



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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January 31, 2021

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

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from among their kin,
and will put my words into his mouth;
he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

PSALM:

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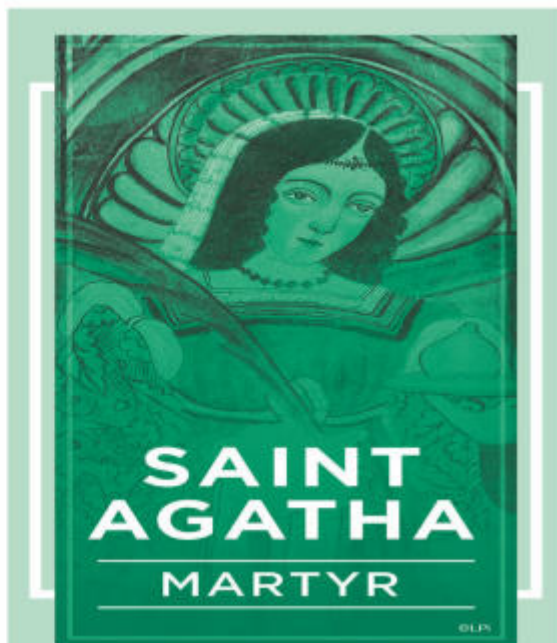
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The people were astonished at his teaching,
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
World Day for Consecrated Life
Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

GOSPEL READING

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - February 7, 2021****FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Thomas Hurley Brown

Norma Conz

Harold Reed

Thomas Rockwell

Sister Josepha Twomey

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In loving memory of Bert Deats on his birthday - his wife, Loretta***FLOWER DONATIONS****Flowers for January 24th****Main Altar Arrangements:***In loving memory of William & Antoinette Haner - their daughter, Anne Haner-Uncapher***Flowers for January 31st****Main Altar Arrangements:***In loving memory of Mary & Warren Woodard - daughter, Evelyn & family***IN OUR PARISH****Easter Flowers**

Lilies and plants for Easter, 2021 can be ordered by contacting the parish office at 739-3817.

Parish CalendarsOur parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2021 parish calendars. **THANK YOU!** (At this time, our parish calendars are still available at the parish office.)**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.

*(In Our Parish continued on page 4...)***SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS****First Reading:**

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**Readings for the week of January 31, 2021**

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

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Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This coming week, St. Mary Our Mother School joins other Catholic Schools throughout the nation in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service**. This week is a time to reaffirm our support of Catholic School education, to affirm the spiritual welfare of every student, to encourage them on their academic development, to recognize parents for their commitment to Catholic School education, and to recognize our teachers, staff, and administration for their dedication and professionalism. It is a time to offer a word of gratitude to the people of St. Mary Our Mother for their continued interest and support of our school as a "parish-based" school since 1959. I consider our school a vital part of our parish's responsibility in serving our children, the next generation of Catholics.

The Church as the primary teacher of our faith has the responsibility to its people that our faith life is not only preserved, but that people be given the opportunities for their faith life to be nourished and grow. From its founding days, Catholic schools in the United States have provided a solid-based education where the truths of our Catholic faith are not only taught but lived. The challenge of every Catholic school today is to meet the needs of our young people who live in a society and world where cultural values are often contrary to the teachings of the gospel. Catholic schools continue to be important vehicles by which Christ-centered values and virtues are taught and lived. In doing so, each school epitomizes this year's Catholic schools theme of being sources where the virtues of faith, excellence, and service are lived each day.

St. Mary Our Mother School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many of the usual Catholic Schools Week activities, but we will be following the protocols that are in place to insure the health and safety of all students. If you know of a family with children, or you have friends who might consider a Catholic school education, please encourage them to contact the school for further information and to take a tour of our school. Registrations of students for the 2021/2022 school year has begun. We need your help to get the good news about St. Mary Our Mother School "out there" to the greater community. Tuition assistance is also available, and all students benefit from being in a school with smaller class sizes, more individual attention, and a school that has outperformed school districts on various state test scores.

As we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week 2021**, we thank all who are involved in our education efforts at St. Mary Our Mother School.

Mrs. Jean Yorio, Principal

Mrs. Kim Roemmelt, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Jill Knuth

Mrs. Patricia Madison

Mrs. Sandra Hoyt

Mrs. Robyn Stowell

Mrs. Sally Heffner

Mrs. Ariana Enright

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 1 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jack Kunicki - Jack & Isabel Gilroy

Tuesday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

6:45 AM Carol Farr - Bob & Becky Corcoran

Wednesday, February 3 - Weekday

6:45 AM Renee Smith - the Pichette's

Thursday, February 4 - Weekday

6:45 AM Barbara Angelo - Anne Welch

Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

5:00 PM Lyn Nalbach - Beering family

Sunday, February 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr

10:30 AM Rev. Robert MacNamara - Dobek family

Mrs. Karen White

Mrs. Angela Langendorfer

Mrs. Kelly Koehler

Mrs. Kelley Roe

Mrs. Heather Bill

Mrs. Colleen Meehan

Ms. Jenna Crandall

Mrs. Susan Nagle

Mrs. Barbara O'Brien

Mrs. Jessica Rutledge

Mr. Thomas Ketchum

Mrs. Mary Owen

Mr. Richard O'Lenick

Mr. Roger Williams

We thank them, as well as the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for their commitment, dedication, interest and support of Catholic school education in our parish.

