

# 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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November 3, 2019

#### 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".

#### **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 back of the church for more information. If you have given to the CMA in the past, you should have received a letter in the mail with your pledge card. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.

#### REFLECTION

When He reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received Him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner."

-Luke 19:5-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

#### **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**.

## 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, November 4

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel 5:00 PM Parish Life committee - rectory 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - school

#### Tuesday, November 5

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school Wednesday, November 6

6:30 PM Social Ministry - rectory

#### Thursday, November 7

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church 6:30 PM Parent Association - school

#### Friday, November 8

9:30 AM Ladies' Prayer group - rectory

#### Saturday, November 9

9:30 AM Home Study group - school 3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

#### Sunday, November 10

5:00 AM Youth Choir - church 5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick 7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

#### IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Ronald Austin Deacon Stanley Douglas

Barbara Haar Anna Kamas

Patricia Walsh Sakai Margaret-Michelle Stefanski

Louie Tarantelli

#### **MEMORIALS**

#### **Eucharistic Hosts:**

For a special intention - Beering family

#### **FLOWER DONATIONS:**

#### **Main Altar Arrangement:**

Bless my family - Joyce Yee

In thanksgiving for Aiden & Madeline - Becky Corcoran

#### **Chapel Candle Flowers:**

Special Intention - Beering family

In memory of my father, Edward D. Gustina on his birthday - Ann Brouse

#### **Blessed Mother – Church:**

In loving memory of our sister, Marijean and brother, Dick - Patti & Bill Rosettie

#### **Blessed Mother – Chapel:**

In memory of my mother, Wanda W. Gustina on her birthday - Ann Brouse

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Sign-up sheets for Christmas flower memorials are posted on the church bulletin board and will be available through **December 1st.** 

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - November 10, 2019

#### **32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

#### IN OUR PARISH

#### Ladies' Prayer Group

Please join us every other Friday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the rectory meeting room (basement). Our next meeting is November 8th.

The format includes prayer time, discussion relating to a specific topic, book, or article chosen by the group relevant to our faith.

Parishioners, new and longstanding, are welcome and encouraged to join us. If you would like further information, please contact Sue at 607-795-4230 or email <a href="mailto:susancites@stny.rr.com">susancites@stny.rr.com</a>.

#### **Cemetery Clean Up**

Please remove all spring and summer decorations from the cemetery by today, **Sunday**, **November 3rd**. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st.

Also, please clearly mark on the back of all decorations with the name of the deceased whose grave you are decorating, so that when the wind carries decorations away, we know where to replace them. The name you put on the reverse side should match the name on the gravestone. Thank you.

#### Poinsettia & Wreath Sale

St. Mary Our Mother School Parent Association will be selling poinsettias and wreaths. Orders may be placed in the back of church after all Masses this weekend, November 2nd & 3rd. Payment is due when ordering and checks can be made payable to St. Mary Our Mother School. Poinsettias and wreaths will be available for pick up after Masses, or in the school office, in early December. Thank you for your continued support!

#### **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. Please call Maureen Hayden at 607-426-2537 or Lois Love at 607-562-3839 with any questions.

#### The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday**, **November 12th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. This month's topic is "Strengths, Struggles and Support Before the Holidays". There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

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#### PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

November traditionally is the month when we remember our faithful departed. Our Church has long set aside this period of time to join with those who mourn and to rejoice in the deep faith that calls us to see beyond time and space and realize the existence of life after death. In the northeastern part of our country, it is a time of year of dying - it is dark in the morning and dark approaches late in the afternoon. It is the time of year when trees lose their leaves, summer flowers are gone, and, other than the winter snow, the earth seems to be at rest. There is almost a natural call to reflect on dying and rising.

Occasionally when in the presence of a person who is about to pass, I will hear the person verbalize about a person they look forward to seeing or an adventure they believe they are beginning. Sometimes they have had visions of what is ahead and they anxiously look to embrace it. At times, there is an anomaly, the family weeping the anticipated death, and the dying person anticipating the future. Very often, we draw strength from those who are leaving us, or who have left us. Perhaps they will say or do something which helps us to move to the next step. As people of faith, we don't often think of how dynamic our faith is and how it does move us even when we believe we cannot be moved. November invites us to be part of the process and simply not a bystander.

