



# 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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February 2, 2020

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our school's biggest fundraiser is right around the corner! Join us for a lot of fun, good food and friendship all while supporting St. Mary Our Mother School. 2020 E\$cape: Big Money Raffle & Trivia by TORGO Entertainment will be held next **Saturday, February 8th** at the Holiday Inn Riverview, Elmira. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to 2020 E\$cape are \$25.00 each or a pair for \$40.00 and includes admission, dinner and trivia. Additionally there will be a fantastic live auction, penny raffle and the St. Mary Our Mother School Art Auction. Dinner will be provided by Anthony's Restaurant.

Gather your friends and reserve a table of eight! Unable to attend but still want to support the event? Purchase a Big Money Progressive Raffle for \$100.00. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased in the school office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If we reach our goal of 350 raffle ticket sales, the top payout will be \$10,000. A total of four monetary prizes will be awarded. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win. For additional information, contact the school office at 739-9147.

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations 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.

## EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Monday, February 3**

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

**Tuesday, February 4**

3:45 PM Religious Education - school  
 3:45 PM RCIA - school

**Wednesday, February 5**

6:30 PM Social Ministry - rectory

**Friday, February 7**

9:30 AM Ladies' Prayer group - rectory  
 8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration - chapel

**Saturday, February 8**

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

**Sunday, February 9**

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Peter & Paul  
 6:00 PM Confirmation candidate meeting - school  
 6:00 PM RCIA - school

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Lawrence Brady Arnold Carbaugh, Sr.  
 John Christofaro William (Bill) Dominikoski  
 Marie Kelsey Allan Mallette  
 William (Bill) Steed

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:**

*In memory of Joseph Danaher - Ann & George Gresock*

**Votive Candle:**

*In loving memory of Bert Deats - his wife, Loretta*

**Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

*In memory of Jean & Joe Sawester - Joan & Barry  
 Sawester*

**FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:**

*In celebration of Mom's 75th birthday - Peter Park*

*In celebration of Shane Alsworth - Jacqueline Alsworth*

**Chapel Candle Flowers:**

*Thankful for all our blessings - Jeff & Hanne O'Donnell*

**Blessed Mother – Church:**

*Thanks for many blessings - Bill & Patti Rosettie*

**Blessed Mother – Chapel:**

*In memory of Nicholas Frankie - Helen Tenny*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - February 9, 2020****FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

**IN OUR PARISH****Communion Procedures**

According to statistics from the National Center for Disease Control, New York State is one state which has experienced an increase in the number of reported cases of the flu. Therefore, we will suspend offering Communion from the cup until further notice. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Super Bowl Collection**

Our Social Ministry Committee will be collecting donations this weekend, **February 1st and 2nd**, Super Bowl Sunday, after all the Masses. Parishioners of St. Mary Our Mother have always been very generous in sharing their good fortune with those less fortunate. The proceeds from this collection will be donated to the Horseheads Food Pantry. It is a pleasure to see young people holding the helmets at the end of Mass at each of the exits. If you have young people who are able to do this, please ask them to help! Thank you.

**Parish Calendars**

The parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2020 parish calendars. Thank you!

**Mass Intentions**

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

**Altar Memorials**

When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donation for the week is as follows:

Sanctuary candle	\$10.00
Icon candle	\$10.00
Sacramental wine	\$15.00
Eucharistic bread (hosts)	\$10.00

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

St. Mary Our Mother School had a wonderful celebration of Catholic Schools Week last week. I would like to offer a word of gratitude to all who made it a success. From **Mrs. Jean Yorio**, our school principal, and **Emma Vakiener**, a 2013 graduate of St. Mary Our Mother School, for their reflections at last weekend's Masses, to our Mass on Friday, January 24th, to the sixth grade journeying to Sacred Heart Cathedral to participate in the diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week on Wednesday, to the children praying the Living Rosary this past Friday, and to the many other activities which took place during the week which helped us acknowledge the wonderful gift we have in our parish school. My thanks to all who help make the week a success.

Registration for St. Mary Our Mother School for the 2020/2021 academic year began on Monday, January 27, 2020. If you know of families who have children three years of age through sixth grade this September, now is the time to contact the school office for further information. The following are some "Did You Know" facts about St. Mary Our Mother School:

*We offer pre-school for children ages 3 and 4, as well as elementary education and faith based education through grade six, (these formative years provide the strongest educational foundation for our children), facilitating the importance of life-long learning.*

*We promote the intellectual, personal, social, and spiritual growth of each student.*

*We provide a safe and welcoming, yet challenging and loving based environment for children of all faiths. (15% of our current families who have chosen St. Mary Our Mother School actively practice a faith other than Catholicism).*

*Our current enrollment is 135 students, and enrollment trends indicate increasing enrollment likely for the next decade.*

*A multi-cultural student body, with children from numerous ethnic/racial backgrounds. Such an environment instills acceptance and appreciation for all people, and encourages our children to focus on things we have in common.*

*Character traits of respect, kindness, trustworthiness, fairness, responsibility, and citizenship are taught to every student every day, helping instill these traits and values in each student. Each day begins with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance; each day concludes with prayer and reflection.*

