



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 22, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Aaron Kelly, who was ordained to the diaconate as a transitional deacon yesterday, Saturday, August 21st at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester by Bishop Salvatore Matano. Aaron is a student at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, and will return there this fall for his fourth year of theological study. Aaron anticipates ordination to the priesthood in mid-2022. We offer our congratulations to Aaron, his parents, family and many friends on this very special occasion.

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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York, every parish corporation is to have an annual meeting to supply information to the parish at large with regards to financial and legal issues. The annual parish meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 19th**, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in church. At this meeting, a summary of the 2020/2021 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for 2021/2022 fiscal year. In addition, the chairperson of our Finance Council, **Mr. Shane Alsworth**, our business manager, **Ms. Terri Orbin**, area finance director, **Mrs. Suzanne Krebs**, and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.



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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - August 29, 2021****22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
 Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

STEWARDSHIP

July 4, 2021.....\$13,642.00
 July 11, 2021.....\$5,975.00
 July 18, 2021.....\$7,203.00
 July 25, 2021.....\$3,759.00

July 2021 Total.....\$30,579.00

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Joy Baccile Mary Lacy Cummings
 Rev. Winfried M. Kellner Cindy Slater

MEMORIALS**Sacrament Wine:**

In loving memory of Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangement:**

In loving memory of John Gough - his family

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.

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:**

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for He is our God." (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of August 22, 2021**

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
 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Observances for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
 Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
 Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. Monica
 Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

With the beginning of the 2021-22 school year only ten days away, I thought it appropriate to share with you various comments from families whose children either attend or have in the past attended St. Mary Our Mother School. Taking a cue from David Letterman, you might want to entitle the following as the:

Top Ten Reasons Families Choose St. Mary Our Mother School

Higher standard for student achievement, rigorous curriculum, and a strong moral foundation rooted in faith.

Family feel and community.

My son is an alumni of St. Mary Our Mother School and has strong relationships in the community from his experience at the school. Faith based and strong curriculum.

We wanted to choose a school that reflected our faith values- - academic excellence, faith-based community, and having God ever present in our lives.

Catholic students are given lessons that will give them a strong moral and ethical foundation to help them make the right decision during situations that are not clearly black and white. In essence, Catholic schools encourage each student to accept the challenges of being a better person in tomorrow's world. They do this by stressing the values of self-discipline and commitment.

The first time we walked through the door at St. Mary Our Mother School (looking for the right school for our children), it was like getting a big hug, and we knew this was the place. Seven years later we appreciate the family-like community and strong academics! So glad we are part of this school.

We love St. Mary Our Mother School because of the strong sense of community and excellent education. The teachers and staff are dedicated to providing the best education to each individual student - academically, socially, and spiritually.

Families at St. Mary Our Mother School have and strive for high academic standards, as well as similar values, morals, and ethics. Children are happy, loved, respected, and safe. You are not just part of a school, you are part of a greater family - God's family. The faculty and staff strive to raise children who will make a positive, impacting difference in the world.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 23 - Weekday

6:45 AM Santa Morreale - Haner family

Tuesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

6:45 AM Martyn Reimsnyder - daughter, Nancy

Wednesday, August 25 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, August 26 - Weekday

6:45 AM John Viele - Peggy Woodard

Friday, August 27 - St. Monica

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

5:00 PM Vincent Leszyk - O'Brien family

Sunday, August 29 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Norma Conz - Jean & Lenny Mosher

10:30 AM Constance Thorpe - MaryAnn O'Herron

We chose St. Mary Our Mother School for its friendly and caring atmosphere and focus on teaching core values as well as academics. After we toured the school, we couldn't imagine sending our kindergartener at the time anywhere else.

We chose St. Mary Our Mother School not only for the excellent faith-based academic foundation, but because we felt like part of a family the minute we walked through the door.

Registration is still open for St. Mary Our Mother School for the 2021-2022 academic year. Please call the school office at 739-9157 for further information or to schedule a tour. Our school principal, **Mrs. Heather Bill**, will answer any questions you may have.

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

Fr. L.

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

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.

Mass of Recognition

You are cordially invited to a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony next **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 register online at <https://conta.cc/3vjYs7x> or email Donald.smith@dor.org.

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 to-beyt@notredamehighschool.com. Must be 21 to attend and all proceeds to benefit Notre Dame High School.

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 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!

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. Heather Bill, School Principal
Ms. Terri Orbin, Business Manager
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mr. Vincent Moschetti, Chairperson
Mrs. Richelle Riina, Recording Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office

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Religious Education Office

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 E-mail..... smomfaithformation@gmail.com

REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...**Catholic Charities Annual Back to School 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 today, **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

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 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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