



St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
Elmira, NY 14904

Jan. 3, 2010
ALL ARE
WELCOME

Rev. John DeSocio—Pastor
Rev. Jeffrey Tunncliff, Parochial Vicar—jtunncliff@dor.org
Rev. Robert MacNamara, In Residence

Donna Bennett, Faith Formation Coordinator
David Biviano, RCIA Coordinator
Sr. M. Raymond Joseph, Parish Visitor
Anne Bremer, Bookkeeper
Judy Eberle, Secretary
Terry Bruce, Maintenance Supervisor

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2009—2010

Rev. John DeSocio, Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Tunncliff, Judy Beecher, Mary Ann Cleary, Tony Marks, Cathy Hulser, Alex Granger, Jack Strong Sr., Patti Peigdon, Michael Smith, Laurie Desmairis, David Fagan, Theodore Hertel, Donald Holtz.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Mary Montanarella, Liturgist/Organist .. 734-6254
Catherine Holtz, Junior/Adult Choir Director 732-4156
Paul Holland, Folk Group Director... 732-4885
Jack Keefe, Cantor..... 733-9016

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon—Wed. —Thurs—Friday 7:00AM
Tuesday—9:00 AM
Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Toni Brush, Wedding Coordinator.....734-5776
James Berry, Lay Presider
Mary Ann Cleary, Lay Presider
Liz Russell, Funeral Lunch Coordinator
... 570-537-6671

TELEPHONES: Rectory - 734-6254 Fax—733-8890
Religious Ed. Office—734-5220

Diocesan Web Site:www.dor.org
Parish e-mail address:estmaryc@dor.org
St. Mary's website:www.stmaryssouthside.org

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 AM—3 PM Monday—Friday

Sacrament of Baptism: 1st and 3rd Sundays 11:30AM
Sacrament of Penance: Individual Confessions, Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 PM and by appointment
Sacrament of Marriage: Six months must precede wedding date.
Sacrament of Holy Orders, Vocation Office 585-328-3210 or www.dor.org/vocations

NEW PARISHIONERS:

WELCOME to our parish family. It is with great joy we invite you to register here at St. Mary's. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH

St. Mary's Parish is a spiritual family united in faith by Christ Jesus, empowered by the love of God and committed to serve all with the help of the Holy Spirit. We are a friendly and inclusive Roman Catholic community that warmly welcomes people of every race, language and way of life to celebrate with us at the Eucharistic Table. Through the intercession of Mary, our patron and model, we strive to be faithful disciples of her Son by living and sharing the gospel message with joy.

May God Bless all who generously support the work of our parish.

12/19 & 12/20/09

Envelopes \$8,856.00, Plate \$347.00, All Saints \$5.00

Christmas \$630.00, School \$27.00 Flowers \$432.00

Immaculate Conception \$27.00

Church Eastern Europe \$2.00

SMILE TRAIN:

Week: 62 [Nov. 30, 2009] \$169.88 = \$15,232.02

63 [Dec. 6, 2009] \$195.08 = \$15,427.10

64 [Dec. 13, 2009] \$146.86 = \$15,573.96

This week:

Tuesday: 7:00 PM Folk Group –Rectory

Wednesday: Rosary for peace

after 7:00 AM Mass

Thursday: 7:30PM AI-Anon-

Rectory Hilda Room

Regional Mass, Sunday 5 PM St. Patrick's Church.

All St Mary's sacrificial envelopes are returned to St. Mary's.

SOCIAL MINISTRY FOOD SUGGETIONS...

Canned soup [the heartier the better], rice, canned stew, crackers, peanut butter, cereal, laundry, hand and dish soap, shampoo, paper products.

2009-2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Keeping the Spirit Alive

Much like the Holy Spirit who cannot be seen or heard but whose presence is felt in other ways, the good deeds, the blessings delivered from the CMA are often delivered quietly with little fanfare and therefore they go unnoticed. Yet the fact remains that the money given to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is truly the lifeblood of our Diocese. Young or old, rich or poor, disabled, incarcerated, homeless or simply the average parishioner, the money from the CMA touches us all.

And around the Diocese the CMA supports the vulnerable by supporting the work of Catholic Charities of Rochester. The ten regional offices of Catholic Charities are spread throughout our 12 counties and provide services to those without enough food or shelter and those who need help with utilities. You can give to the CMA online at <http://www.dor.org/sd/appeal.htm>. If you have any questions about the Catholic Ministries Appeal please feel free to ask Fr. Jeff.

SMILE TRAIN.....Will you make a special New Year's resolution?

The Smile Train mission is to help very poor children in developing countries who are suffering with unrepaired clefts. Instead of doing a little bit of this and a little bit of that, Smile Train has chosen one specific problem that affects children and is trying to solve it.

Since 1999 over 500,000 children from desperately poor families in 75 countries have been helped. Because of Smile Train's unique approach of empowering local doctors, nurses, and hospitals to become self sufficient, it reduces the cost-per-surgery by 90%. Dollar-for-dollar, Smile Train can help ten times more children than mission groups that send U.S. doctors into foreign countries for short periods of time.

To find out all about The Smile Train visit them at www.smiletrain.org . The page of video clips is especially helpful and inspiring.

Would you consider making a special New Year's resolution to drop a coin or dollar into the Smile Train coin containers each weekend when you come to Mass? They are located in the narthex and front side tables.

May God bless you for your kindness.

June 2009 to June 2010 is the "Year for Priests"

This month of January, remember

Father Jeremiah Moynihan in your prayers.

