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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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June 13, 2021

STEWARSHIP PRAYER FOR JUNE

Dear Lord,
Your presence at the Eucharistic table
is truly the source and summit of our faith.

And in the breaking of the bread Your presence
is meant to impel us to reach beyond our immediate
gathering and unify us with the larger gathering
of our sisters and brothers around the globe.

If we can recognize You
in the Sacrament of the Eucharist,
we must also be able to recognize You
among those who hunger and suffer in the world.

But if our faith in Your presence
under the appearance of bread and wine
does not translate into action,
we are still unbelievers.

Deepen our faith, make us good stewards
of Your Eucharistic presence and help us to bear fruit
in the lives of those we encounter, especially those
most in need of your love and compassion.

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - June 20, 2021****12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Joseph O'Rourke

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In loving memory of Bill Cantando - Liz & family***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***In thanksgiving for 50 years of our blessed marriage - Franca & George Lazzaris***IN OUR PARISH****Daily Mass Schedule Changes**

Beginning this week and throughout the summer months, there will be **no 6:45 a.m. Mass on Fridays.**

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:31-32)
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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of June 13, 2021**

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
 Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Observances for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Flag Day
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
 Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

For the past sixteen months we have been dealing with the coronavirus, a pandemic that was taken very seriously. All of us have family members and people we know personally whom we have lost as a result of covid-19. This has been an overwhelming time and the separations we have all experienced have certainly affected the lives of all of us. With the number of cases of people infected with the virus on the decrease, there will be a return to a "new-normal" of life, albeit ever so slowly.

Both St. Mary Our Mother Parish and our school have been extremely vigilant during covid-19, and we have continued to do so, making the safety, health, and welfare of everyone our number one priority. We have been and continue to be a gathering place for worship that is not only welcoming, but an environment where we can worship safely as well.

In recent weeks, we have observed a slow increase in the number of people returning and joining us for our Sunday liturgies. One of the contributing factors for this increase is the number of people taking advantage of the vaccine opportunities. We continue to look forward to further guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, the State of New York and the Diocese of Rochester. We will continue to keep you informed the best we can.

Two weeks ago, there was a bulletin insert by the **Roman Catholic Bishops of Upstate New York Diocese of Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Rochester and Syracuse**, regarding the return to Sunday Mass. Beginning last weekend, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass resumed. However, the bishops were also quick to point out, *"the obligation to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day is a sacred one. Anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions, ill, or caring for others who are at risk or sick are **always** excused from this obligation, and are encouraged to use prudential judgment throughout this pandemic to determine if it is safe for you to attend Mass."*

We continue to "stream" the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass each week for those who continue to be confined to their homes due to illness or other health issues. Many people have commented favorably of being join us each week in this manner.

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 14 - Weekday

6:45 AM Special Intention - Beering family

Tuesday, June 15 - Weekday

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

Wednesday, June 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

Thursday, June 17 - Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Mills family - family

Friday, June 18 - Weekday

6:45 AM Betty Triano - Mary & Scott Worden

Saturday, June 19 - Weekday

5:00 PM For all Fathers

Sunday, June 20 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:30 AM For all Fathers

10:30 AM For all Fathers

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN (CCC)

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Rochester Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

REGIONAL EVENTS
A Rice Bowl Thank You

Our Lenten almsgiving project raised \$2,348.06 for Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. These funds have been sent to our diocesan office. From there, 75% will be forwarded to CRS and 25% to the Horseheads Food Pantry located at the Horseheads First Presbyterian Church on Westinghouse Road. While this was only about 60% of the amount we were able to raise during the pre-pandemic years, it is remarkable given the restrictions and uncertainty caused by the pandemic in early spring. We re most grateful for your generosity.

CRS will use your donations to help fund their projects in developing countries. This year’s program highlighted the needs of the peoples of Madagascar, El Salvador, and Timore Leste. Through CRS printed materials and videos, we were able to learn more about these three countries. These materials are great resources for families to use with their children to foster global education.

