



St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
Elmira, NY 14904

Jan. 24, 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
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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

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

67 [Jan. 3, 2010] \$483.06 = \$16,653.15

68 [Jan. 10, 2010]\$198.48 = \$16,851.63

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...

Canned fruit, jello, pudding, tuna, peanut butter, cereal [including instant oatmeal], cake, brownie and muffin mixes, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap paper products.

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.

SMILE TRAIN

Meet 9 month old Nicholas from Venezuela

Nicholas' parents were distraught when they saw their son's cleft deformity and were too embarrassed to bring him out in public. They hid Nicholas from friends and family, caring for him in seclusion at their tiny home in a poor slum area of Venezuela.

One day, they heard a radio announcement that Hospital de Especialidades Pediatricas was performing surgeries for children born with cleft deformities and that the cost of the surgeries was being covered by The Smile Train.

It took them an entire day by bus to get to the hospital, but their trip was well worth it. Soon after they arrived, they received the wonderful news that Nicholas would receive free surgery. The surgery was a success and now the whole family is overcome with happiness and smiles! Nicholas has been transformed from a child of sadness to a child of happiness.

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



**Join us
for Soup!**

SISTER RAYMOND JOSEPH WILL BE MAKING HER FAMOUS SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17TH IN THE MARIAN CENTER FOLLOWING 5:30 PM MASS

**ALL ARE WELCOME —
NUMBERS ARE APPRECIATED.**

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY 734-6254 OR CHECK THE SIDE TABLES FOR SIGN UP SHEETS.

Sister will also have Soup and Reflection Wed. after 12 noon Mass. Topic to be determined. More information to come.

**Immigration Reform
A Delicate Issue**

The Public Policy for this year's petition drive in February will be Comprehensive Immigration Reform. It is a delicate issue. People fear that migrant workers take away job from American citizens. Yet, many of the jobs the migrant farm workers take go unfilled when the migrants are unavailable because Americans don't want those jobs.

People worry about terrorism with immigrants. Most of the immigrant workers are from Central America and not a threat for terrorism. Most immigrants move because they do not have jobs, food, or water in their native countries. Over the next three weeks we will present the position of the United States Bishops on Immigration Reform, including their condition for protection of jobs for American Citizens.

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.

Building Peace with Justice

In today's second reading St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that we are all baptized in one Spirit and each member of the body of Christ has a particular function that affects the whole. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it..." Today migrants and others who have been labeled "illegals" struggle because they have no means to achieve legal status in the United States. How can we turn deaf ears to those who tend the crops we eat, and do the most menial tasks just to feed their families?

Reflection: Are we listening to voices that condemn migrants and preach hate? Are we willing to raise our voices for justice for immigrants? On the weekend of February 13/14 we will have an opportunity to sign postcards to our legislators asking for comprehensive immigration reform.

How can the teaching of the Catholic Church enhance your marriage? Come and find out! All are invited to O'Brien Hall at St. Mary Our Mother Parish in Horseheads at 2:00 on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, for refreshments and a talk by Michele Eastman. Mrs. Eastman, a local instructor on natural family planning, will discuss the joy and beauty of marriage and sexuality as understood by Catholic teaching. Young couples, in particular, are encouraged to attend.

A Special Plea

With the recent earthquake in Haiti, the pleas for donations are all the more. There is an overwhelming need in Haiti for emergency supplies of food, water, medicine, and shelter. Much will also be needed for rebuilding all that was destroyed. If you have not made a donation to help so you might consider a donation to Catholic Relief Services. If you would like to donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org, or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Haiti Earthquake

That being said, we are still in need of donations to our regular diocesan CMA appeal. In the midst of the earthquake, regular ministry needs to continue. As of January 8th we are at \$34,261 (75.6%) towards our goal which leaves us \$1,737 and 38 donors behind last year at this same time. You can give online at http://www.dor.org/sd/onlinegift_CMA.htm. If you have any questions about the Catholic Ministries Appeal please feel free to ask Fr. Jeff.

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.

SPIRIT ALIVE.....

