



St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
Elmira, NY 14904

Jan. 17, 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 Piegdon, Michael Smith, Laurie Desmarais, 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

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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.

1/09 & 1/10/10

Envelopes \$11,422.50 Plate \$166.75

Christmas \$220.00 School \$ 100.00 Flowers \$50.00

Immaculate Conception \$10.00 New Years \$180.00

SMILE TRAIN:

Week: 65 [Dec. 20, 2009] \$409.92 = \$15,983.88

66 [Dec. 24, 2009] \$186.21 = \$16,170.09

This week:

Tuesday: 7:00 PM Folk Group –Rectory

Wednesday: Rosary for peace

after 7:00 AM Mass

Thursday: 7:30PM Al-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 SUGGESTIONS...

Pasta, sauce, canned vegetables, boxed potatoes, cereal [including instant oatmeal], cake, brownie and muffin mixes, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap.

SMILE TRAIN.....

Meet 6 year old Mornng Pilot

In Cambodia, they call a child with a cleft a "Cheb." Cheb can mean a lot of things, all of them bad: "hole," "mistake," "freak," "ugly," and "loser."

To 6 year-old Cambodian boy, Mornng Taing Pilot, Cheb was an unfortunate nickname but he grudgingly accepted it.

One day, his family heard a report about a special program that offered free surgery to poor Cambodian children with clefts. The clinic was 26 miles away, a two day walk at least. Mornng and his father took the long journey and ended up at the National Pediatric Hospital in the Kandal Province.

Smile Train partner Dr. Long Vanna operated on Mornng. It took a little over an hour to transform this little boy from a Cheb back to Mornng Taing Pilot. Just 73 minutes to save Mornng from an entire lifetime of suffering and humiliation. Dr. Vanna commented, "I'm delighted seeing poor, lovely children having a new smile."

Thank you, St. Mary's, for helping so many children through Smile Train.

Keeping the Spirit Alive

2009-10 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

With the beginning of the New Year, our CMA campaign contribution will begin to slow down (you can make a pledge anytime until May 31st). As of January 1st we are at \$34,176. Our goal is \$45,202 so we are still short of our goal by \$11,085. We are \$1,700 behind last year at this time with 38 fewer households donating.

The CMA is important because it provides necessary funds for the work of the church. I also remind you that our parish must pay the difference when we do not meet our goal.

You can give anytime until May by using one of the envelopes available in church or by giving online at http://www.dor.org/sd/onlinegift_CMA.htm. If you are able we would appreciate if you could contribute soon. If you have any questions about the Catholic Ministries Appeal please feel free to ask Fr. Jeff.

One liner:

Some church people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited...until you try to sit in their pew.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Minimum monthly need	\$	3,212
Contributions received last month	\$	2,547.67
Total contributions to date (10/20)	\$	1,342,390.29
Balance of outstanding loan (10/20)	\$	133,237.04
Remaining commitment to Diocesan Partners-in-Faith Campaign	\$	0

Social Ministry Committee Meeting

Our next Social Ministry Committee Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the lower-level of the rectory. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions please call Fr. Jeff.

Income Taxes

Offering contribution statements will be mailed to all parishioners in January.

BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED—Jan. 18, 2010 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Counters please report on Tuesday, Jan 19th 8:30 AM

Volunteers needed: If you would be able to volunteer to count our collections we welcome all help. The counting is done on Monday when the office opens at 8:30 AM unless Monday is a holiday then its done on Tuesday. We are always in need of help during the winter months when the snow birds fly away looking for warm weather. If you are able to help, please call the rectory 734-6254. Thank you.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Be a voice for the voiceless! Plan now to travel with fellow parishioners to Washington, DC on Jan. 22, 2010 for the March for Life. We'll ride by bus starting about 11:30 PM on Jan. 21st arriving in Washington for Mass, coffee & donuts. We will visit the offices of our Congressman and Senators, see Capitol Hill, attend the big rally and then March for Life from the Washington Monument to the Supreme Court Building. Buses arrive home around midnight. The cost is approximately \$45.00 per person [scholarships are available]. Adults and school age children are welcome. Adult parishioners will chaperone older [4th grade & up] children if parents cannot attend. Plan now. Call Steve at 739-9282 or Sharon at 734-2680 for information or to reserve your seat. Parishioners who would like to donate 'scholarship' money to sponsor children or others to ride are invited to call also.

