



# 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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July 11, 2021

## 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

## COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).



## 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 18, 2021****16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

**FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangement:***In loving memory of John Viele - his wife, Carol and family***IN OUR PARISH****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.

**Altar Memorials**

Our altar memorials continue to be a special way to honor those who have gone before us and those intentions we wish to remember for both the living and the deceased.

The weekly donation for these memorials remains the same as in the past:

Sacramental Wine:	\$15.00
Eucharist Hosts:	\$10.00
Sanctuary Candle:	\$10.00
Icon Candle:	\$10.00

**Returnable Bottles and Cans**

Are you planning a summer party? Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the poor. You can drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call Barbara at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

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

The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." (Am 12:15)

**Psalm:**

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

**Second Reading:**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. (Eph 1:3-4)

**Gospel:**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. (Mk 6:7)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of July 11, 2021**

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**Observances for the week of July 11, 2021**

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Henry

Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

In late June, we announced 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 teaching tenure. Mrs. Bill 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. Mrs. Bill is an alumna of St. Mary Our Mother School, and she, her husband and family have been life-long parishioners of St. Mary Our Mother parish. Heather will officially transition to her new position on August 1, 2021. We offer our sincere best wishes to Mrs. Bill as she moves to this position of leadership for our school.

While our school will be transitioning to new leadership for the coming school year, it also means that another part of the history of our parish and school will come to an end. It was in February of this year, when the current principal of St. Mary Our Mother School, **Mrs. Jean Yorio**, confidentially informed me of her intention to retire as principal of our school effective July 31, 2021, thus completing a thirty-four career in education and educational leadership. Mrs. Yorio began her teaching career in the Dundee Central School system, and subsequently has served as a teacher and administrator of the Big Flats pre-school, and as a teacher in the Horseheads Central School District at both Center Street and Big Flats Elementary School. In 2015, Mrs. Yorio was approached about her willingness to accept a position of leadership in a Catholic School, namely St. Mary Our Mother School, and Jean enthusiastically responded "YES"! I am saddened to lose a trusted and competent colleague, as well as a good and faithful friend.

During Mrs. Yorio's tenure, St. Mary Our Mother School has noted a number of positive achievements and continues on its path of education excellence. Student enrollment has remained stable, with an enrollment of 140 students projected for next year. The school maintains an excellent and safe facility to enhance its educational programs. The pre-kindergarten age three and pre-kindergarten age four are attracting more young families. During this past year when the coronavirus either closed or modified in-school instruction, St. Mary Our Mother School, in working with local, state and federal guidelines, did our very best to remain open. During her time as principal, Mrs. Yorio has always been the consummate professional, whose door has been open to anyone who needed her time. She has earned the respect and admiration of both our school and our parish community.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, July 12 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

### Tuesday, July 13 - Weekday

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - Tom & Mary Sweet

### Wednesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

6:45 AM Sam Aloï - Jane Gallagher

### Thursday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

### Friday, July 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

### Saturday, July 17 - Weekday

5:00 PM Christine Beering - Beering family

### Sunday, July 18 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Ann Ponzi - Phil & family

10:30 AM John Gough - Linda Adams

I want to thank Mrs. Yorio for all that she has contributed to the life of not only St. Mary Our Mother School, but to our overall parish as well. We will miss her daily "enthusiastic" presence, her professional expertise, and her friendship. Although Mrs. Yorio begins a new chapter of her life in retirement, she reassures me that she and her family - her husband John, their children, Jordan, David and Sara - will not be going far, as they will continue to be an active presence at St. Mary Our Mother parish.

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

Fr. L.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support**

The Wounded Healers will meet on **Tuesday, July 13th** from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Since we do not meet in August, this will be a good chance to speak about how grief affects us now that it is summer, with all that means for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Sometimes there are significant struggles and sometimes it is also a time of reconnecting and refreshment.

Go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), choose **join meeting** and use the **ID# 828 8706 8618**. If you are early you will be sent to a virtual waiting room and Chris will admit all participants when opening the meeting. Remember to use the microphone icon to unmute yourself.

We are an empathic group, open to whatever you might want to share or comfortable with anyone who just wants to listen. "We have been there, wounded by death, and we see healing in the very act of helping." Christine M. Lloyd, LCSW-R, Thanatologist

**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 rice or pasta for the month of July, 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. 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!

**Blood Donor Shortage**

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

The Red Cross asks those who are 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.

**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.

**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
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
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EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been, whether it's a private home or a public bathroom, cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FAITH IN MARRIAGE

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

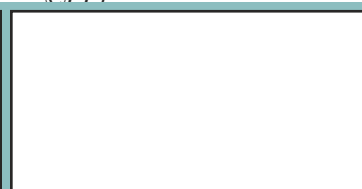
Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

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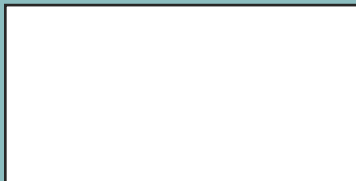
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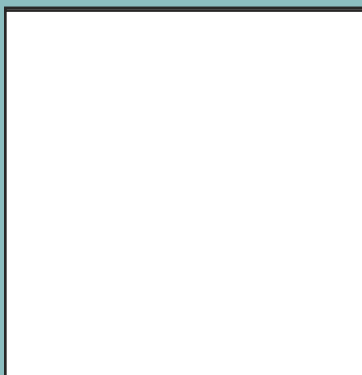
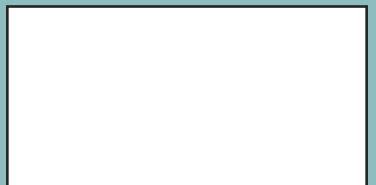


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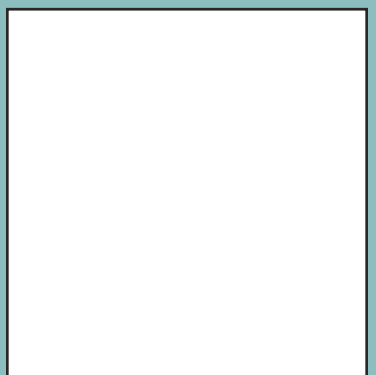
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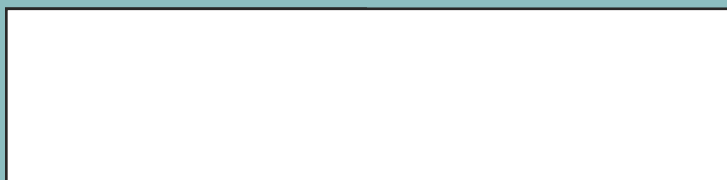
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