Do you ever wonder how people find time to read the Bible? Go to www.rochesterspiritualive.org and hear the stories of people in our diocese who have found the time to read the Bible regularly. Hear their stories in *Alive in the Word: The Bible for Us*. Then look at the reflection questions and think about how you can begin to read the Bible.

Week of January 24, 2010

Read: Acts 11: 1 – 12: 24

Reflect: This week's section of Acts begins with Peter being challenged by the "circumcised" believers – those Christians who came from Jewish communities – for his outreach to the Gentiles. Peter stands by the call of God to all people, and continues to preach the Good News even upon his arrest by Herod. Who are the ones whom I feel "belong" in my own community? Who does not "belong?" Am I willing to welcome them into my heart and my community? Would I face arrest, punishment or death for them on account of being a follower of Jesus?

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...

...stand up to a bully in my class or workplace who is hurting someone else?

...welcome someone to my community who is new or different?

...visit someone in prison who has no one else who cares?

How else could I act it out?

"CS05: Caregiver Efficacy: Coping and Empowerment"

Join us at St. Mary's Wednesday, February 3, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Marian Center for our regular monthly session. The focus of the program is directed to effects of Alzheimer's disease on caregivers, signs of caregiver stress, importance of planning and steps to a healthy caregiver. You need to take care of yourself! 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.

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

Sat. Jan 30

4:00 Mass

Lector: A. Finnerty, L. Stephens

Eucharistic Minister: **-Bread** Jim Delaney, Bob
Bailey, Kathy Bailey

Cup: Lauri Desmarais, Henry Ginnetti, Tom Sav-
ino, Burt Beebe

Sunday, Jan. 31

8AM Mass

Lector: D. Holtz, J. LaVelle

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Steve Milford,
Sandy Sarmany, Ann Nybeck

Cup: Pam Shuart, Don Holtz, Larry Sherman,
Carolee Sherman

10:30 Mass

Lector: J. Dolph, J. Erway

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Dede Padgett,
Sr. Leona, Joan Rice

Cup: Kelly Lowman, Sharyn Cloke,
Sr. Raymond Joseph, Paul Prunier

Jan 30, Altar Servers

4:00 Mass: Henry Ginnetti

Jan 31, Altar Servers

8AM Mass: Patti Piegdon

10:30 AM Sara McCawley, Emily DeMuth

**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, Rev Joseph Hart presiding.**

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

The **YOUTH GROUP** will be selling CHOCOLATE
ROSES before and after all masses the weekends of
February 6th/7th and 13th/14th. Choose a white, yellow,
pink, red or brown milk chocolate rose for your sweet-
heart...or treat yourself! Cost is still \$1 each. Part of the
proceeds will be donated to the SPCA, in honor of Joan
Monachino.



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

MONDAY 1/25

7:00 AM Caroline DeSocio—Carl & Liz Russell

TUESDAY 1/26

9:00 AM Franklin Griffin—Family

WEDNESDAY 1/27

7:00 AM Burke LaComb—Resurrection Choir

THURSDAY 1/28

7:00 AM Sam Pizzo—Henry & Nancy Ginnetti

FRIDAY 1/29

7:00 AM Bernard Hartnett Family -
Christine Hartnett-Ruane

SATURDAY 1/30

4:00 PM Edna Hutchinson -
Gail & Connie Sweeney

SUNDAY 1/31

8:00 AM Don Burris—Elmira Nocturnal Society

10:30 AM Deceased members of Augustine Family -
Mr. & Mrs Joseph Augustine

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.

COUPLES RETREAT...

The Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua is offering married couple retreats on: 2/19—2/21; 4/30-5/1; 5/14—5/16.

The first 2 are limited to 25 couples. The third is a SILENT RETREAT, married couples welcome together but it is also open to others attending as singles. The retreat theme is "Spirituality: "Talkin' the Talk and Walkin' the Walk." For registration or information: Nancy 585-394-5700 or email ndlynch@rochester.rr.com. Locally call Dick or Helen McGill—607-732-0055