



# 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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October 3, 2021

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of animals tomorrow, **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.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The diocese is about to launch the 2021/2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad - through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We cannot close our eyes to these needs even in these difficult times. Starting next weekend, we will have more information to share with you about this year's appeal.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

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## 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" with 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 Leibold) for information or assistance.

Since this training is mandatory, if a person does not complete it, unfortunately, he/she can no longer volunteer.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers and sincerely hope that you are looking forward to continuing your volunteer service/ministry to our parish.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - October 10, 2021****28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13  
 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

**STEWARDSHIP**

August 1, 2021.....\$8,281.00  
 August 8, 2021.....\$11,130.00  
 August 15, 2021.....\$5,592.98  
 August 22, 2021.....\$7,601.00  
 August 29, 2021.....\$6,934.00  
 August 2021 Total.....\$39,538.98

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jo Lasorda Mary Masone  
 Gary Douglas Smith

**MEMORIALS****Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

*In memory of Art & Marie Maio - their children, Art, Rich, Steve & Suann*

**FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangement:**

*In loving memory of Art & Marie Maio - Art, Rich, Steve & Suann*

**Blessed Mother - Church:**

*In loving memory of Sue Beering - the Beering family*

**IN OUR PARISH****Parish Office Hours**

There have been recent changes to the parish office hours. The new hours are:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Friday Office is closed

**Cemetery Clean Up**

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by **Monday, November 1st**. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st; spring and summer decorations are allowed from March 15th through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 1st.

**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 distributing 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.

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

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

**Psalm:**

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

**Second Reading:**

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

**Gospel:**

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of October 3, 2021**

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  
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
 Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**Observances for the week of October 3, 2021**

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 Respect Life Sunday  
 Monday: St. Francis of Assisi  
 Tuesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest  
 Wednesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin  
 Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest  
 Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

You may have heard of the recent news that Pope Francis I has called a worldwide Synod of Bishops to address current issues, concerns, and directions for the future of our church. I would like to use today's column to share with you parts of a letter from Bishop Matano sent to all pastors and pastoral administrators concerning the Synod and how the process will unfold for our diocese. The following are excerpts from the bishop's letter.

*Reverend and Fathers, Pastoral Administrators:*

*As you may be aware, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has convoked the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, from October 2021 through October 2023. The first phase is the "diocesan synodal phase" which will begin in October 2021 in all dioceses throughout the world under the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission."*

*This first phase is described as "listening to one another and walking forward together, guided by the Holy Spirit (Vademecum, no. 4.1). The Synod then will proceed to a continental phase, and finally conclude with an Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. From its theme, we understand that Jesus Christ is "the absolute protagonist who takes the initiative, sowing the words and signs of the coming of the Kingdom without 'showing partiality' (cf. Acts 10:34)" (Preparatory Document, p. 20).*

*In response to the request of our Holy Father, I have appointed two Diocesan Representatives, Mr. Bernard Grizard, Director of Pastoral Services, and Dr. Shannon Kilbridge, Associate Director of Pastoral Services, who will foster "a broad consultation process in order to gather the wealth of the experiences of lived synodality" (Preparatory Document, no. 31); Vademecum, no. 1.5). The information gathered will be used for the creation of a ten-page report (as instructed) that is to be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in April, 2022.*

*While this is an initiative for the Church throughout the world, it also comes at the same time as the Catholic Church in the United States has been preparing to begin the Eucharistic Revival, which will take place from July 2022 to December 2024. In this regard, the Catechism of the Catholic Church cites the Second Vatican Council's teaching: "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church namely Christ himself, our Pasch" (CCC, no. 1324)." Thus, these two initiatives necessarily complement each other, for once we have come to truly know, love and bond with Jesus, we appreciate the call of every baptized person to participate in His life which culminates in Eucharistic Communion, which then embraces the mission:*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi**

