

St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
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Feb 14, 2010
ALL ARE
WELCOME

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

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2009—2010

Rev. John DeSocio, Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Tunnicliff, 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.

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

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

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

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.

2/6 & 2/7/10

Envelopes \$11,223.00 Plate \$347.00

Schools \$40.00 Black & Native American \$20.00

SMILE TRAIN:

Week: 71 [Jan 31, 2010] \$150.50 = \$17,520.40

72 [Feb. 7, 2010] \$170.07 = \$17,690.47

Smile Train: Meet one year old Shivarudrayya (Shiva)

Shivarudrayya (Shiva) was born with a severe cleft lip and palate in a very poor, rural area of Northern India. His father is a laborer who earns about 50 cents a day but only works 10-15 days a month.

Shiva's parents were in shock when she was born with a massive cleft. They thought it was a curse and they blamed themselves. They did not know that clefts could be repaired until a neighbor told them about a Smile Train clinic in the nearby town. Shiva was operated on by one of Smile Train's best partners, Dr. K. Gopal Krishnan in Dharwad, India.

Since he was successfully operated on so early, Shiva was saved from many years of pain and heartbreak. Now, he will never develop the kind of speech impediment that is often impossible to correct in children who have their clefts repaired much later in life.

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

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...

Rice, canned fruit, tuna, noodles, jello, puddings, peanut butter, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap, dish soap, paper products.

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform
Public Policy Petitions Next Weekend**

One of the primary concerns that people have about immigration reform is 'are we going to make all the illegal immigrants citizens and let everyone who wants to come into the country do so'. The church does not seek this. The Church seeks a balance between a person's right to emigrate to find work and the right of a country to protect its boundaries and limit the number of people entering. The Church seeks a *just* system that treats people with dignity and respect, recognizes their rights.

For our petitions next weekend we will be using postcards to congress supplied by the U.S. Bishops. The cards read "I am a concerned constituent and agree with the U.S. Catholic bishops that the U.S. immigration system is flawed and in need of repair. I ask that this year you support immigration reform legislation that keeps immigrant families together, adopts smart and humane enforcement policies, and ensures that immigrants without legal status register with the government and begin a path toward citizenship. Our families and communities cannot wait!"

Building Peace with Justice for February 14, 2010

Jesus looks at his disciples and tells them "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." Jesus does not say, someday the kingdom of God will be yours. For those who trust in God, for those who follow Jesus the kingdom of God is already here. It is not just a future reality.

If that is true, we need to be living already as members of God's reign, God's household. From God's perspective, there is one human family and the resources of the earth are meant for all.

Reflection: How can we help shape the immigration debate in our country to reflect the values of God's reign, of God's kingdom?

LENTEN GUIDELINES—

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lent is the season which runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Catholics, 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting as explained by the U.S. Bishop means partaking of only one full or main meal, and eliminating snacks between meals. The Law of Fasting binds all persons between 18 and 59 inclusive.

Catholics are encouraged to perform acts of penance during the Season of Lent.

Lenten Bible Study

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

The National Black, Native American, and Hispanic Collection

In your envelope set you will find one for February 21st for the Black, Native American, and Hispanic Collection. Since 1884, proceeds from this collection have been distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, Native American, Hispanic, Eskimo, and Aleute communities of the United States.

Lenten Coin Banks

Beginning Ash Wednesday our Lenten Coin Banks will be available in church. This has been a long standing tradition at St. Mary's. It is *the* major fundraiser for our Social Ministry program. The money is used to help the Community Kitchen, the Samaritan Center, and Second Place East. We also make a donation to Operation Rice Bowl from the funds.

Your part is simple. Simply take one of the Lenten Coin Banks home and throughout Lent place your spare change in the coin bank. Then bring the coin bank back at Easter with your donations coins inside. Thanks!

**Get into the Acts!
Week of February 14, 2010**

Read: Acts 15: 1 - 35

Reflect: This section of Acts describes the Council of Jerusalem, the first of many councils of the church. Here the early church struggled with the major question of how the Jewish and Gentile Christians could all follow Christ together in practice. Although the council offered its teaching it took time in the early communities to integrate that teaching. More recently, the Second Vatican Council offered important teachings for the faithful that also have been integrated in our worldwide church. As I prepare for Lent, how do I live out the teachings of the Second Vatican Council? How have they changed how I understand my discipleship? What aspects of the council's teaching have I not yet integrated into my faith life? How can I better share the teachings of the Catholic Church with others in my life?

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?*

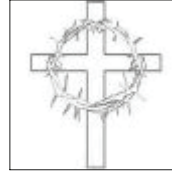
Could I...