When I listen to eulogies at funerals, rarely do I hear about business achievements, bank or investment accounts, buildings or politics. What I hear is about is a person's character, relationships, lessons learned, examples given, and perhaps the most important, the virtue of love. The speaker will give witness to those intangible aspects of human life that somehow the deceased made tangible and real. The eulogy speaks of the interweaving of human life and the very real fact that most of those qualities extend beyond death. While these may be reflections of the past, they speak of living today and the promise of experiencing them again in the presence of God. Such eulogies remind us of life after death and that mourning is really also about healing.

As we journey through these November days, the Church invites us to remember our loved ones who have passed. It is important to remember because we are people of memory. There is always a certain sadness when we experience death, as well as an occasional wish to have our loved ones come back to us. However, we are reminded that God gives us real time in our world to live our life, and has given eternal time to those who have left us. We are a faith people believing in life after death and reuniting with loved ones and friends. All is not lost, everything can be gained.

The month of November ends with Thanksgiving. It is a holiday when we are invited not only to be grateful for what we have but also to anticipate what will be. As we gather at our homes and tables, we pray for one another, remember the past, but also dream for the future. And what comes immediately after Thanksgiving - the season of Advent. The sacred time of a new beginning, anticipated confirmation of hope, and dreaming of the Second Coming. November is a dynamic month filled with all kinds of human emotions. It is a time to reach

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:45 AM Angeline DiLaura - Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer group

Tuesday, November 5 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 6 - Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of Bonsignore & LeMark families - Ann LeMark

10:00 AM (Maple Creek) Special Intention

Thursday, November 7 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Friday, November 8 - Weekday

6:45 AM Greg B. Schultz - the Fairbrothers

Saturday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00 PM John Raplee, Jr. - Gramma and Mom & Dad Sunday, November 10 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - her family

10:30 AM Dawn E. Reagan

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St.Patrick

into our hearts and remember to be grateful, shed an occasionally tear, laugh a lot, dream, and remember that we are children of an ever-lasting God.

Have a great week! See you in church!

Fr. L.

#### **COLLECTON FOR MILITARY SERVICES**

Next weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). Established by St. John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is the only U.S. diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 152 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. Including families, AMS priests and deacons serve approximately 1.8 million Catholics who hail from 50 states and U.S. territories. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military for program and administrative costs. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/ national collection. Please give generously.

#### IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

#### **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.

#### **Christmas Basket Dates**

Following are the important dates to keep in mind for our Christmas Basket event:

Friday, November 8th - Christmas trees will be put in church

Saturday & Sunday, November 9th & 10th - meat tags for families receiving food only will be on trees

Saturday & Sunday, November 9th & 10th - coordinators can pick up their packets after each Mass

Saturday & Sunday, November 16th & 17th - coordinators will be placing meat and gift tags on trees

**Thursday, December 12th** - all gifts must be under the trees

**Friday, December 13th -** coordination of gifts under the trees by family number

Friday, December 13th, 6:00 p.m. - sort food Saturday, December 14th, 8:00 a.m. - pack food

Saturday, December 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - basket pickup (please note this is a change in date and time)

#### **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!

#### **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.

#### **Advertising Sponsorships**

We will be working on updating the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin during the week of November 18th. Please consider advertising in our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business or family or a sponsor ad can be purchased for thanking parishioner patronage supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please call 607-624-9580. Thank you in advance for your support, and please patronize our advertisers!

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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#### **Religious Education Office**

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#### REGIONAL EVENTS

#### **Notre Dame High School Information Session**

Notre Dame High School, grades 7-12, will host an information session on Wednesday, November 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Representatives from Notre Dame will provide families and students information about the academic, athletic and extra-curricular opportunities available at Notre Dame. For more information please contact Moore 734-2267 mooreb@notredamehighschool.com.

#### **Election Day - November 5th**

"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, participation in political life is a moral obligation. As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in public life. The church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of a well formed conscience and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable.

~ U.S. Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Please plan to vote. In Chemung County there are county, city of Elmira, town and village races.

#### 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.

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

The quarterly diocesan CASE newsletter is available online at <a href="https://www.dor.org/protecting-our-children/">https://www.dor.org/protecting-our-children/</a> 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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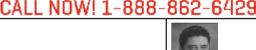
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