6:45 AM Mary Keagle - her family

**Tuesday, October 5 - Weekday**

6:45 AM John P. Murphy - Bill & Judy Driscoll

**Wednesday, October 6 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Irene Johnson - Fran Lepa

**Thursday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

6:45 AM Ann Ponzi - Phil & family

**Friday, October 8 - Weekday**

6:45 AM No Mass

**Saturday, October 9 - Weekday**

5:00 PM Sue Beering (Happy Anniversary in Heaven) - husband, Fran

**Sunday, October 10 - Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Robert Howland - wife, Mary Lou

10:30 AM Anthony & Carrie DiSanto - Teresa & King Fitzpatrick

*the charitable service we render to our sisters and brothers in God's family and the invitation extended to all people, especially the poor, the suffering, the outcast, the forgotten, the foreigner and the alienated to encounter the Risen Christ, visible in the Most Holy Eucharist, His voice heard in Holy Scripture, and His love felt through their sisters and brothers in the family of God.*

*Invoking the intercession of our Diocesan patron, St. John Fisher, I remain, with an assurance of my prayers,*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano  
Bishop of Rochester*

We will keep you informed as this Synod process unfolds.

Have a great week. Continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

Join in a Catholic appeal to work together to boldly protect our common home and our future. We invite you to join your voice with thousands of individuals from the U.S. Catholic community by signing this climate action petition - a faith-filled appeal to President Biden and the U.S. Congress, to work beyond partisanship and create climate solutions to care for present and future generations and our common home.

Dear President Biden and Members of the U.S. Congress,

As U.S. Catholics united in the protection of children, generations to come, and our common home, we urgently appeal to you, to come together and lead our nation and world toward a sustainable and thriving future. Please work together beyond partisanship, and for the common good, by enacting ambitious national solutions and demonstrating global leadership that address the sources and threats of climate change and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We call for actions that:

~ Drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions so that global warming is limited to a 1.5 degrees Celsius increase, thus avoiding the worst impacts of climate change, and

~ Consistently prioritize the needs of peoples most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change in the design and funding of national and international programs that generate climate resilience, ecosystem restoration and conservation, clean energy and water infrastructure, and transitions for peoples impacted by the shift to a low-carbon future.

During these urgent times, we ask, as Pope Francis has, *“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”*. We ask you and pray to God that you work together, for at its core, climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, but about the future of God’s creation and the one human family.

To sign this on-line petition go to: [godsplanet.us/catholic-climate-petition-individuals](http://godsplanet.us/catholic-climate-petition-individuals). Or, call Congressman Tom Reed’s office (654-7566) and leave the above message.

**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 [aubreelynch03@gmail.com](mailto: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 canned goods of any kind for the month of October. 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!

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**Religious Education Office**

816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214  
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**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.

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 [smomfaith-formation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaith-formation@gmail.com). We are looking forward to working with your student this year!

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL NEWS**  
**Faculty**

A few weeks ago, the listing of our school faculty staff was included in our bulletin. The name of the 5th grade teacher was not known at that time. Our teaching staff is now complete! Please welcome Ms. Claire Blide to 5th grade! Thank you.

**Faith Formation Opportunities for 2021/2022**  
**School Year**

Our Tuesday afternoon on-site K-6th grade Religious Education program began **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.



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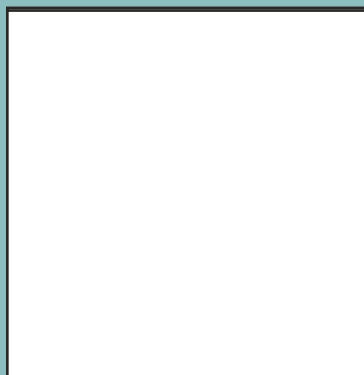
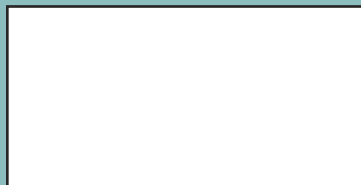


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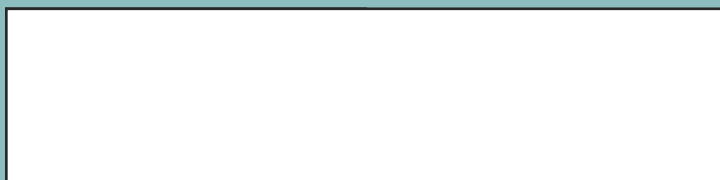
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