



# 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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May 30, 2021



## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

*Lord Jesus Christ, today we honor the memory of those men and women who have given their lives for their compatriots in the cause of freedom.*

*They have worked, fought, and died for the heritage of freedom, brotherhood, and honor that they have passed on to us.*

*Help us to recall that you yourself gave up your life for all human beings in the cause of freedom - to save us from self-love and sin. Teach us the true meaning of peace and freedom, that the real battle must always take place in ourselves before it will be won in families and nations.*

*Make us keep your memory in our celebration of communion and pray for the peace and freedom of the whole world. We ask this through Christ our Lord,*

*Amen*

## 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.

## 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*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - June 6, 2021****THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15  
 Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Kenneth Kovacs                      Hilde Salvatore

**MEMORIALS**

**Sanctuary Candle & Votive Candle & Eucharistic Hosts & Sacrament Wine:**

*In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - the Alsworth's and Deloris*

**FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:**

*In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - the Alworth's and Deloris*

**IN OUR PARISH****Calling All Golfers...Golf Classic 2021 Rescheduled**

Due to the community health concerns last fall, our school had to postpone our yearly golf tournament for 2020. Now that the weather is improving, and health and safety protocols are being defined, we are pleased to reschedule the golf tournament.

The 16th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 6th** at Willowcreek Golf Club with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament promises to be a great day of relaxation and fun with some necessary added safety protocols, including face masks, social distancing, etc. We will be attempting some games like double your money, St. Vincent donation for favorable lie, closest to pin and longest drive, all while maintaining players health and safety. We are requiring all registrations be paid in advance of the tournament to avoid money changing hands at registration. We have set up an online tournament website that can accommodate registration and online payments. Please visit the following link to register, <https://st-mary-our-mother-school-16th-annual-golf-fundraiser.perfectgolfevent.com/>. You will also be able to find this link on the St. Mary Our Mother School facebook page. Sponsors and players can register by printing out the registration form found at the tournament website (see above) and sending it to the school office as well. If you have any questions, please contact us at 739-9157. We look forward to a fun day out on the course!

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

**SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. (Dt 4:39)

**Psalm:**

Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen to be His own. (Ps 33)

**Second Reading:**

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14-15)

**Gospel:**

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:16)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of May 30, 2021**

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20  
 Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56  
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17  
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27  
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34  
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37  
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44  
 Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

**Observances for the week of May 30, 2021**

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity  
 Monday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day  
 Tuesday: St. Justin, Martyr  
 Wednesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
 Thursday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
 Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The Memorial Day weekend has arrived! This weekend is more than just a three or four day holiday that marks the beginning of summer, and all the seasonal opportunities that the beginning of summer has to offer. It is a time for travel, family, friends, and enjoyable times. This weekend is also a time for us to reflect and remember the many women and men who have given the ultimate gift of their life for our freedom, our country, and its citizenry. Whenever we visit a cemetery (and I hope you will take the time to visit a cemetery this Memorial Day weekend), we often think of the massive loss of American lives that have been sacrificed for our country. **President John F. Kennedy**, (whose 104th birthday is May 29) once said that the value of society is not measured by what it has done, but by how it remembers. If America's sons and daughters are willing to march, fight, and die for their country, then the least we can do is to remember. And remember we do, each Memorial Day.

If anything positive resulted from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, it has been an increased awareness of patriotism for our country and a deeper appreciation and respect for those who serve our country, risking their lives in protecting us and our way of life. Whether it is the spontaneous recognition in an airport given to troops arriving home from military deployment, or the more organized and public recognition offered by various groups and organizations to honor the military, each of these occasions are particularly touching and heartwarming. One incident I recall focused on a military honoree who was a staff sergeant, who had served one tour of duty in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. As the public address announcer read a statement summarizing the staff sergeant's military career, the spectators in the stadium, one by one, including players, coaches, umpires, broadcasters, media members, came to their feet and broke into thunderous applause. By the time the public address announcer announced his name, everyone was standing and applauding wildly, many with tears of appreciation in their eyes. True to form, the sergeant simply acknowledged this tribute with a grateful wave.

