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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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April 25, 2021

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Saturday April 10th, our parish joined other parishes from our area for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for twenty-three candidates and their families. Bishop Salvatore Matano presided at this liturgy at All Saints Parish at St. Mary Church in Corning.

We ask for your continued prayers and support of these young people. The following are the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

*Jacob Bennett
Sophia Bonnell
John Paul Busch
Amelia Christmas
Cody Dale
Lucas Drapikowski
Julia Faroni
Anthony Funair
Caitlyn Gehl
Nathan German
Kevin Green
Ryan Green
Sophie Houghtaling
Zachary Lese
Connor Miley
Allison O'Brien
Amelia Rouleau
Simeon Scarselletta
Kaden TenEyck
Leila Vargas
Mallory White
Andrew Wood
DeLaney Woodhouse*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

Confirmation
Congratulations

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - May 2, 2021****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
 Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
 Gospel: John 15:1-8

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rick Emanuel John Pirozzolo
 Virginia Griffin Stanton

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle, Votive Candle, & Eucharistic Hosts:

In loving memory of Martha Valdriz, Linda Mallare, Lourdes Valdriz, Cerilo Valdriz & Sobremonte - Lapitan-Mallare family

Sacrament Wine:

In memory of Eddie Jadoski - his family

IN OUR PARISH**Important Information**

The parish email has been changed from what has been used for many years. The new email is:

smomc@dor.org

Pamphlets and Booklets Available

The parish office has copies of the following pamphlets/booklets:

Today's Missal
The Word Among us
Little Book for Easter

Please call the office at 739-3817 or stop at 816 West Broad Street should you like to have these helpful booklets at home.

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.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of April 25, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Observances for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season, I would like to pass on the following wisdom given by **Ann Landers**. This was given to me by a good friend, and I believe the words reflect what we believe as Easter people and followers of the Risen One.

Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low persuasive voice. How you say it counts more than what you say.

Make promises sparingly; and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs.

Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully, never spitefully.

Be interested in others, their pursuits, their work, their homes and families. Make merry with those who rejoice; with those who weep or mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel you regard him or her as a person of importance.

Be cheerful. Don't burden or depress those around you by dwelling on our minor aches and pains and small disappointments. Remember, everyone is carrying some kind of a load.

Keep an open mind. Discuss but don't argue. It is a mark of high character to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

Let your virtues speak for themselves. Refuse to talk of another's vices. Discourage gossip; it is a waste of valuable time and can be extremely destructive.

Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other person's expense are rarely worth it and may hurt when least expected. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Remember, the person who carried the message may not be the most accurate reporter in the world. Live in such a way that nobody will believe anything bad about you. Disordered nerves and bad digestion are common cause of backbiting.

Don't be too nervous about the credit due you. Do your best, and be patient. Forget about yourself, and let others "remember". Success is much sweeter that way.

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Linda Mallare - her family

Tuesday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Helen Ponganis - her family

Wednesday, April 28 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Mary & Warren Woodard - Peggy

Thursday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Howard Coddington - Bob & Theresa Bower

Friday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Roberta West - Aunt Annie & Uncle Gerald

Saturday, May 1 - Easter Weekday

5:00 PM All First Communion Children

Sunday, May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All First Communion Children

10:30 AM All First Communion Children

A PRAYER WHEN WEARING A MASK

Each time we put on a mask,
may it be an invitation to remembrance,
a communal call to pause and grieve
all those we have lost,
a number so high it defies imagination.

Apart though we are and must be,
may we recognize that we are linked,
all of us held together by these bits of
fabric and elastic,
stitched into a beautiful quilt
of shared humanity,
wrapping all the way around the globe.

To put on a mask is to light a candle,
and may our lights be bright indeed,
bright enough to comfort us in our mourning,
bright enough to dare us to hope,
that our love will lead us to a better future.

Amen

by Cameron Bellon

REGIONAL EVENTS

Easter Season Reflections on Care for God’s Creation

This past week, we celebrated Earth Day, a time to focus on our stewardship of God’s beautiful creation. So, from now until Pentecost, we will be offering a daily quote from *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis’ encyclical on care for our common home. This is followed by an action step (*) that you can take as an individual or a family to protect the environment.

Sunday, April 25

“Sister earth, along with all the abandoned of our world, is crying out, pleading that we take another course.” (#53)

* During Grace before meals, pray for renewed awareness of ways we can save the earth.

Monday, April 26

Pope Francis calls us to a ‘global ecological conversion’:.....”our common home is falling into serious disrepair. Hope would have us recognize...that we can always redirect our steps...we can always do something to solve our problems.” (#61)

* Starting today, sharpen your awareness of environmental issues in what you read, in your conversations with others and what you learn in the daily news.

