



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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August 8, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPi

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.

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks, eating, beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God - when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - August 15, 2021****THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

First Reading: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary Teresa Amisano Edward Huffman
 John Paul Wardwell

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of John Gough - Mary & Tom Sweet***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacrament Wine:***In loving memory of Robert & Mary Lou Tremaine -
Joan & Barry Sawester***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***In loving memory of Art & Marie Maio - Art, Rich,
Steve and Suann***IN OUR PARISH****Prayers and Squares Quilting Group**

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available for anyone who is ill. We are no longer able to distribute them at the end of Mass. If you know anyone who would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact 738-3699 (Maribeth) or 731-8085 (Wilma) to make arrangements to stop at the parish office for your quilt.

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.

Today's Missal

Until we are able to return our missalettes, hymnals, etc. to the Church, copies of Today's Missal booklets are available at the parish office.

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:**

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, He walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

(Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of August 8, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn
12:24-26
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17
[cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and
24/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf.
5a]/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps
132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv
11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56

Observances for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin
 Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 Saturday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Many of our parishioners enjoy spending time during these summer months planting flowers and tending to their gardens. While the planting season ended weeks ago, these summer weeks give us an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of nature, as well as enjoy the produce from your gardens.

I recently came across the following article which carries some wonderful insight as we continue to enjoy these summer weeks.

How to Plant Your Garden For Daily Living

First, plant three rows of PEAS:

1. *Peas of mind*
2. *Peas of heart*
3. *Pea of soul*

Next, plant four rows of SQUASH:

1. *Squash gossip*
2. *Squash indifference*
3. *Squash grumblng*
4. *Squash selfishness*

Then, plant four rows of LETTUCE

1. *Lettuce be faithful*
2. *Lettuce be kind*
3. *Lettuce be patient*
4. *Lettuce really love one another*

No garden is complete with TURNIPS

1. *Turnip for meetings*
2. *Turnip for service*
3. *Turnip to help one another*

To complete your garden, you must have THYME

1. *Thyme for God*
2. *Thyme for each other*
3. *Thyme for family*
4. *Thyme for friends*

Water freely with patience, and cultivate with love.

Some wonderful insights for daily living, whether you possess a "green-thumb" or not!

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 9 - Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased Amisano & Kwasnik families - Richard & Mary Anne Amisano

Tuesday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - Maryanna Grabowski

Wednesday, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

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

Thursday, August 12 - Weekday

6:45 AM James & Mary House - Barbara & Robert VanBurger

Friday, August 13 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

5:00 PM Matthias Beering - Beering family

Sunday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Norma Burgio - Dobek family

10:30 AM Judi Lynch - her husband, Ben

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CASE) MANDATORY TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In March 2021, the Diocese of Rochester updated its *Volunteer Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Policy* to include ALL volunteers, not just those who work with children or vulnerable adults. The training is offered in an easy to use online program. Volunteers will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and complete a background check prior to starting your volunteer service.

This mandatory CASE training must be renewed every three years (volunteers over 70 years of age who have previously completed CASE training are only required to complete the background check and Code of Conduct forms).

With the new policy, all **ushers, cantors, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Faith Formation and youth group volunteers** are required to be CASE trained.

Volunteers can access the training at [https://www/dor.training](https://www.dor.training) or by contacting the Faith Formation office at 739-8214 (Barbara Matterazzo or Maribeth Leipold) for information or assistance.

Since this training is mandatory, if a person does not agree to complete it, unfortunately, they can no longer volunteer.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers and are sincerely hoping that you are looking forward to continuing your volunteer service/ministry to our parish, which you have so faithfully served.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Catholic Charities Annual Back to School Backpack Event

Each year in August, our parish joins with Catholic Charities to gather new school supplies for children. This year we hope to help 600 children with new pencils, folders, 24 pack crayons, erasers, colored pencils, headphones, wide ruled loose-leaf paper, pencil sharpeners, etc. If you are able to contribute, please drop off the school supplies you purchase at one of the following locations by **August 22nd**:

Chapel Park, 83 Personius Rd., Pine City - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Chemung County Library District

Parmenter Tire, Auto & Truck Service, Horseheads

Purple Iris Boutique, Horseheads - Tuesday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday & Saturday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Samaritan Center, 380 S. Main St., Elmira - Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Economic Opportunity Program, 650 Baldwin St., Elmira - Monday-Thursday 8:15 am to 5:45 pm

Treu Office Supply Elmira (school supplies are also available for purchase here)

Parents can sign up for their children to receive a backpack of school supplies online at Catholic Charities website - cs-cc.org, Back to School Drive/Catholic Charities Chemung Schuyler.

This year Catholic Charities is partnering with EOP to distribute the backpacks on August 31st at EOP.

Thank you for your care for our local children.

Lunch in the Park

Each weekday, Monday through Friday up through August 13th, free Lunch in the Park is available at Thorne Street Park for children, teens, and their parents. The bag lunches are distributed from noon until 1:00 pm at the pavilion area on the left side of the bathhouse. The bag lunches are prepared by the Elmira City School District and distributed by Catholic Charities volunteers.

Kids' Farmer's Market

In addition to Lunch in the Park, there will be a Kids' Farmer's Market. Free fruits and vegetables can be chosen by children and teens and taken home to their families. This occurs only on Fridays, so look for it on Friday, August 6th and Friday, August 13th. It will be held at the Lunch in the Park pavilion at Thorne Street from noon to 1:00 pm. This is offered in partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier

Mass of Recognition

You are cordially invited to a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony on **Sunday, August 29th** at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615. All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please registering online at <https://conta.cc/3vjYs7x> or email Donald.smith@dor.org.

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 asks for rice or pasta for the month of August, 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!

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
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
- E-mail..... smomfaithformation@gmail.com

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 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.

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!

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.

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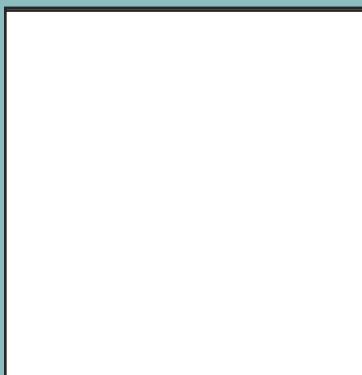
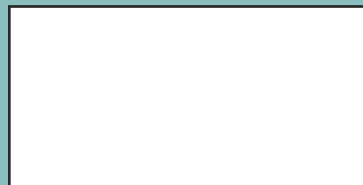


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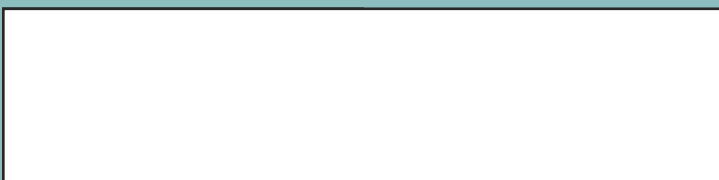
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