

St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
Elmira, NY 14904

Jan. 31, 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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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.

1/23 & 1/24/10

Envelopes \$8,370.00 Plate \$169.00 New Years \$85.00

Christmas \$30.00 Black & Native American \$5.00

SMILE TRAIN:

Week: 69 [Jan. 17, 2010] \$126.75 = \$16,978.38

70 [Jan. 24, 1010] \$391.57 = \$17,369.90

HAITI:1/17— \$ 4,232.00
1/24 —1,421.00 Grand total \$5,653.00
Thank you for your kindness.

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 meat, canned corned beef hash, canned pork & beans, canned vegetables, canned gravy, rice and rice mixes, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned soup and crackers, 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.

“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.

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.

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.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

The Hispanic Pew Forum estimates that at least twelve million undocumented immigrants live and work in the United States today. The motivations pushing immigrants to risk unauthorized entry, but most come with the hope of reuniting with family members already here or to find work that will provide support for their family back home. *The existing immigration system has resulted in a growing number of persons in this country in an unauthorized capacity, living in the shadows as they toil in jobs that would otherwise go unfilled.* The Church believes that current immigration laws and policies have often led to the undermining of immigrants' human dignity and have kept families apart. The Catholic bishops of the United States have been strong supporters of comprehensive immigration reform, which includes:

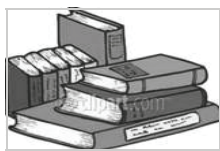
- A broad based legalization (permanent residency) of the undocumented of all nationalities
- Reform of our family-based immigration system to allow family members to reunite with loved ones in the United States
- Reform of the employment-based immigration system to provide legal pathways for migrants to come and work in a safe, humane, and orderly manner
- Abandonment of the border "blockade" enforcement strategy
- Restoration of due process protections for immigrants.

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/onlinegift_CMA.htm. If you have any questions about the Catholic Ministries Appeal please feel free to ask Fr. Jeff.



St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a Books Are Fun Book Fair on Thursday, February 11th from 11 AM to 4 PM and Friday, February 12th from 7 AM until 2 PM. This event will be held in the Main Lobby of the hospital at 555 St. Joseph's Blvd. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph's.

Lenten Bible Study

Last year Fr. Jeff led a six-week Bible Study in January and February. Fr. Jeff will once again offer a Bible Study this year running from February 21st to March 21st. We will meet in the lower level of the rectory each Sunday at 11:45 a.m. for one hour to discuss the readings of that Sunday. Please look at the readings before you come and bring a Bible with you. Please see Fr. Jeff if you have any questions.

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.rochesterspiritallive.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.

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Week of January 31, 2010

Read: Acts 12: 25 – 13: 43

Reflect: As Peter did earlier in Acts, Paul again connects the understanding of Jesus in the early church with its Jewish roots and history. Paul raises up key moments in the life of the Jewish people and connects them with Good News and God's saving action. How has God's saving action been present in my own history? Where on my path have I seen or experienced God at work in my life? How have those experiences changed my life as a disciple and how I share the Good News with others? Where am I being called to grow in my discipleship at this point in my journey? 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...

...write out important parts of my faith journey in a letter to my children?

...visit a member of my community in the hospital?

...use a moment of transformation in my life to connect with someone going through a similar struggle at school?

How else could I act it out?



The **Festival Committee** would like to have a booth of hand made goods with all the proceeds going to the church. For more information, please call Judy at the rectory —734-6254.

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

Sat. Feb. 6

4:00 Mass

Lector: M. Cleary, J. Berry

Eucharistic Minister: **-Bread** Judy Greven,
Marie Storch, Julianna Combs

Cup: Mary Alice Clark, Mary Ann Cleary,
Mark Greven, Mike Gessi

Sunday, Feb. 7

8AM Mass

Lector: F. Clark, C. Hughes

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Peg Buzako,
Susan Nickerson, Pat Mailey

Cup: Joe Buzako, Sandy Sarmany, Joe George,
Josie Ann George

10:30 Mass

Lector: M. Cornish-Hertel, T. Hertel

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Phil Santone,
Elizabeth Russell, Joette McCawley

Cup: Alicia Strong, Donna Bennett, Susan Mason,
Angeline Sprague

Feb 6, Altar Servers

4:00 Mass: Bob Bailey

Feb 7, Altar Servers

8AM Mass: Patti Piegdon

10:30 AM Phil & Melissa Erway

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

This month of February, remember
Father Christopher Linsler 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 1/30

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 the
Augustine Family—
Mr & Mrs. Joseph Augustine

MONDAY 2/1

7:00 AM Bernard Webb—Bequest

TUESDAY 2/2

9:00 Caroline DeSocio—Mary Fran Cowley &
Anne Ryan

WEDNESDAY 2/3

7:00 AM Judith O'Brien—Resurrection Choir

9:30 AM Catholic Schools Week Mass

THURSDAY 2/4

7:00 AM Rita Corcoran & Dr. Raymond Stoddard
Family

FRIDAY 2/5

7:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY 2/6

4:00 PM Nancy Christofaro—Folk Group & 4PM
Mass Friends

SUNDAY 2/7

8:00 AM Al Eberle—Judy

10:30 AM Burke LaComb—SHS Class of 1960

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