*Our faculty and staff are dedicated, caring and effective people, many with multiple New York State certifications while remaining active with their ongoing professional development. Several of our staff have enrolled their children here because they have seen the academic successes St. Mary Our Mother School provides.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Monday, February 3 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Cerilo & Lourdes Sobremonde - Mallare family

**Tuesday, February 4 - Weekday**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

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

10:30 AM Helen M. Linsler - nephew & nieces

**Thursday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

6:45 AM MaryAnn Kane - her family

**Friday, February 7 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Ester Nakpil - Macapinlac family

**Saturday, February 8 - Weekday**

5:00 PM Dawn Andrewlavage - Mary & Charles Fasciana

**Sunday, February 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Fr. MacNamara - the Dobek's

10:30 AM Raymond Benedict - wife, Mary Ellen

5:00 PM Regional Mass - Ss. Peter & Paul

*Our school has scored higher than other area schools in New York State testing in ELA (English and Language Arts) and Math.*

*Technology literacy and proficiency begins in kindergarten.*

*Financial assistance is available for students. No child will be refused a St. Mary Our Mother School education due to a family's inability to pay.*

*Our school has been an integral part of our community since 1959; with some of our students being the 2nd or 3rd generation families who have attended our school.*

We continue to be blessed to have St. Mary Our Mother School as an integral part of both our parish and greater community. If you are considering our school for your child, please call the school office to arrange a visit and tour. After all, this visit could make all the difference in your child's life.

Have a great week, and enjoy this first week of February. See you in church!

Fr. L.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Valentines for Vets**

Valentines for Vets is a thirteen year old local project that supports veterans at the Bath VA Medical Center and beyond. The purpose of this project is to wish veterans a Happy Valentine's Day as well as thank them for their service and sacrifice. Last year, over 600 valentines were delivered to the VA Center and personally shared with the veterans. Children from St. Mary Our Mother School, Faith Formation classes, parish families, and seniors from Bethany Courtyards all created valentines. We also received valentines from the Key Club at Edison and a parish family collected over 200 valentines from Big Flats Elementary and the Elks Club and they delivered them as a family at the event. Our Social Ministry committee would like to continue to have our parish family be involved in this project.

We ask that you create handmade cards, letters, and posters thanking our veterans for their service and wishing them a Happy Valentine's Day. Please use the salutation Dear Veteran or Thank You Veteran and do not include last names or personal photos. A red box has been placed on the table across from the bulletin board to drop your valentines in. Valentines will be collected in January and into February. Sample cards and any additional details will be attached to the box.

**Funding for Energy Efficiency and Critical Capital Needs in Catholic Schools**

Next to salary and benefits for personnel, the costs for energy and facility maintenance/repair are among the largest portions of school budgets. But unlike public school counterparts, religious and independent schools do not receive state building aid, nor do they have the authority to levy taxes or issue bonds to finance energy efficiency or other important capital projects. Although energy-saving improvements can pay for themselves over time, the up-front costs are often out of reach for cash-strapped schools. Maintaining Catholic Schools is not only good for the students and their families, it saves taxpayers the cost of educating those students.

The Diocese of Rochester with the NYS Catholic Conference urges a \$200 million appropriation in the next state budget for critical projects at religious and independent schools and an energy efficient grant/loan program (\$75 million) to provide seed money for energy efficiency projects. Those schools utilizing the loan fund would repay the grants with the savings they achieve in energy efficiency.

This initiative is consistent with the Diocese of Rochester's action/advocacy to respond to the call of Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Laudata Si: On Care For Our Common Home*, and is consistent with the New York State renewable energy and conservation goals to address climate change.

**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 broth or gravy for the month of February. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

**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

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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- 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

REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. This month's topic is "We're Here for Each Other". There is no charge for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

HUD-Approved Financial Fitness Counseling Services

Call Catholic Charities at 734-9784, ext. 2127 to schedule an appointment for free, confidential financial fitness counseling services. Catholic Charities housing counselor will help you assess your income and spending patterns, explore financial goals, set new priorities, and establish savings.

HUD-Approved Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services

Call Catholic Charities at 734-9784, ext. 2132 to schedule an appointment for free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling services. A HUD-certified housing counselor will help you explore the alternatives to foreclosure to avoid the lost of your home.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Need a babysitter for Valentine's Day? St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group has you covered! On Friday, February 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., our youth group will be offering a night off for parents by providing babysitting for children in pre-k through grade 4. For just \$2.00, parents can drop their child(ren) off at O'Brien Hall for activities, games, and dinner. Our youth group members will be the primary caregivers: playing games, making crafts, and helping with the set up and cleanup of our space. CASE trained adults will be there to supervise and chaperone. To sign your child up, or if you have an older child (grade 5-12) who would like to help with this event, please call the Faith Formation office at 739-8214 or email smomfaithformation@gmail.com.



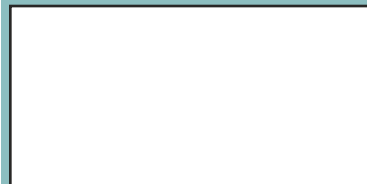
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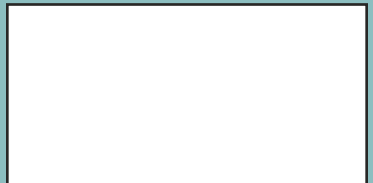
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