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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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August 15, 2021

THE CANTICLE OF MARY

*My soul proclaims the greatness
of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
for He had looked upon
His handmaid's lowliness;
behold,
from now on all ages will
call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things
for me, and holy is His Name.*

*His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers
from their thrones but
lifted up the lowly.
The hungry He has filled with good things;
the rich He has sent away empty.*

*He has helped Israel His servant,
remembering His mercy,
according to His promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to His descendants
forever.*

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.*

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.

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> 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 is not able 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - August 22, 2021****21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Timothy M. Sullivan

MEMORIALS**Eucharistic Hosts & Sacrament Wine:***In loving memory of of Judi Lynch - her children & grandchildren***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangement:***In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her husband, Ben***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:**

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

Psalm:

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

Second Reading:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

Gospel:

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of August 15, 2021**

- 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
- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/
Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Observances for the week of August 15, 2021

- Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: St. John Eudes, Priest
- Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope
- Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Each year when this feast falls on a Sunday, it replaces the liturgy of that particular Sunday in Ordinary Time. This solemn feast celebrates Mary being assumed into heaven, body and spirit, at the end of her earthly life.

The early Christian communities never thought of Mary without reflecting on her relationship with her Son, Jesus. In the gospel of St. Luke, Mary is portrayed as the "prototype" of the church, the perfect Christian, the perfect disciple. With her assumption, St. Luke depicts Mary as a person who constantly does what Jesus expected all of His followers to do, to "*hear God's word and carry it out.*"

We believe that the Assumption of Mary was the end of her earthly life as a disciple. Mary's life of discipleship began long before she was born, namely with the Immaculate Conception, and it continued through her earthly life when she agreed to accept God's invitation to become the mother of Jesus. God always initiates and offers, and Mary accepted God's invitation. We join Elizabeth in rejoicing over Mary's saying "Yes" to God: "*Blessed are you, Mary, who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.*" Notice how Mary always defers all praise to God: "*My soul proclaims that greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my savior.*" In addition, Mary reminds us that God "*has lifted up the lowly.*" We believe that Mary's Assumption was God lifting up Mary to eternal life with Christ. When the Assumption of Mary into heaven is viewed as the final chapter of her earthly discipleship, the feast is rich in meaning. As members of the church and as the people of God, we are all called to be followers of Christ.

Being the Good News and bringing the Good News of God's love for others is what God asked of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God asks the same of us. When we love and serve others, we can be confident that God's response of resurrection and eternal life will be given to us. St. Paul mentions in today's second reading the fact that "*in Christ shall all be brought to life.*" On the feast of the Assumption of Mary, we give thanks and praise to God that Mary is among those first brought to life in Christ. At the same time, we express our hope that the same destiny of resurrection awaits us at the conclusion of our earthly journey.

God has accomplished great things through the life of Mary, and continues to do great things for us. May we join Mary, our Mother, in proclaiming the goodness and greatness of our God, who will raise all people to fullness of life in Christ.

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Daniel Woodard - wife, Peggy

Tuesday, August 17 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

Wednesday, August 18 - Weekday

6:45 AM George Gresock - Bob & Becky Corcoran

Thursday, August 19 - Weekday

6:45 AM Nadia Lopez - grandparents, Pam & Bill Kiefer

Friday, August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

5:00 PM Deceased members of the Curtin family

Sunday, August 22 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr

10:30 AM John Gough - Bob & Becky Corcoran

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sacramental Preparation

We are currently accepting registration for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation.

If your child is at least 7 years old, in second grade and has completed at least one year of faith formation and will be registering for religious education classes this year, your child will be eligible to prepare and celebrate the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion.

If you have a teen, entering the 8th grade or above who has been in a continuous faith formation program through 7th grade, and has a desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church, your teen is eligible to begin the preparation process for their Confirmation.

Please contact the Faith Formation office at 607-739-8214 to request the appropriate registration form be sent to you. We can send the form via email or US mail.

Faith Formation Opportunities for 2021/2022 School Year

As of this date, we are planning to bring back our Tuesday afternoon on-site K-6th grade program. We are also planning to resume our Home Study program for families who wish to do the study at home with their children. If neither of these options work for your family, we will also offer the Google Classroom forum. Seventh grade religious education will have a choice to participate in the online Google Classroom format or Home Study.

On-going Religious Education classes, through 7th grade, are most appropriate and extremely helpful for a student to be successful in Confirmation preparation. Students become eligible to begin preparation in the fall of their 8th grade school year. If you have a student entering 8th grade in September who wishes to prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Notre Dame High School Shenanigans

Notre Dame High School in partnership with Liquid Shoes Brewing presents *Shenanigans* on **Saturday, September 18th** from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. There will be beer and wine tastings, food tastings and raffle drawings. Live music provided by The Latimer Lee Band. Tickets are \$20 per person or two for \$30 and are available at the NDHS Advancement office or email Theresa Tobey at tobeyt@notredamehighschool.com. Must be 21 to attend and all proceeds to benefit Notre Dame High School.

Stand for Life

Stand up for the unborn and their mothers! Put your faith in action! Come and “STAND FOR LIFE” in an hour of prayer and witness on **August 29, 2021** from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Franklin Street, Watkins Glen in front of the courthouse across from the Watkins Glen State Park. Bring pro-life signs and banners, or we will have ones you can use. Call Steve at 739-9282 for further information.

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 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.

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

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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 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.

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.

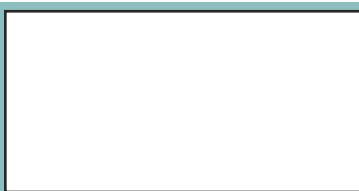
There's still time to convince the legislative leaders to call for a vote on the two bills we're supporting:

**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!

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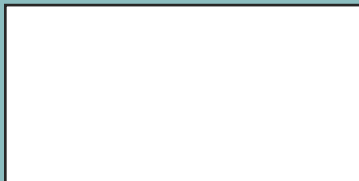
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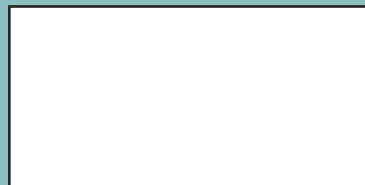


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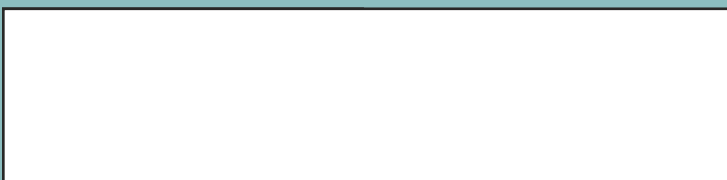
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