



# 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 1, 2023



**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Tuesday, October. 3rd**

3:45 —Religious Education Classes— school

**Wednesday, October 4th**5:30 St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals—  
East Parking Lot**Thursday, October 5th**

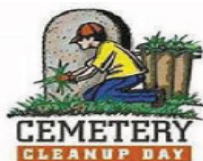
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

**FLOWER DONATION:**

The main altar arrangement for the week of October 1st has been donated in loving memory of our Mon and Dad, Marie and Arthur Maio by their children, Suann, Arthur, Rich and Steve.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Karla Banda  
Ray Griffin  
Joseph Long, Jr.  
Robert MacBlane, Sr.  
Joseph Malorzo  
Robert Mathew  
Robert Schrom, Jr.



Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 5th. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Spring and summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th. through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 5th.

**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023:**

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56  
**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62  
**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12  
**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16  
**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24  
**Next Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**BULLETIN NEWS:**

A representative from Liturgical Publications (our bulletin company) will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of our community, we invite you to expand your reach with a printed ad in our weekly bulletin. For information, please call 585-208-0678.



Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of the animals on Wednesday, October 4th, at 5:30 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, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

For over forty years, there has been an annual campaign seeking financial support for the many ministries and outreach services of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, known commonly as the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. This appeal supports the on-going work of ministry in all parishes of the diocese. The theme of this year's appeal is **"Go Forth with Christ"**.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal encourages us once again to be supportive of the valuable ministries and services offered to our entire diocesan family. All registered parishioners should receive a letter concerning the CMA within the next week or two. I hope you will read this letter and prayerfully consider a gift to help us reach our financial obligation for this year's goal.

Our parish goal for this year is \$91,000.00, which has been reduced from last year's goal of \$95,000.00. As you are aware, we are responsible for any shortfall to this year's goal.

A question that often surfaces each year concerning the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is the question: *"How are the goals for each parish determined for this appeal?" Excellent question! Each parish was recalculated on three factors: 2022 Mass Attendance, 2022 parish collections, and 2022 Household Median Income provided by the U. S. Census Bureau. These three factors factored in the reduction of our goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.*

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your gift is joined with thousands of others to enable our diocesan church to:

*Support ministries that reach out with the hands and heart of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned;*

*Ensure we can help struggling families find their way through economic crisis and back to stability;*

*Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people annually;*

*Fund ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith and teaches values they will carry into adulthood;*

*Help support the funding for the education of candidates for the priesthood and permanent diaconate;*

*Prepare engaged couples for God-centered marriages rooted in the Catholic faith;*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Oct. 2—Holy Guardian Angels</b> Special intention of the 6:45 Mass family
<b>Tuesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Oct. 3—Weekday</b> Joanne Bruse—Peter and Ruth Graham
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Oct. 4—St. Francis of Assisi</b> Henry and Josephine Ryan—Carr family
<b>Thursday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Oct. 5—Weekday:</b> Margaret Amisano—Adele Lanahan
<b>Friday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Oct. 6—Weekday</b> Cecelia Wawrzusin—Ray
<b>Saturday:</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>Oct. 7—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor</b> Pilar Lapitan and Charito Fordley—the Lapitan's
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	<b>October 8,— Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Teresa Dobek—family Jean O'Toole—Theresa LaDouce and Mary Park

**Pastor's perspective continued:**

*Educate and prepare those who wish to become Catholic for the fullness of life in the Roman Catholic Church through the RCIA;*

*Enable us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life and make our voice heard in society;*

*Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection to the Church;*

*Provide important services to our parish that it would find difficult to afford on its own.*

Further information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal can be accessed at the diocesan website, [dor.org](http://dor.org). If you do not receive information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal through the mail, additional information and envelopes will be available in the church vestibule. I wish to thank you for your anticipated generosity to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. With the participation of everyone, we can make our parish goal.

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

Fr. L

## RECOGNIZING GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS:

### The Vineyard

*“Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.” — Psalm 25:8*

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? “Show me, don't tell me.” “I'll believe it when I see it.” It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does *the work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## SEASON OF CREATION: Based on a statement from the US Council of Bishops:

Each year from September 1st. to October 4th (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology) Pope Francis and our U.S Bishops call us to join them in a renewed reverence for all that God has created—the human family and all divine blessings of our earthly home—and in renewed action to protect the gifts of our loving God for future generations.

This year our Bishops ask us to especially reflect on the relationship between justice and creation, warning of the dangers of wasteful and consumerist activity in the world where glaring inequalities persist. The Gospel calls us not to a life of pauperism or austerity, but an invitation to modesty and simplicity. Today, let us consider our life style choice and how we might foster greater empathy and generosity toward those who have less, here in our own community, and around the world.

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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## Who Can Offer Anointing of the Sick?

**Question:** Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

**Answer:** The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person who is sick or dying may only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort made tangible through our acts of charity and service.



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St. Mary Our Mother Prayers and Squares quilting group is back. Our group meets to make lap quilts for our parishioner's ill family members and friends. Once the quilt is made our St. Mary Our Mother School's 5th grade students help us tie the quilts and our 4th grade students pray the rosary over the finished quilts.

We meet twice a month and would welcome anyone who would like to help make the quilts. No experience is necessary.






If you want more information, please call Wilma Sullivan at 607-739-8241 or email [wsullivan11@stny.rr.com](mailto:wsullivan11@stny.rr.com)

## In the Pews Humor;

I was in church with my friend last Christmas Day and as we walked out the priest was as usual standing by the exit shaking hands as people left. As he shook my friend's hand, he took him to one side and said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord, my son." My friend said, "But I'm already in the Army of the Lord."

The priest said to him, "Then why do I never see you in church save for Easter and Christmas?"

My friend replied, "I'm in the secret service."

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