funding to develop and execute fundraising efforts and campaign materials

~ Staff

~ Gift and data processing

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

Fr. L.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Prayers & Squares Quilting Group**

Our Prayers & Squares Quilting group makes beautiful lap 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 into 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 the month at St. Mary our Mother School. No experience is necessary to join our group, and you may work for as long as you choose during our scheduled time. We need new members and hope you will consider joining us!

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Holy Site Bus Pilgrimage**

St. Mary’s of the Lake Church in Watkins Glen will have its 10th bus pilgrimage on **Wednesday, October 23rd** to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, the mother church of our diocese. Tour the church, attend Mass at 12:10 p.m., followed by lunch (bring your own bag lunch). The suggested offering which includes the bus trip and museum, is \$40. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 607-535-2786 to RSVP or for further information.

**Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention and Financial Fitness Services**

Catholic Charities provides free, confidential *Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention* service to help homeowners avoid the loss of their homes and *Financial Fitness* services to help restore credit and financial stability. These services are provided free through a grant from the New York State Homeowner Protection Program and Catholic Charities USA/HUD. For more information or to make an appointment to talk with a Catholic Charities housing counselor, call Karen Wheeler at 607-734-9784, ext. 2132.

**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**

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- Fax ..... (607)-739-5628
- 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

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**Do You Need Help With Falling Leaves?**

St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group wishes 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP**

The US Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," sees a life of stewardship as the fruit that comes from an authentic life with Jesus. Faith in Jesus is the minimum requirement that begins this journey from discipleship to stewardship living. There are those who believe in Jesus but do not know Him. It becomes very hard to contemplate responding to the call of someone you do not know.

The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to His disciples, "But when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on Earth?" We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would He see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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