...read and discuss the documents of the Second Vatican Council that I find most challenging? Ask my pastoral leader about them?

...connect the teachings of the Catholic Church with a new piece of legislation?

...learn about an aspect of a different faith and see how it relates to the teaching of the Catholic Church?

How else could I act it out?



**Pre Lenten Penance Service—
Prepare for Lent—
Sunday Feb 14, 3 PM in Church.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES WITH
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:
7AM, 12:30PM AND 5:30PM**

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■ **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.**
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■ **You are invited to join Sister Raymond Joseph after 12**
■ **Noon Mass on Wednesday's during Lent for Soup and**
■ **Scripture. Sister will show DVD's of Father Ron Role-**
■ **iser, well know author, one of the finest spiritual writ-**
■ **ers of our time, will be the source of the Lenten presen-**
■ **tations. There are 2 topics: "The Passion of Christ"**
■ **and "The Cross of Christ". Each session will be about**
■ **30 minutes. Father explains the non negotiables—the**
■ **importance of community worship, the imperatives sur-**
■ **rounding social action, the centrality of the Incarnation,**
■ **the sustenance of the spiritual life and how spirituality**
■ **necessarily impacts every aspect of human experience.**
■ **Anyone searching for substance and balance in the**
■ **Christian spiritual life will welcome the wisdom in Fa-**
■ **ther's words.**
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■ The YOUTH GROUP will be selling **CHOCOLATE**
■ **ROSES** before and after all masses the weekend of
■ February 13th/14th. Choose a white, pink, red, brown
■ or dark chocolate rose for your sweetheart...or treat
■ yourself! Cost is \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or buy a dozen
■ roses for \$10. A great deal for teachers and bosses
■ to hand out. Part of the proceeds will be donated to
■ the SPCA, in honor of Joan Monachino.
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The Business Office will be closed Monday Feb 15th in observance of Presidents' Day. There is no Mass and counters are requested on Tues. 2/16 at 8:30 AM Thank you

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

Sat. Feb. 20

4:00 Mass

Lector: S. Forrest, M. Storch

Eucharistic Minister: **-Bread** Ange Fusco,
Hailey Weisheit, Julianna Combs

Cup: Michelle Beecher, Tom Beecher,
Tom Savino, Burt Beebe

Sunday, Feb. 21

8AM Mass

Lector: K. Clark, B. Werek

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

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

10:30 Mass

Lector: H. Dunne, J. Collins

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Bernadette Drew.
Lynda Williams, Bonnie Acosta

Cup: Cindy Guyette, Mary Beth Minchin,
Roxie Tillotson, Sandy Harkness

Feb 20, Altar Servers

4:00 Mass: Henry Ginnett

Feb 21, Altar Servers

8AM Mass: Joe Buzako

10:30 AM Helen Dunne

**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 is
May 26, 2010 at 6:30 PM, Rev Joseph Hart presid-
ing.**



IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING OF OUR
PARISH FESTIVAL. The **Festival Committee** would like
to have a booth of hand made goods [knit, crochet etc.] with
all the proceeds going to the church. For more information,
please call Judy at the rectory —734-6254.



SATURDAY 2/13

4:00 PM Edna Hutchinson—Gail & Connie Sweeney

SUNDAY 2/14

8:00 AM Bob Lambert—Fritz & Mary Alice Clark

10:30 AM Sharon Cantliff—Lulu Hewitt

MONDAY 2/15

HOLIDAY—NO MASS

TUESDAY 2/16

9:00 Michelle Keefe Callighan—Family

ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17

7:00 AM Eleanor Burnett—

Ward & Elizabeth Wyatt

12:30 PM William Coleman—

George & Jean Brimmer

5:30 PM Bill Zinn—Lynn & Joe Cascio

THURSDAY 2/18

7:00 AM Sue Steed Allen—

Diane Sorino-Wood & Family

FRIDAY 2/19

7:00 AM Dr. Raymond &

Rita Corcoran Stoddard, Michael & Martin Stoddard
Family

SATURDAY 2/20

4:00 PM Frank Belloma—Wife & Family

SUNDAY 2/21

8:00 AM Dorothy Milazzo—

Markowski & Shannon Families

10:30 AM Matt Meade—Dean Family

2010 REGIONAL ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LENTEN SERIES

“OUR CHURCH—LOOKING BACK

and

MOVING FORWARD”

St. Mary’s Church — Gymnasium—across from the Church
224 Franklin St
Elmira NY 14904

Wednesdays during Lent—Feb 24th, March 3 & 10.

7:00 PM—8:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME ! REFRESHMENTS! HANDICAP
ACCESSIBLE!

In the event of school cancellation due to weather conditions,
the evening program will be cancelled. Make up is March 24.