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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 17, 2021

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year's campaign is **Forward in Faith**. The CMA supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the diocese. Your gift to the CMA enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Every gift is needed and important! Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.

OUR CMA CAMPAIGN PRAYER

O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts,
bless our parish,
strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship
so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the building of Your Kingdom here in our church and throughout the world.

We pray for your help in achieving success in this campaign, so that we can help others throughout our Diocese.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 31st at 10:30 a.m.** During this liturgy, we will remember all those who have died from our parish since November, 2020, and will remember each of the departed by name. If you have a family member or friend who passed away during the last twelve months whose funeral was not at St. Mary Our Mother and would like their name included, please contact the parish office. All are invited to this liturgy as we pray for our departed loved ones, and offer support to their families and friends.

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 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 24, 2021****30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

STEWARDSHIP

September 5, 2021.....\$8,537.25
 September 12, 2021.....\$7,146.00
 September 19, 2021.....\$2,758.25
 September 26, 2021.....\$11,639.91

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rita Burke Father Edward Golden
 Agnes Hulbert

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangements:**

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IN OUR PARISH**Parish Office Hours**

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

Monday - Thursday 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 not 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.

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.

Congratulations

Today we offer congratulations to Sue and Jeff Cites as they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both!

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life. (Is 53:10)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

Gospel:

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk 10:45)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of October 17, 2021**

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
 Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9,
 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/
 Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/
 Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk
 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
 Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Observances for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Luke, Evangelist
 Tuesday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,
 Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
 Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. John Paul II, Pope
 Saturday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
 Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World
 Mission Sunday

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

At the Masses last weekend, we shared with you a video on this year's **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. The theme of this year's appeal is "**Forward in Faith.**" If you have not already, you should be receiving materials on the Catholic Ministries Appeal and your pledge card, inviting your support of this year's appeal. (We were told that these mailings were sent during the week of October 4th.) Our parish goal this year is \$106,251, which is a reduction of about \$6,000 from last year's goal.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is joined with thousands of other people throughout our diocese as an investment in the future: the future of our church. Each contribution is also an investment in our own future, as we put our faith in action. Your generosity to this appeal will help.

Fund ministries that help parents raise children and our youth in our Catholic faith, teaching values they will carry with them into adulthood, which will service them throughout life's challenges.

Help educate our seminarians on the road to priestly ordination, providing the next generation of priests to share the sacraments and bless our parishes and people.

Ensure we can help struggling families be lifted out of economic crisis, restoring them to stability again.

Prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, creating strong families.

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

Enable us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life, helping to give voice to the voiceless.

Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection with the church.

Provide important services to our parish that we would find difficult, inefficient, or wasteful to orchestrate on our own.

Support ministries that are a true blessing for the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned.

Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves families and individuals in need, more than 250,000 annually. We share blessings with them; they are a blessing to us.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist**

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Curtin family - family

Tuesday, October 19 - Ss. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - Jackie & Warren Conklin

Wednesday, October 20 - Weekday

6:45 AM Tom Keagle - his family

Thursday, October 21 - Weekday

6:45 AM Les Reimsnyder - daughter, Nancy

Friday, October 22 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, October 23 - Weekday

5:00 PM Arthur Nenni - Beering family

Sunday, October 24 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dick Burdulis - MaryAnn Caroscio

10:30 AM Deceased members of the Walter Sabatura family

If you have not already done so, I would invite you to view this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal video online, at the diocesan website, dor.org. I would invite you to join me in supporting this year's Catholic Ministries appeal. With the generous participation of all, our parish goal is attainable.

Have a great week, and enjoy these October days. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

This year also marks the 200th anniversary of the Founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith by Pauline Marie Jaricot.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...
Updated Covid-19 Protocol**

Due to the Covid-19 cases in our area, we are exercising extra caution to keep our parishioners and 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.

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. Or, call Congressman Tom Reed’s office (607-654-7566) and leave the above message.

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!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Confirmation Year One

If you have a student beginning the 8th grade this year, has had appropriate religious education formation, and wishes to begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please plan on attending the orientation meeting on this Tuesday, **October 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church main worship space. A parent and the candidate must be available for this meeting. For further information or questions please contact the Faith Formation office.

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
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- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
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- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the well being of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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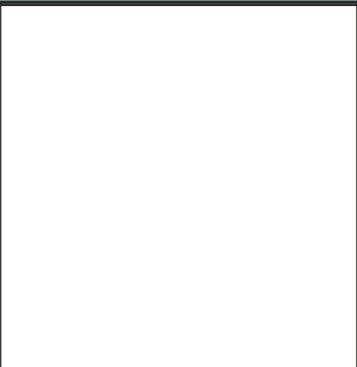


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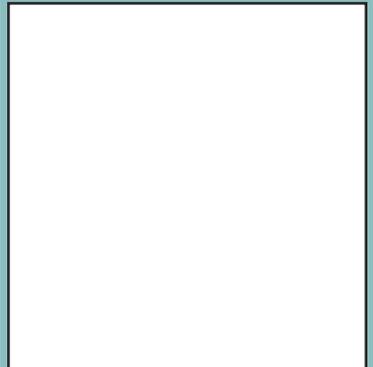
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