



# 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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September 19, 2021

## 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 regard to financial and legal issues. The annual parish meeting will take place today, **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.

## 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, he/she 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.

## UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Due to the Covid-19 cases in our area, we are exercising extra caution to keep our parishioners and staff safe, especially those who are not vaccinated. **Until further notice, masks are required whenever you are in a church building, including when attending Mass.** This applies to everyone old enough to safely wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. We are not at this time implementing any additional registration, social distancing, nor extra sanitizing procedures.

One half of the church seating will continue to be "open seating" will all rows open. The other half will be blocked off at every other row, for those more comfortable with social distancing. When you enter a pew row, please move to the furthest open seating area, so that others can fill in the row behind you. Thank you.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

As a people of faith, we are called to create a more just and peaceful world. On International Day of Peace, pray and take action to ensure peace around the world so that all families can thrive.

*Lord,*

*We pray for peace in the  
homelands of our sisters and  
brothers on the move,  
and that we may be bearers  
of peace  
to those who seek refuge  
in our  
communities.*

*Amen*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - September 26, 2021****26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29  
 Second Reading: James 5:1-6  
 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Joyce Fivie                      Lionel (Jack) Peterson  
 Kenneth (Pete) Tota, Jr.

**FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:**

*In loving memory of the deceased members of the  
 Giannino & Rouleau families - their 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 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.

**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

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

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

**Psalm:**

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

**Second Reading:**

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

**Gospel:**

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill Him, and three days after His death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of September 19, 2021**

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13  
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Observances for the week of September 19, 2021**

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 Catechetical Sunday  
 Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
 Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a day when we acknowledge and affirm the many dedicated people who serve as teachers and catechists in the various faith formation programs of our parish. This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday, selected by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is "*Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed.*" Today is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the teaching role each of us plays in being a faith role model for others. Today is also a time to acknowledge and affirm all parents who are the first and best teachers of our Catholic faith to their children.

In past years, under more "normal" circumstances, before the Covid-19 pandemic, I would offer a listing of all those teachers and catechists in our various faith formation and sacramental preparation programs. Like so many other changes we have endured these past 18 months, I have asked **Barbara Matterazzo**, our Faith Formation Coordinator, to give you an update of our faith formation programs here at St. Mary Our Mother.

*The word "Catechist" comes from the root word 'Catechesis', an ancient Greek word meaning "to echo". The purpose of Catechists is to echo God's voice, to repeat over and over so that those who have not heard the Gospel will have no doubt that God loves them, God cares for them, and God offers them a share in the divine life.*

*To be a catechist means to echo the word of Jesus and echo His life. When we live for the Lord instead of ourselves, when we forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times, and by this we are speaking much louder than words could ever speak.*

*What better legacy could we leave than the legacy of passing on the faith to our children. This is the ministry of the catechist, to hand on the faith by echoing God's love in our lives.*

*Last year was challenging for the ministry of Faith Formation due to the covid-19 pandemic. However, for the 2021/2022 school year we are planning to bring back our on-site Tuesday afternoon program. This program runs from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. for grades K through sixth. We will also offer the Home Study program for parents who wish to take on the responsibility of Catechist at home. For Sacramental Preparation, we will be using a hybrid model with some preparation being completed at home with the assistance of family and some onsite with a catechist. Refer to the "Faith Formation News" section in this bulletin for full details.*

*It is a time to thank the individuals who so generously volunteer their time and talent in serving the parish as catechists in our faith formation programs. Please join me in thanking **Amy Barr, Jackie Conklin, and Maribeth Leipold** for their administrative support. I thank **Lily Barr, Meadow Barr, Karen Fracchia, Catherine Kurniawan, Shirley Lant, Tina Mitchell, Jean Oshetski, Christina Regula** and **Jacque Shope** for their time and talent in the classroom.*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, September 20 - Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

