



St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
Elmira, NY 14904

Feb 21, 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 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.

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 Yi Yun, an 11 year old from China

In her first eleven years, Yi Yun faced a lifetime of heartbreak and disappointment. Because of her cleft, her parents abandoned her soon after she was born. Adopted by her uncle, Yi Yun lived in a home where grinding poverty required her to work very hard.

School was never an option. Her cleft greatly affected her speech and it made it almost impossible for her to communicate. All the children in her village taunted and teased her.

One day, she received news that she had been chosen to receive free surgery from The Smile Train. This surgery changed her life. For the first time in her life she could go to school. Speech training helped her learn how to speak properly. Some of her first words after surgery were a heartfelt "thank you." to her surgeon.

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...

Canned meat, canned pork & beans, canned vegetables, graham crackers, dehydrated potatoes, canned gravy, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap, dish soap, paper products.

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.



Fun With Inflatable's

On Saturday, February 27, 2010 Notre Dame High School is sponsoring an event for children with Bobby K Entertainment Inflatable's. The event will begin at 10 am and conclude at 3 pm. There will be six inflatable's including Balloon Typhoon, Fun Express Train Station Crawl, Giant Slide, Obstacle, Pirate Bounce Slide and Wrecking Ball. In addition to the inflatable's, Dora and Elmo will make a guest appearance, face painting will be available. The concession stand will be open and refreshments may be purchased. Admission is \$7.00.

Come join Notre Dame High School and Bobby K Entertainment for hours of "jumping fun".

Caregiving 106: Make My Life Better! Improving Dining and Tips for Personal Care for Persons with Dementia

Join us at St. Mary's Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for an enlightening and informative education event that will address the dining and personal care aspects of dementia. It is possible to employ research proven techniques to have good screening and preventive systems for nutritional care, to assure proper nutrition and hydration, and to promote mealtimes as pleasant and enjoyable activities. Techniques are taught that improves hygiene and quality of life for both people with dementia and their caregivers. 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.

Lenten Coin Banks

During 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!

Building Peace with Justice for February 21, 2010

Today's Gospel for this first Sunday of Lent offers a compelling call to discern and act on what is important. The temptation to self-concern, self-importance, self-sufficiency can blind us to the reality that we are one human family. The United States has consistently received immigrants, refugees, exiles and the persecuted from other lands seeking liberty and opportunity for themselves and their children. In their joint pastoral letter, *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, the Catholic Bishops of the United States and Mexico teach, "We seek to awaken our peoples to the mysterious presence of the crucified and risen Lord in the person of the migrant and to renew in them the values of the Kingdom of God." How would/should this awakening shape our perspectives on immigration issues?

Lent - Sunday's [from the Little Black Book]

The Sunday's of Lent are not like the other days of the season of Lent. Every Sunday of the year, including the six Sundays of Lent, is a celebration of the resurrection of the Lord, a "Little Easter." That is why the Church does not expect its members to fast on Sundays.

Sundays are still part of the Lenten season but they are like "oases" along the way, times to rest a bit and to spend some additional time with the Lord in prayer.

There's nothing tricky about prayer. It is simply tuning in to God's presence.

We never have to get God's attention. We have God's total attention, always.

We never have to make an appointment with God. We are "first on the list" and the appointment is always "right now."

When we call God we never get voice mail. It's a direct connection.

To draw near to God we don't have to travel anywhere. God does all the traveling.

Wherever we are, God is present to us. All we have to do is turn off the mute button and let prayer happen.

On each of the Sundays of this Lent, there will be a reflection on classic traditions of prayer and gentle encouragement to try each method.

You may be surprised to find how refreshing prayer can be.



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 Roleiser, well know author, one of the

finest spiritual writers of our time, will be the source of the Lenten presentations. 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 surrounding 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 Father's words.

Get Into the Acts!

Will Return Easter Sunday 4/4/10

Our *Get Into the Acts!* Series presented by our diocese will be on hiatus and return on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010.

Adult 2010 Faith Formation Lenten Series....

"WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO" - CHURCH CUSTOMS, RITUALS & TRADITIONS

The series begins Wed. Feb. 24th. The evening program will explore the history of some of our most common Catholic practices explaining how these have evolved over the years.

Presenter: Father Jeremiah Moynihan, Pastor of Christ the Redeemer Cluster, Elmira.

Where: St. Mary's Church, gymnasium, 224 Franklin St.

When: Wednesdays during Lent

Feb. 24, March 3 and March 10.

Time: 7:00 PM—8:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME—REFRESHMENTS! HANDI-CAP ACCESSIBLE!

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

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

Sat. Feb. 27

4:00 Mass

Lector: M. F. Cowley, B. Beebe

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

Cup: Lauri Desmarais, Henry Ginnetti,
Tom Savino, Burt Beebe

Sunday, Feb. 28

8AM Mass

Lector: D. Holtz, J. LaVelle

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

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

10:30 Mass

Lector: T. Marks, N. Marks

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

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

Feb 27, Altar Servers

4:00 Mass: Hailey Weisheit, Mary Ann Cleary

Feb 28, Altar Servers

8AM Mass: Patti Piegdon

10:30 AM Sara McCawley, MacKenzie Nasakaitis

**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 2/20

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

MONDAY 2/22

7:00 AM John Tobey—Russ & Lois Hyde

TUESDAY 2/23

9:00 Dorothy Milazzo—
Kevin McCarthy & Family

WEDNESDAY 2/24

7:00 AM Flora Limoncelli—Istler Family

12:30 PM Caroline DeSocio—
Caroline's Breakfast Club

THURSDAY 2/25

7:00 AM George McConnell—Donald Harrison

FRIDAY 2/26

7:00 AM Paul & Cathy Reidy—Family

SATURDAY 2/27

4:00 PM Elizabeth Jacobi & Billy VanTassel -
Lou Van Tassel

SUNDAY 2/28

8:00 AM Larry LaVelle [AN] - Family
10:30 AM Will Minch—Jim & Sandy Harkness

2010 REGIONAL ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LENTEN SERIES

"OUR CHURCH—LOOKING BACK

and

MOVING FORWARD"

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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