We thank you for your participation in Rice Bowl, whether by learning more about our world, by praying for those in developing nations, and/or by donating to the work of CRS.

Religious Freedom Week
June 22 - June 29, 2021

From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom.”

Note from the editor of Justice, Peace, and Life newsletter:

I’ll be honest. When I hear Christians in the U.S. bemoan attacks on their religious freedom, I roll my eyes a little. We are by far the most dominant religious group in this country, and many if not most people who hold power - in elected office and in business - identify as Christian. Compared to countries in which religious minorities are oppressed, exiled and killed, our complaints seem overexaggerated.

But...I challenge myself and all Catholics to study the materials on Religious Freedom Week at www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week.

There you’ll learn about a variety of issues, from rights for heath care workers and a disturbing uptick in church vandalism to the violent persecution of Catholics in Nicaragua and of Christians in general in Iraq.

There are many issues related to religious freedom to pray about, and to be vigilant about, as well as many reasons to still be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

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 management, 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.

Regional Events continued on page 5...

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. 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
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Thanks to All Who Helped

The NYS legislature voted recently to establish NOURISH New York, the state's farm to food bank initiative as a permanent state program. This initiative, launched in April 2020, provides funding to New York food banks and church and community food pantries to purchase New York State produce and dairy products to distribute to those seeking assistance. To date, food banks have purchased 21 million pounds of agricultural products, which fed 1.3 million food-insecure people throughout the state. In addition to helping provide food to the hungry, NOURISH New York expands market opportunities for farmers and minimizes agricultural product waste. So thank you to those who advocated this program through your legislators.

NYS Legislator on Parole

Elders in the NYS prison system are denied parole again and again, even after being incarcerated for decades. Releasing them to their families would not only save millions of tax dollars, it would give them the opportunity to serve their communities.

There's still time to convince the legislative leaders to call for a vote on the two bills we're supporting:

- Fair and Timely Parole (S.1415/A.4231)**
- Elder Parole (S.15/A.3475)**

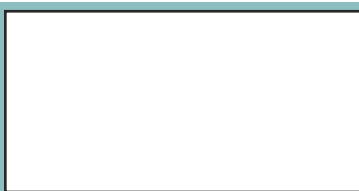
Please take a minute to call Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie at 518-455-3791 and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Cousins at 518-455-2715. Ask that they allow these bills to come to the floor. Now is the time!

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 desperate need of all food items and especially ask for baked beans for the month of June, although all canned goods are always needed. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection basket during Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

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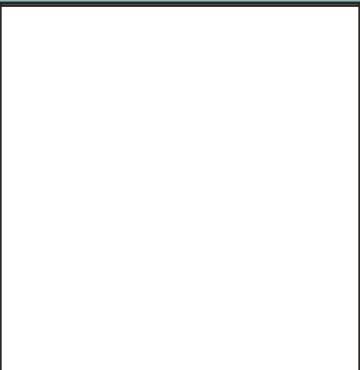


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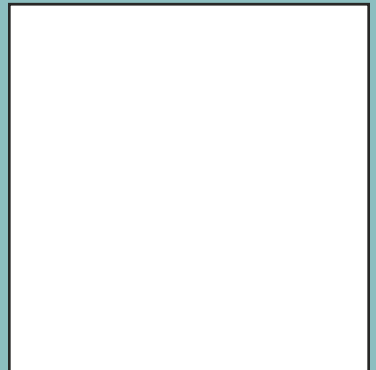
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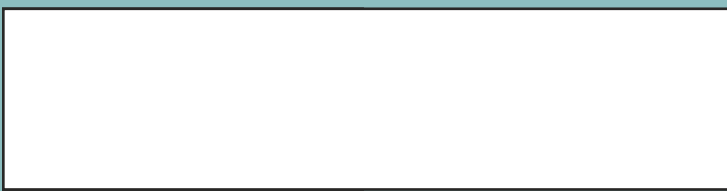
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