Building Peace with Justice for January 3, 2009

Today's Gospel blends good and evil as the Magi journey to a distant land to honor the newborn Jesus. Because of King Herod's jealousy, their visit set off the unintended consequence of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt and the slaughter of innocent baby boys. It's tempting to think that the world has grown less harsh, but migration and violence are still the reality for children throughout the world.

This year National Migration Week, today through January 9, focuses on the plight of refugee and migrant children.

Reflection: How can I honor Jesus, the refugee child, through advocacy and works of love on behalf of today's immigrant children?

Thank you to all who participated in our Religious Education Christmas Raffle. The winners were: 1st prize Patti Piegdon, 2nd Shannah Kamas, 3rd Audra Gensel. The proceeds will and have been put to good use.

God Bless,
Donna Bennett

**“Tell Me What I Need to Know -
Listen to What I Have to Say:
Improving Communication with Persons with
Dementia”**

Join us at St. Mary's Wednesday, January 6, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Marian Center for our regular monthly session. This two hour discussion will focus on changes in communication, approaches to listening, and new strategies for keeping the connection with persons as they transition through every stage. Verbal and non-verbal techniques will be discussed.

You can sign up to attend by calling the Learning Institute™ at 1-800-272-3900 or St. Mary's parish office at 734-6254.

Public Policy Issue

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Each year our Diocesan Public Policy selects an issue for a petition type drive in February. This year's issue is Comprehensive Immigration Reform. **To help us understand this issue our local Catholic Charities Office is hosting a presentation by Sr. Janet Korn, RSM on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7 p.m. at their office (215 East Church Street, Elmira).** Sr. Janet will address the causes and the complexities of global immigration and the local reality of farmers and farmworkers in our Diocese. She will discuss Catholic Social Teaching and the reasons why the U.S. Catholic Church supports comprehensive immigration reform.



You are invited to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or as a prayer for a special intention you hold in your heart. Come to the sanctuary before or after Mass, light a candle and enjoy a time of private prayer.

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD: Nominations for parish high school seniors for the Diocesan Hands of Christ Award are now being accepted. If you know of a high school senior who meets parish requirements (attends church regularly, is involved in consistent ministry or service to St. Mary's throughout High School, AND is involved in service with school and/or community) you may nominate them for this Award. Please fill out the nomination form that is available both in church and on the website (www.stmaryssouthside.org) and return it no later than January 3, 2010. All requirements are listed in detail on the form. Any questions please call Anne at 767-6014 or email at AnneBeebe@stny.rr.com.

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHAIST.....

A parent meeting for parents of children who wish to celebrate Eucharist/Confirmation this spring, will be on Jan. 4th at 7:00 PM in church. Children need not attend. If your child is just in need of Confirmation please attend. Any questions, call Donna at 734-5220.

A Christmas Thank You

As our celebration of Christmas draws to a close and we begin our new calendar year, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who sent cards, delivered Christmas baked goods, and expressed Merry Christmas to me. May the Lord grant you a new year abundant in his grace.

Peace,
Fr. Jeff

**Outreach to Inactive Catholics
Gathering January 20, 2010**

Almost all of us know someone who does not come to church often, if at all. We saw many people here at Christmas who do not come throughout the year. We are pleased to see them at Christmas. This is a positive sign in the midst of our secular culture that at this special time of year people still realize that Christmas is not about us. It is about God; the birth of Jesus Christ.

We are having our next evening gathering for Inactive Catholics on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Would you consider inviting someone who has been away from the church to join us?

**Lector, Eucharistic Minister,
Altar Server Schedule**

Sat. Jan 9,

4:00 Mass

Lector: E. Locke, S. Forrest

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread** Judy Greven,
Julianna Combs

Cup: Mary Alice Clark, Ida Maria, Mark Greven,
Mike Gessi

Sunday, Jan. 10,

8AM Mass

Lector: F. Clark, C. Hughes

Eucharistic Minister:

Bread: Steve Milford, Ann Nybeck

Cup: Pat Ragan, Don Holtz, Larry Sherman,
Carolee Sherman

10:30 Mass

Lector: T. Marks, N. Marks

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Jim Berry,
Sylvia Berry, David Brush

Cup: John Fracchia, Barb Fracchia, Terry Scalia,
Libby Forte

Jan 9, Altar Servers

4:00 Mass: Henry Ginnetti

Jan 10, Altar Servers

8AM Mass: Patti Peigdon

10:30 AM Owen Mason, Ryan Mason

Please pray for Rev. John Yaw Afoakwah.
He is from Blessed Trinity Parish in Owego and
was recently injured in an automobile accident.



SATURDAY 1/2

4:00 PM Nancy Christofaro—
Mr. & Mrs William Carnegie

SUNDAY 1/3

8:00 AM Bill Zinn—St. Mary's School Class of 1961
10:30 AM Joan Monachino—Bill & Mary Norton

MONDAY 1/4

7:00 AM Jeffrey Lawes—Family

TUESDAY 1/5

9:00 AM John Walsh—Carol Wichtowski

WEDNESDAY 1/6

7:00 AM Richard Corcoran—
Terry & John O'Laughlin

THURSDAY 1/7

7:00 AM Joyce McLaughlin Anderson -
Matthias & Ann Fennell

FRIDAY 1/8

7:00 AM Peter Glanton—Gerry McNerny

SATURDAY 1/9

4:00 PM Salvatore Milazzo—Family

SUNDAY 1/10

8:00 AM Catherine Chalk— Patricia Lambert
10:30 AM Bob Lambert—Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Murphy

Anyone needing hearing assistance, St. Mary's has a Hearing Impaired Loop with Individual Sound Packs. If you are in need to borrow one for Mass, go to the Vestry before Mass.

CELL PHONES: Please remember to turn off your phones or place them on muted sound during the celebration of the Mass. Thank You.