It has been said that heroes are those people who are willing to put their lives on the line for what they believe, be it principles, a family, a country, a world. A person does not have to die to be a hero, but death does seem to be the crown of heroism. Memorial Day does not glorify death, nor does it encourage sacrifice. But it is a call to remember those whom we promise to remember. This Memorial Day, I encourage you to take some time to remember. I hope you will offer a prayer to God to watch over and protect the women and men of today's military who are serving throughout the world. I hope you will ask God to embrace those who have made the ultimate sacrifice with peace and life in the Kingdom; those people we have promised never to forget. And I hope you will offer a prayer of gratitude for those people who serve

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:45 AM No Mass

**Tuesday, June 1 - St. Justin, Martyr**

6:45 AM Sarah Kujawski - Theresa VanKeuren

**Wednesday, June 2 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Manuel Macapinlac - Eric Macapinlac family

**Thursday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**

6:45 AM Fr. Lew Brown - Bob & Judi Pichette

**Friday, June 4 - Weekday**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

**Saturday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr**

5:00 PM Dale Spicer - wife, Joanne

**Sunday, June 6 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

8:30 AM Alicemarie Rorke - Valerie French

10:30 AM John Gough - Horseheads Council Knights of Columbus

us on a daily basis along with our military - members of the police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and those who always walk the extra mile. You make the United States of America the great country that it is!

Have a safe, enjoyable, and safe Memorial Day weekend. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**Cemetery Memorial Day Service**

On Memorial Day, tomorrow, May 31st, at 10:15 a.m., the Horseheads American Legion will conduct a brief ceremony to honor all service members in our cemetery. The service will be held near the flag pole in the south cemetery. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

**Social Ministry Baby Shower**

We are unable to have our annual baby shower at this time. The Life Center is currently moving to a new location and they are requesting monetary donations only. You may send your checks to the following address: Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center, 375 W. Water St., Elmira, NY 14905

Please do not leave baby items in the church. Thank you.

**Flower Sign Ups**

Please call the parish office if you would like to honor special events in your life with a floral arrangement in our Church or Chapel. Flowers are available for the main altar, the chapel, the Blessed Mother in the chapel and the Blessed Mother in Church.

**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.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Fitness Services**

Catholic Charities provides free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention services to help homeowners avoid the loss of their homes, and Financial Fitness services to help restore credit and financial stability. This program offers free credit counseling, financial managements, and assistance negotiating with lenders. We work to find solutions for individuals and families, whether it's saving your home or rebuilding financial solvency, we are here to help. This program serves homeowners in Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. These services are provided free through a grant from the New York State Homeowner Protection Program. For more information or to make an appointment to talk with a Catholic Charities housing counselor, please call Karen Wheeler at 607-734-9784, ext. 2132.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

In today's Gospel and in the reading from the letter of St. Paul we hear of the gift of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our devotional life we make the sign of the cross and recite the "Glory Be" as an expression of our faith as a Trinitarian people. But what does it mean for Christian stewards to accept in a practical way the experience of God in this three-fold gift? Is it not a call to share our own life in community, with compassion and love, and to work for healing, justice, peace and unity? Is it not an invitation to invite others into fellowship with us in the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And,

when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

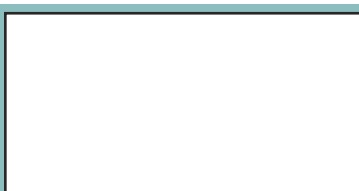
Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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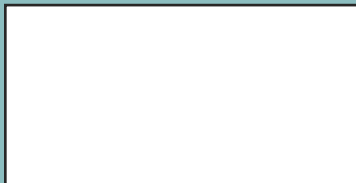
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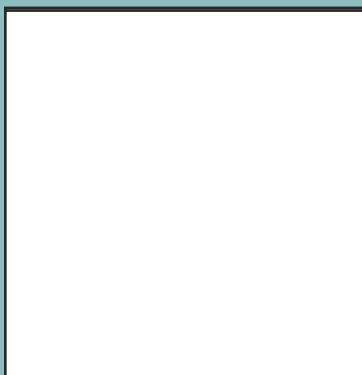
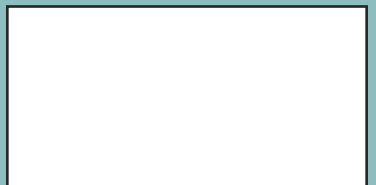


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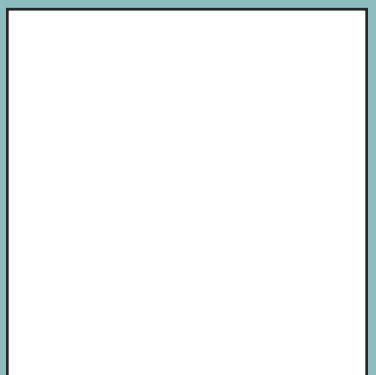
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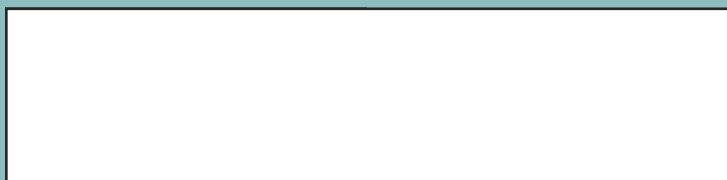
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