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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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September 26, 2021

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.

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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don’t need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn’t matter who did it or where it came from. In God’s eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world’s brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - October 3, 2021****27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
 Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Isaac James Tenenbaum

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Loretta Deats - Maribeth Leipold***Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of Angeline Nenni - Beering family***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangement:***In loving memory of Loretta Deats - Jackie & Warren Conklin***IN OUR PARISH****Blessing of Animals**

Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of animals on **Monday, October 4th** at 6:00 p.m. in the east parking lot (near the playground area) of St. Mary Our Mother Church. All pets and their owners are welcome! To provide a safe environment for all who attend this event, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

Psalm:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

Gospel:

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of September 26, 2021**

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-
23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec
8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps
138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk
10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/
Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf.
5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Observances for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence
Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
 Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels
 Thursday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the
Church
 Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

We have arrived at the final days of September, eighteen months and counting that we have been dealing with the coronavirus. Schools are open, including our school here at St. Mary Our Mother. Our on-site faith formation programs and sacramental preparation programs are scheduled to start soon. Each Sunday, we are seeing attendance at our Sunday liturgies slowly increasing.

Before the days of covid-19, the month of September would find the resumption of many parish activities and meetings. Covid-19 continues to place a damper on these activities. In the past, our Parish Pastoral Council would have had its first meeting earlier this month. The members of this year's Parish Pastoral Council are following:

Vincent Moschetti, Chairperson
Cindy Annunziata
Jenine Cleary
Jackie Conklin
Raymond Kaschalk
Hanne O'Donnell
Richelle Riina
Patricia Rosettie

In addition to her council duties, Richelle Riina serves as recording secretary of the Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council deals with parish policy issues, providing direction, guidance, and feedback so that the parish can better fulfill its mission. The council members are willing to listen to your concerns and bring them to the council's attention for consideration. Prior to these covid-19 days, meetings of the Pastoral Council were open to all parishioners. We are still formulating how best to conduct our meetings this year to insure the health and safety of all members.

While the Pastoral Council deals with matters of "pastoral concern," the Finance Council addresses issues related to finance, buildings, and parish property issues. **Shane Alsworth** serves as the chairperson for this council. Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the pastor, and serve as an advisory group to our newly appointed business manager, **Terri Orbin**, the regional finance director, **Suzanne Krebs**, and myself in offering their expertise in keeping our parish, school, and many ministries in good financial order. Their insights have been and continue to be most important as we navigate through these coronavirus pandemic times.

In addition to the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, the parish also has a Stewardship Committee. The members of this group help raise our awareness of our baptismal call to be good stewards of all God has given us. At this time, due to the moving and relocation of many members of this group, as well as the challenges associated with the pandemic,

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 6:45 AM Roy Tenny - his family

Tuesday, September 28 - Weekday
 6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

Wednesday, September 29 - Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

6:45 AM Special Intention of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

Thursday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Jennie Joy (wedding anniversary) - O'Brien family

Friday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

5:00 PM Art & Marie Maio - Art, Rich, Steve & Suann

Sunday, October 3 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Teresa Dobek - her family

10:30 AM Alexandria Fischer - Marty & Mary Beth Conwell & family

this committee is undergoing a process of reorganization. If you would like to be a member of this group, please contact me at the parish office.

Have a great week, and enjoy these final days of September. Continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources".

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

Our Tuesday afternoon on-site K-6th grade Religious Education program begins this coming Tuesday, **September 28th**, from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

We are also resuming our Home Study program for families K-7th grade who wish to do the study at home with their children. Orientation for Home Study will be held **Tuesday, October 5th** at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

In addition, for 7th grade only, we will also offer online Google Classroom format as well as the Home Study program.

There is still time to register by contacting the Faith Formation Office at 739-8214 or via email at smomfaithformation@gmail.com. We are looing forward to working with your student this year!



REGIONAL EVENTS

Respect Life Mass

A Respect Life Mass will be held next **Sunday, October 3rd** at 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY. The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

Please email Shannon.Kilbridge@dor.org if you plan to attend.

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 home-schooling 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 or aubreelynch03@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
- 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
- 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**
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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Every day conflict and persecution force people to flee from their homes, seeking shelter and safety in lands foreign to them. On World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis calls each of us to "move towards an ever wider we." In the spirit of this call, join Catholic Relief Services and be a part of our community working toward a better world for all. Together, we can make a difference for all!

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.

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!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

St. James warns us about accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no countercultural challenge. The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God's judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given? How might we use our wealth with compassion toward others?

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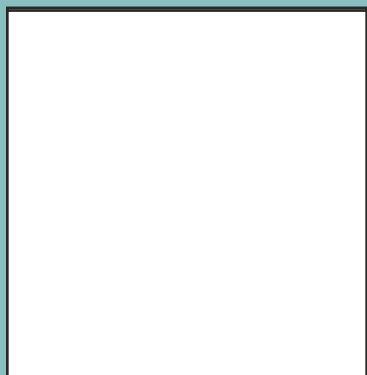
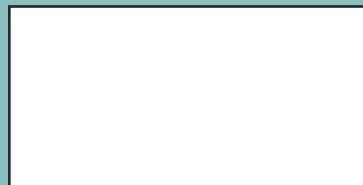


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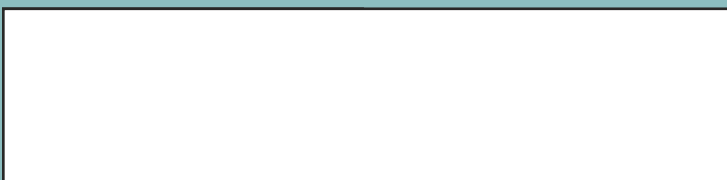
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