



St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
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March 7, 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.

2/27 & 2/28/10

Envelopes \$8,601.00 Plate \$451.00

Black & Native American \$66.00

SMILE TRAIN:

Week: 74 [Feb 22, 2010] \$116.00 = \$17,962.48

75 [Feb 28, 2010] \$116.00 = \$18,078.48

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, canned stew, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, noodles, pasta and sauce, canned vegetables, graham crackers, canned gravy, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap, dish soap, paper products.

Letter received from Brian Mullaney, Co-Founder and President of Smile Train

Dear St. Mary's Church:

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$5000. You have helped us bring new smiles – and new lives to 20 desperate children around the world with this generous gift.

David Biviano sent the posters and messages that you use in your church to help us tell the Smile Train story. They look great. If you have the time, go to our website and see the wide range of people and stories that illustrate our work around the world. This is the work that you are supporting. Our site is www.smiletrain.org

I am going to send you pictures of children that we are able to help thanks to your support. I promise you it will put a smile on your faces, too.

From all 42 employees here at Smile Train, many thanks for helping us help these kids.

St. Mary Our Mother Parish Retreat

St, Mary Our Mother Church, 816 W Broad St, Horseheads, NY, March 13—18, 2010.

Father Simeon Gallagher, a noted retreat director, is scheduled to present “*Healing Hearts and Homes: Reclaiming Virtues*”.

Father Gallagher will preach at Sunday Masses the weekend of March 13 & 14 and the retreat will continue Monday thru Thursday at 7:00PM each evening.

Father Gallagher will also preside at 9:00 AM Mass each day and offer a retreat presentation after the morning Mass. A reception will follow Thursday evening's presentation in O'Brien Hall.

The Parish Community of St. Mary Our Mother invites everyone to join them for this retreat and Mission. For further information, please call 607-739-3817.

Annual Catholic Relief Services Collection Next Weekend, March 14th

In your envelope set for next week is an envelope for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Catholic Relief Services is the official agency working on behalf of all U.S. Catholics. It is the same organization that we took a special collection for Haiti in January. Next week's collection is for their general fund and is a regular annual collection. This collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. For more information, please visit the collection web site: www.usccb.org/crscollection.

MARCH 10th,

Adult 2010 Faith Formation Lenten Series....

“Successors of St. Peter—Those who have led the Church since 1900

Presenter: Father Walt Wainwright

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

When: Wednesday 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.

Living Rosary at St Charles Church - March 11 at 7pm. It begins with a church in darkness. People stand around the perimeter of the church forming the shape of the rosary. As each rosary bead prayer is said, a candle is lit representing a living bead to form the Living Rosary. The service is concluded with a brief sermon and benediction. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to experience this beautiful old tradition.

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!

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.



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.

Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at a **Wedding Jubilee Mass** to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. If you would like an invitation to this Mass please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso—www.smancuso@dor.org or call 800-388-7177 ext 1295.

2009-10 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

We Are Behind \$1,905 From Last Year At This Time

We are thankful for those of you have already to this year's appeal. We are currently at 324 donors. Many have increased their contribution this year. Many have stayed the same and a few cut back. Each year some people increase, some decrease, some move away, some pass away, and a few new parishioners come. This year that averages out to a small increase (\$973) for those who have already giving. Our difficulty this year is that we currently have 36 households who gave last year but have not given this year. We are currently at \$35,213 (78.1% of our goal).

Certainly, some of these people may not be able to give because of a loss of job or reduction in income. We understand that but if perhaps you have simply forgotten, please pick up a donation envelope to send in your donation or you can give online at http://www.dor.org/sd/onlinegift_CMA.htm. Remember, if we do not make our goal the parish makes up the difference. If you have any questions about the Catholic Ministries Appeal please feel free to ask Fr. Jeff

Due to vacation, bulletin deadlines will change.

Bulletin articles for March 20 & 21 are due March 12.

All bulletin articles for the week of March 27 & 28 are due no later than March 17th.

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

Sat. March 13

4:00 Mass

Lector: M. Cleary, J. Berry

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread** Barbara Bukowski,
Dave Stearns, Sherilyn Scarpa

Cup: Laura Ingle, Ida Maria, Mary Fran Cowley,
Mary Stearns

Sunday, March 14

8AM Mass

Lector: P. Piegdon, J. George

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:** Phil Santone,
Elizabeth Russell, Joette McCawley

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

Altar Servers: March 13

4:00 Mass: Dan & Mike Stearns

Altar Servers: March 14

8AM Mass: Joe Buzako

10:30 AM Owen & Ryan Mason

**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.**

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

Lenten Bible Study

Fr. Jeff will once again offer a Bible Study this year run-
ning 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



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

MONDAY 3/8

7:00 AM Stephen Potts—Mary Ames Davis

TUESDAY 3/9

9:00 Sue Steed Allen - Kevin & Colleen McCarthy

WEDNESDAY 3/10

7:00 AM Joyce Anderson—Don & Loretta Dean

12:00 PM John Werda—Carl & Liz Russell

THURSDAY 3/11

7:00 AM Katherine Chalk—Martin & Toni Mason

FRIDAY 3/12

7:00 AM Frank Maloney III—Don & Bev Allen

SATURDAY 3/13

4:00 PM Dorothy Milazzo—Gerry & Jimmy Dandrea

SUNDAY 3/14

8:00 AM Flora Limoncelli—Tobias Family

10:30 AM Matt Meade—Dean Family

“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.

Todd McClelland, owner of the **Classic Café** and fellow parishioner, has been rewarded for his volunteering efforts and generous giving in our community. He will be one of those volunteers featured in a documentary about volunteering, airing beginning March 6, 2010 at 10:00 pm on The Fine Living Network (The FLN local cable channel 135). This documentary is a collaborative effort between the FLN and Disney. For more dates and times of the airing go to www.VisitClassicCafe.com.