Tuesday, April 27

We need to join our concern for the environment with a “sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.” (#91)

* Check out www.crs.org (Catholic Relief Services), to find ways you might be able to assist refugees seeking asylum at our southern border.

Wednesday, April 28

We need to “slow down and look at reality in a different way”, so that we can “appropriate the positive and sustainable progress we have made.” (#114)

* List three ways your family presently cares for the environment and name one way you could improve on each activity.

Thursday, April 29

“Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.” (#139)

* Explore areas in your community that are set aside for community gardens. Encourage and support people to use these gardens to grow their own food.

Friday, April 30

National and local policies need to promote best practices, develop “an economy of waste disposal and recycling, promote renewable energy.” (#180)

* Google: Recycling in Chemung County to see what new areas you may explore to recycle.

Saturday, May 1

But it is “we human beings above all, who need to change and remember our common origin and a future to be shared with everyone.” (#202)

* Consider ONE way you as a consumer could change your buying habits to benefit the earth and our society.

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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Where is Your Rice Bowl?

- ~ You brought or sent it in. Great!
- ~ Never got a Rice Bowl because you have been going to Mass online? You can make a donation without having the actual Rice Bowl box.
- ~ Got one but it is still sitting on the table at home? It's not too late to turn it in.

Almsgiving is an important part of our Lenten journey. We hope you were able to be a part of our parish's Lenten project of giving to the CRS for their work in reaching out a helping hand to those in impoverished parts of the world.

Your donation can be brought to the parish office or transferred to an envelope and put in the collection box in church. If it is in the form of a check, please make the check payable to the parish (indicating that it is for CRS Rice Bowl). Other options include mailing your check to the parish office or making your donation online at the parish website. Thank you for your participation in CRS Rice Bowl during this Lenten season.



Christian Service

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

St. Mary Our Mother School Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 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 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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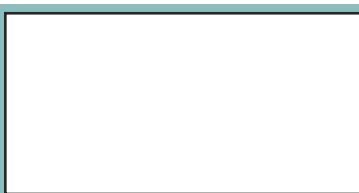
As of April 2nd, we have received pledges of \$76,893.42 from 260 donors or 68.53% of our goal of \$112,209. We are most grateful to those who have made a generous sacrifice to the CMA to enable the mission of the Church to continue both locally and throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

To those who have not yet contributed to the CMA, we would be most grateful if you would consider doing so. Any amount helps us toward our financial and participation goals. We are moving slowly but we need to achieve our goals by May, 2021.

Thank you for our consideration of this annual appeal.

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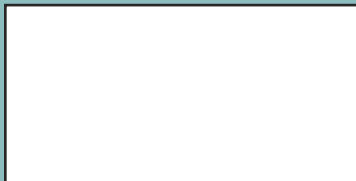
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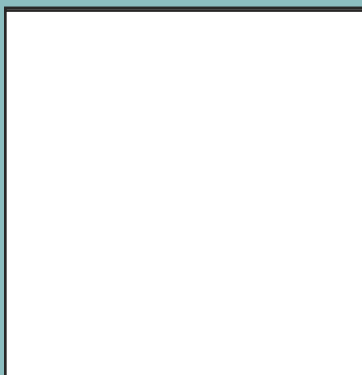
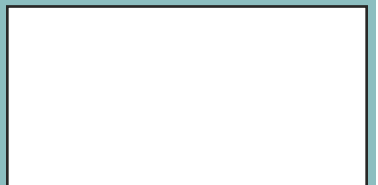


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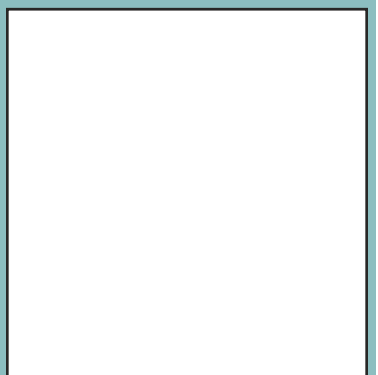
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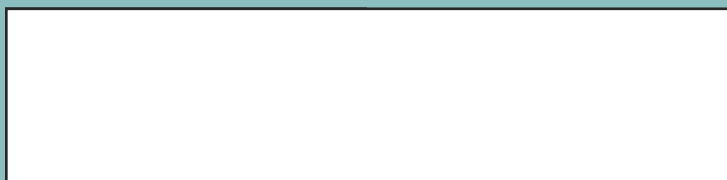

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