



St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
Elmira, NY 14904

Feb 28, 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
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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.

2/13 & 2/14/10

Envelopes \$9,273.00 Plate \$377.00

Black & Native American \$10.00

2/20 & 2/21/10

Envelopes \$ 8,477.00 Plate \$1,316.58

Black, Native American, Hispanic \$398.00

SMILE TRAIN:

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

73 [Feb 14, 2010] \$156.01 = \$17,846.48

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...

Hearty soup and crackers, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, noodles, canned chili, canned vegetables, graham crackers, dehydrated potatoes, canned gravy, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap, dish soap, paper products.

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

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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – ST. MARY'S, 5PM IN CHURCH.

Lenten Fish Fry dinners:

The Lady Ancient Order of Hibernians will be serving Lenten Fish Fry's on the Fridays of Lent. The Hibernian Center is located at Pennsylvania Ave & Kinyon St on Elmira Southside. Price is \$9.00.

ITALIAN AMERICAN VETERAN'S CLUB... 1070 Magee St, Elmira, \$10.00. Baked or Fried Fish; a choice of 2 sides [French Fries, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti, Cole Slaw or Apple Sauce], 4:30 to 7 PM every Friday until the end of Lent, April 2nd. For more information, please call IAV Club—732-5377.

Contemplative Prayer

- Mark your calendars and consider Contemplative Outreach of the Southern Tier's Lenten Retreat
- Welcoming Prayer Intensive Retreat
- March 25, 26, 27, 28, 2010 At Mount Saviour Monastery, Pine City, New York 14871
- Retreat begins Thursday March 25th at 7pm. It concludes Sunday Morning with the 9 am Liturgy of Palm Sunday.
- Registration is limited to 30 people. A \$50 deposit is requested. The full fee of the retreat is \$195. Please send to Deacon George Welch, St. Joseph's Hospital, Attention Pastoral Care, 555 St. Joseph's Blvd. Elmira, New York, 14901. You may call to register or for more information at 607-733-6541 ext 425.
- Retreat Director: Sr. Therese Dush, Mt. Saviour Monastery.
- *The welcoming prayer is a method of consenting to God's presence and action in our physical and emotional reactions to events and situations in daily life.* The Purpose of the Welcoming Prayer is to deepen our relationship with God through consenting in ordinary activities. The welcoming Prayer helps to dismantle the emotional programs of the false self system and to heal the wounds of a life time by addressing them where they are stored in the body. It contributes to the process of transformation in Christ initiated in Centering Prayer.

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!

"Before Mass:talk to God—

After Mass: talk to our neighbor."

We have had some complaints of extremely loud talking before Mass. For Lent, maybe we can make a resolution to be a bit quieter by keeping our conversation in the "Narthex" or entrance of the church. Before Mass we can quietly pray—"talk to God" and after Mass we can visit with our neighbor.

By this simple gesture we can truly make "all" people feel "welcome" and comfortable in the presence of both God and each other.



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 Roliser, 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.

MARCH 3,

Adult 2010 Faith Formation Lenten Series....

"WHO'S MINDING THE STORE" LEADERSHIP IN THE EARLY CHURCH

The 2010 Regional Adult Formation Lenten Series "Our Church –Looking Back & Moving Forward":will continue this March 3rd. The program will trace the development of leadership in the early church. After the death of the first followers of Jesus, how did the second generation carry on the mission of sharing the Good News? Come as we explore these and other exciting questions about leadership in the early Church.

Presenter: Father George Heyman, Director of Continuing Education & Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, St. Bernard's School of Theology

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

When: Wednesdays during Lent— March 3 and March 10.

Time: 7:00 PM—8:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME—REFRESHMENTS! HANDICAP 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.

Children's Choir: To sing at the 10:30 Mass, Sunday, March 7th. All children are welcome to join us. Practice in Church @ 9:40 AM prior to Mass.

CELL PHONES.....Please remember to turn off your phones or place them on mute during the celebration of the Mass.

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

Sat. March 6

4:00 Mass

Lector: A. Finnerty, L. Stephens

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

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

Sunday, March 7

8AM Mass

Lector: F Clark, C. Hughes

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

Cup: Eric Lawrenz, Patty Piegdon,
Janet Fundurulic, Josie Ann George

10:30 Mass

Lector: K. O'Brien, J. Strong

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

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

Altar Servers: March 6

4:00 Mass: Bob Bailey

Altar Servers: March 7

8AM Mass: Don Holtz

10:30 AM Phil & Melissa Erway

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

The month of March, remember

Father Casimir Mahimbo in your prayers.

FYI.....

**St. Mary's Confirmation/ First Eucharist is
May 26, 2010 at 6:30 PM, Rev Joseph Hart presid-
ing.**



IS CABIN FEVER SETTING IN? ARE YOU
TALENTED WITH A CROCHET HOOK OR
KNITTING NEEDLES? DO YOU HAVE AN-
OTHER TALENT ? IT IS NOT TOO EARLY
TO START THINKING OF OUR PARISH FESTIVAL.

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



SATURDAY 2/27

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

SUNDAY 2/28

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

MONDAY 3/1

7:00 AM Helen Jane & Jerry Votava -
Craig & Mary Lou Spencer

TUESDAY 3/2

9:00 Frank Maloney III—
Mary Pat & Manny Herman

WEDNESDAY 3/3

7:00 AM Burke LaCombe—Bannon Family
12:00 PM Robert Gray—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lynch

THURSDAY 3/34

7:00 AM Peter Pazahanick—Ron & Chris Panosian

FRIDAY 3/5

7:00 AM Lyle K. Williams—Lynda Williams

SATURDAY 3/6

4:00 PM Arthur Wichtowski—Family

SUNDAY 3/7

8:00 AM Bill Zinn—Roseann & Chris Ewanyk
10:30 AM Peter Glanton—Jim & Sandy Harkness

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

RETROUVAILLE: A Lifeline for Married Couples:

Thinking of separation or divorce? So frustrated or angry that you barely speak? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties. For confidential information about or to register for the spring program beginning with a weekend on April 9-11, 2010, at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY, please call 585-293-1552 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com