



# 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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June 27, 2021

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of Him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that He is as He is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

## NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to announce that **Mrs. Heather Bill** has been named as the next principal of St. Mary Our Mother School. Heather has served on the faculty of St. Mary Our Mother School for twelve years, serving in various capacities and roles during her tenure. Heather holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Keuka College, a Master's degree in Educational Technology from the New York State College at Cortland, and is a certified teacher in the State of New York. Currently, she is pursuing a School District Leadership Certification from the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester. In addition, Heather is an alumna of St. Mary Our Mother School, and she, her husband and family have been life-long parishioners at St. Mary Our Mother parish. Heather will officially begin her new position on August 1, 2021.



## 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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - July 4, 2021****14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5  
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Mary Kennedy      Frank Renko

**MEMORIALS****Eucharistic Hosts & Sacrament Wine:**

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

*In loving memory of Judi Lynch - husband, Ben*

**IN OUR PARISH****Daily Mass Schedule Changes**

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:**

But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it. (Wis 2:24)

**Psalm:**

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

**Second Reading:**

Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. (2 Cor 8:13-14)

**Gospel:**

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koun," which means, "Little girl, I say to you arise!" (Mk 5:41)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER****Readings for the week of June 27, 2021**

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43  
 Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
*Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34  
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29  
 Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**Observances for the week of June 27, 2021**

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr  
 Tuesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles  
 Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
 Thursday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: St. Thomas, Apostle  
 Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This is the season for graduations! Many of the colleges and universities have already held their commencement ceremonies in late April, May, and June, all with the covid-19 protocols in place! This past Tuesday, we held the sixth grade celebration for St. Mary Our Mother School in the church. A week ago this past Friday, the 2021 graduating class from Notre Dame High School held their commencement exercises, while the students from Horseheads High School are scheduled to graduate this past Wednesday, weather permitting! Thomas A. Edison, Odessa-Montour, and the Corning-Painted Post Schools held graduations as well. We offer all graduates, whether they be from colleges, universities, high school, middle, elementary schools, our congratulations and best wishes! As members of our parish community, we're proud of you and grateful for the love and support your parents, families and church community have given you.

With the number of graduations which have been held in recent weeks, we oftentimes read of news stories of the world's 'famous' people who speak at these graduations. Often, they give bits of wisdom and advice to the graduates. If you were so honored to speak at such commencement exercises, what pearls of wisdom and/or advice would you offer those who are graduating?

On a recent newscast I heard a number of these words of wisdom given to graduates. "*don't forget, you are a child of God,*" was one message. Others include: "*Don't listen to negativity, follow the call to greatness that stirs your heart, education is just the beginning, let the spirit surprise you, there are no mistakes, God is taking you down this road for a reason, ask yourself a few questions*".

One of my favorite words of graduation advice was from a graduation address at the **Seaver College at Pepperdine University** many years ago by Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster, Vin Scully, entitled "**Difficult, but Possible**". In his address Vin cited many examples of people who overcame tremendous challenges in life to play major league baseball - players with one eye, a player who was deaf, a player who suffered a major heart attack, and returned to play less than a year later, even a player who played without a right arm. In his concluding remarks, Mr. Scully said, "*I could wish that you avoid the storms of life, but what I can do is to encourage you to learn to dance in the rain! You can do it!*" Very insightful words as we continue to emerge from this pandemic.

Have a great week. It hardly seems possible this is the last Sunday of June. Continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, June 28 - St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**

6:45 AM Kathleen Tierno - Jeff Kelly & family

**Tuesday, June 29 - Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

6:45 AM Louie Tarantelli - Ginny Pansero

**Wednesday, June 30 - Weekday**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

**Thursday, July 1 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Jim Burgio - Dobek family

**Friday, July 2 - Weekday**

6:45 AM No Mass

**Saturday, July 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle**

5:00 PM Barbara Nearing - her family

**Sunday, July 4 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Raymond Sherwood (10th anniversary) - Alsworths & Deloris

10:30 AM Catherine & John Ciprich - their family

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, St. Paul teaches the community at Corinth about a spirituality of giving. He urges them to give and helps them understand that through their generosity, they will, in turn be recipients of a spiritual abundance. They will receive from those who are the beneficiaries of their own giving a reciprocal gift that amounts to an equality of giving that deepens their relationship with Christ Jesus. A good reflection this week would be to think of the ways your own life has been enriched by your generosity. How might you have reaped a spiritual abundance through your own generous behavior?

**REGIONAL EVENTS...**

**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. Thank you for your generosity!

**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!

**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](http://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week).

There you'll learn about a variety of issues, from rights for health 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.

**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. Thank you to those who advocated this program through your legislators.

*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
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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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- Religious Education Office**
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**REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...**

**Blood Donor Shortage**

Before you dive into your summer plans, can you help us create a summer full of life to make sure the supply doesn't take a dip?

The Red Cross asks those who feel healthy to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. Donations help ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. We can't do it without you.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS for information on local blood drives.

**WHAT IS THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL?**

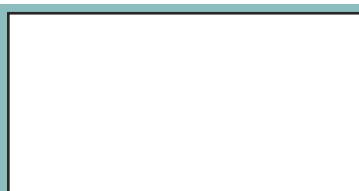
The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Labouré, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life."

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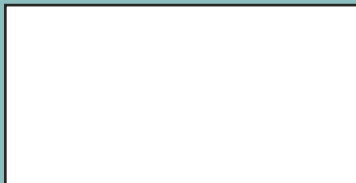
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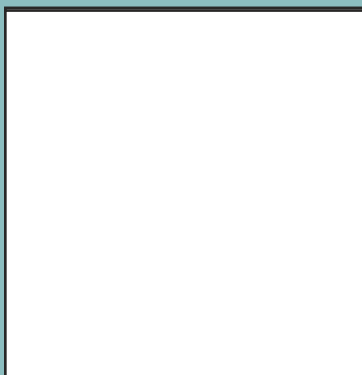
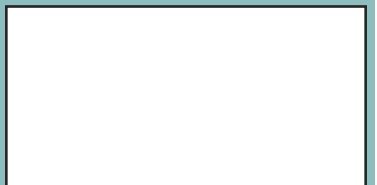


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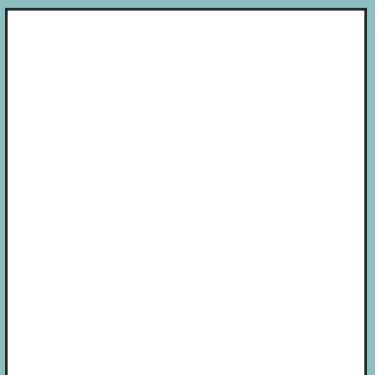
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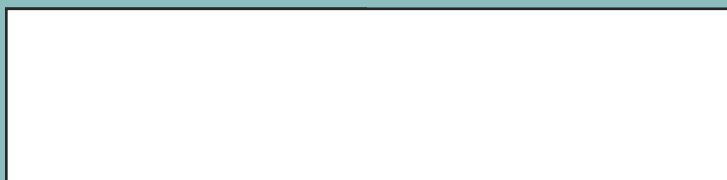
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