Building Peace with Justice

Imagine such a God! A people forsaken are called "my delight" and a desolate land, "espoused". Water is transformed into superabundant wine. The messianic age dawns and followers begin to respond .

The US Bishops call us to respond to the revelation of a personal and transforming God by supporting comprehensive immigration reform that: provides a pathway to residency and citizenship; keeps families intact; strengthens security without being indifferent to hard-working families who pose no threat; restores due process to immigrants etc.

Action: Reflections and discussions on illegal immigration have been distorted (e.g. undocumented workers don't pay taxes). For an informed discussion that enables us to reflect and to respond, check out the Catholic Campaign at www.justiceforimmigrants.org . Imagine such a society!

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?

Get into the Acts! Week of January 17, 2010

Read: Acts 10: 1 - 49

Reflect: The early indications in Acts that the Good News is meant for everyone, not just the Jewish community, begin to take form in this section of Acts. Peter's vision and understanding that God shows no partiality to humanity set the foundations for the further spread of the Good News to all of the world. As one who follows Christ, do I show partiality with some people? Are there some people in my life whom I believe are unworthy of the Good News? Do I share my faith with everyone with the same passion, or are there some who cause me to hold back?

Did anything else stand out for me in this section of Acts?

Act it Out! *How do my reflections today inform how I will live out my discipleship in the world this week?*

Could I...

...explore any racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory thoughts that I have and challenge myself to live differently?

...teach my children about impartiality and the importance of justice?

...write an editorial letter in my school newspaper in support of a local issue of justice or against an act of discrimination?

How else could I act it out?

The **YOUTH GROUP** will again be collecting for the "SOUP"ER BOWL after all the Masses the weekend of January 30th. All money collected will go to the Community Kitchen, so please bring an extra dollar or two and help us feed the hungry in our community. Thank you in advance.

Healing Mass

Please join us to celebrate a **Healing Mass** and special prayers of healing on **Friday, February 5th at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church in Corning**, New York (155 State Street). We hope to see you there. Call 607-936-4689 with any questions.

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

Sat. Jan 23,

4:00 Mass

Lector: M. F. Cowley

Eucharistic Minister: **-Bread** Rose Carnegie,
Tom Beecher, Ange Fusco

Cup: Michelle Beecher, Laura Ingle, Marie Storch,
Ken Stump

Sunday, Jan. 24,

8AM Mass

Lector: K. Clark, B. Werek

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Sharon Erway,
Mike Girardi, Joseph George

Cup: Patti Piegdon, Janet Fundurulic,
Josie Ann George

10:30 Mass

Lector: K. O'Brien

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Cathy Padgett,
Duane Padgett, Helen Dunne

Cup: Kim Smith, Sue Morris, Sue Parker,
Elizabeth Raudat

Jan 23, Altar Servers

4:00 Mass: Hailey Weisheit, Mary Ann Cleary

Jan 24, Altar Servers

8AM Mass: Joe Buzako, Don Holtz

10:30 AM Brittany Strong, Derek Strong

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

This month of January, remember
Father Jeremiah Moynihan in your prayers.

FYI.....

**St. Mary's Confirmation/ First Eucharist
will be May 26, 2010 at 6:30 PM.**



SATURDAY 1/16

4:00 PM Theresa Mowry - Mom, Dad & Family

SUNDAY 1/17

8:00 AM Rose Markowski—

Charles & Beverly Markowski

10:30 AM Eileen S. Curns—

Mary Ellen Mitchell & Family

MONDAY 1/18

NO MASS OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 1/19

9:00 AM Helen Constantine—Family

WEDNESDAY 1/20

7:00 AM Josephine Kamas—Pelton Family

THURSDAY 1/21

7:00 AM Paul Reidy—Family

FRIDAY 1/22

7:00 AM Eleanor Burnett—Helen Vanderpool

SATURDAY 1/23

4:00 PM Judy O'Brien—

Lee & Mary Ann Lepkowski

SUNDAY 1/24

8:00 AM Julia Lagonegro—Marilyn & Rosalie

10:30 AM Louise & Neil Sullivan—

Mary Ellen Mitchell & Family

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.