6:45 AM Agnes & Jack Purcell - the Gallagher's

**Wednesday, September 22 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Dick Burdulis - Diane & Bruce Elston

**Thursday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

6:45 AM Special intention of Fr. Linsler - O'Brien family

**Friday, September 24 - Weekday**

6:45 AM No Mass

**Saturday, September 25 - Weekday**

5:00 PM Francis Altilio - Jan & Jerry

**Sunday, September 26 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Loretta Deats - Jackie & Warren Conklin

10:30 AM Gloria Hultz - MaryLee & Ed Fairbrother

*We also thank Father Chris and you, our brothers and sisters in faith, for your financial support and prayers as together we ECHO our faith as witnesses for Jesus Christ in our daily living.*

*Barbara Matterazzo,  
Faith Formation Coordinator*

Thank you, Barbara. Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Sacramental Preparation**

We are currently accepting registrations 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 today's 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**

**Knights of Columbus**

Horseheads Knights of Columbus summer picnic will be held tomorrow, **September 20th** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Big Flats Roy Cooper Pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass; the meat and beverage will be supplied. All are invited! Please RSVP to [dstanton11ec@elmira.edu](mailto:dstanton11ec@elmira.edu).

**All Saints Homeschool Group**

All Saints Homeschool Group, a ministry of All Saints Parish in Corning, NY, is a welcoming community promoting faith and fellowship for Catholic homeschooling families. Join for monthly academic co-op, and/or partake in social events, pilgrimages, field trips, evening prayer and Mass. For more information, please contact [allsaintshomeschoolgroup@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshomeschoolgroup@gmail.com) or [aubreelych03@gmail.com](mailto:aubreelych03@gmail.com).

**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 September, 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
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
- Ms. Terri Orbin**, Business Manager
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- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

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- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street..... (607)-739-9157
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- School Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

**REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...**

**Break the cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organization across the country, including four in our own diocese! In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.

**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.

**Caring for God's Creation**

Momentum is building in the world community and in the Catholic Church for the human family to take immediate action to counter climate change. Pope Francis is urging the Catholic community worldwide to *do something concrete* in response to the urgent message from scientists (and young people) that we "are destroying our future". The Vatican invites us to participate in the **Laudato Si Action Platform**. This "platform" consists of seven goals in seven key sectors:

- responding to the cry of the earth
- responding to the cry of the poor
- ecological spirituality
- adopting sustainable lifestyles
- investing in ecological education
- community engagement

Watch Pope Francis' five minute video introducing the Laudato Si Action Platform at <https://bit.ly/34zdOcH>. Explore the Laudato Si Action Platform website and prayerfully discern how your faith community might get involved in a concrete way connected to one or more of the themes.



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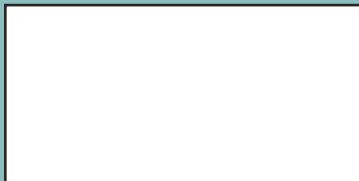
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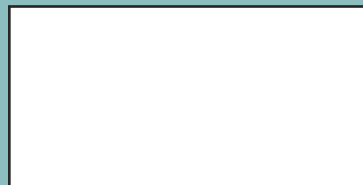


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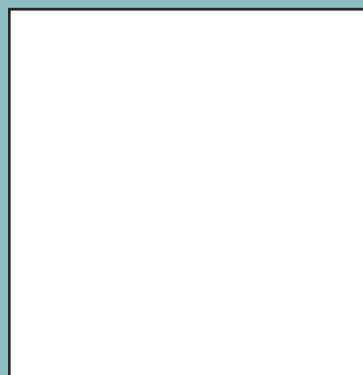
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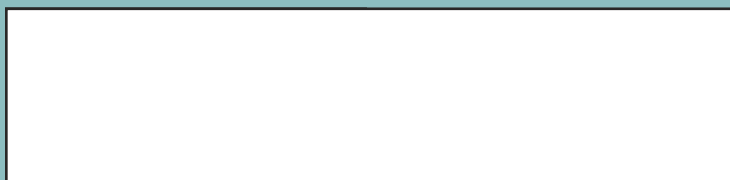
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