Have a great week, and continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in His name. Let us ask that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...
ESCAPE 2021**

Fund-raising is a critical aspect in the life of our school. Our fund-raising allows us to continue to provide the high quality, faith-based education that benefits all our students, as well as our parish and our greater community. The costs involved in running and maintaining our school continue to rise and fund-raising helps us maintain a viable, sustainable and reliable program for all.

Many of you will remember how successful the **ESCAPE** fund-raiser has been for our school. Last year we had our most successful **ESCAPE** yet, raising over \$57,000 for the school! The bar has been set high!

In 2021, **ESCAPE** is going virtual! Our school staff has been working to lay the foundation for the many components of **ESCAPE 2021**. Our students have begun working on their Art Auction items. We are sending out sponsorship requests to our community partners. We are establishing a partnership with an online auction platform that will allow us to efficiently market the baskets and raffle items that you all have grown to love. We are obtaining our NYS gambling license and printing tickets so we can run our Big Money Raffle. We have scheduled "Doug's Fish Fry" food truck (take out only) to visit St. Mary Our Mother School on **March 27th**, at the conclusion of our **ESCAPE 2021 event**.

We are looking for businesses to sponsor the event. Do you know someone who owns a business and might want to support our school by sponsoring the event or donate an item/service for our raffles? We hope everyone will consider purchasing Big Money Raffle tickets (\$100 per ticket = Big Payout!) There are so many ways each of you can help make this fund-raiser a huge success.

Be on the look out for information on ways you can help. We all need an **ESCAPE!** Let's make **ESCAPE 2021** a celebration of St. Mary Our Mother School and all the magic that happens here!

Social Ministry Super Bowl Collection - 2021

We are unable to have the Super Bowl Collection this year. The proceeds from this yearly collection are allocated for food for those in need in our area. Please consider a donation to the Horseheads Food Pantry this year. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

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

Catholic Schools Week

St. Mary Our Mother School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week **February 1-5, 2021**. During this annual celebration, our students will be actively involved in celebrating their Catholic School education and St. Mary Our Mother School. There will be fun activities for all students within their classroom and with their classmates. Due to the current health emergency response, we will enjoy many of our familiar activities, but we will follow protocols set forth in our Reopening Plan that ensure our students health and safety. Our students will once again participate in our Birthday-in-a-bag project and will spend a day focusing on the Rosary. Bishop Matano will be streaming Mass to our students from the Pastoral Center, and each day will find our staff and students participating in activities that promote our social/emotional wellness. Catholic Schools Week 2021 promises to provide a much-needed week of celebration to our school during a time that has found each of us meeting challenge after challenge.

Please keep the students and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School in your prayers during Catholic Schools Week and for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year.

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. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Parish Office**
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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

Journeying Through Lent with CRS Rice Bowl

Our 2021 Lenten journey will embrace the Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative. This is a Lenten faith-in-action program that integrates fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. It is an outreach that will serve people in need, globally as well as locally. Seventy-five percent of the donations received go to funding development projects around the world through CRS. This year, the funds will be focused on projects in Madagascar, El Salvador, and Timor Leste. The remaining twenty-five percent will go to the Horseheads Food Pantry

What is so special about this Rice Bowl project?

- ~ First it unites the parish in one almsgiving Lenten project with all of us working together to make an impact on poverty.
- ~ Secondly, this project reaches out globally as well as locally. Because Rice Bowl is an international organization, the pooled donations from parishes all over the world go to funding development projects in the needy countries. These include water and sanitation, maternal and child health, micro-finance, education, literacy, and job training. These projects help to promote human dignity, foster self-reliance, further hope, and build peace.

To learn more about Rice Bowl, go to www.crs.ricebowl.org where you can see stories of hope showing the work of CRS in these countries.

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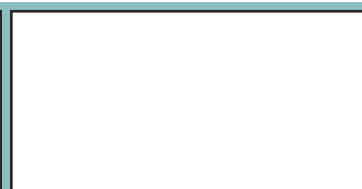
religious education youth will be participating along with our other families. Look for more information in the bulletin and on our website as to how you can participate this Lent.

**Public Policy Advocacy Weekend:
Funding for Nourish New York Initiative**

Nourish New York is a New York State initiative that provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State produced farm products. This accomplishes two goals: it offers market support to farmers, the fishing community, and food processors who have been impacted by the economic effects of the pandemic, while getting high-quality food to individuals and families across the state through the regional food banks to local parish and community food pantries. The initiative provided \$35 million in funding from May 1 to December 31, 2020. Four thousand one hundred fifty-two farms have provided over 17 million pounds of high-quality New York produced food to New Yorkers in need.

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