

Christ the Redeemer

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Worship Sites

St. Charles Borromeo Church, 130 Oakwood Avenue, Elmira Heights, NY 14903

St. Casimir Church, 1000 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901

Our Lady of Lourdes, 1100 W. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14905

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010

A NOTE FROM FR. SCOTT...

I was wrong.

Again.

Last Sunday my car ceased running. Between Masses. I mentioned it at the 10 AM Mass at St. Casimir's and said I was quite certain it WASN'T the battery. I've heard what it sounds like when there's a battery problem: an anemic *rrrr...rrrr...rrrr*. This sounded nothing like that. This was more of a *whir* and a *click-click-click-click-click*.

Later that day, I talked to my brother, who wasn't at the 10:00 AM Mass, and told him what it sounded like. He immediately said it probably WAS the battery because he had had a similar experience recently. (He loves correctly contradicting me.)

He was right.

It was the battery—at least according to the man AAA sent. He did get it started and I drove it to get a new battery. (I hope that's all it was! I guess I'll find out in time if it's anything else.)

I've had a lot of practice being wrong over the years, so it doesn't bother me much to admit it anymore (although I will also admit that I'm not all that happy about being wrong when it involves my brother). It is a lesson in humility (the subject matter of last Sunday's Scripture readings and homily), and it has taught me to be less adamant about my positions. I'm less insistent about being right than I used to be. In fact, in a disagreement, I'll often admit early on that I COULD (possibly) be wrong about whatever the subject matter is.

Actually it's been freeing, not having to be right all the time. What difference does it make? A person's worth isn't based on how right they are all the time; a person's worth comes from being a child of God. We're loved by God not because we're right, but simply because God chooses to love us.

And I've seen some relationships sever because both parties insisted that they were right and neither would admit otherwise. Their pride prevents reconciliation. How sad it is needing to be right!

So I'm glad that I can admit I'm wrong—even when it involves my brother!

Have a good week...

The **Social Ministry Committee** will hold its organizational meeting on **Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Office bldg.. The mission of this group is to ease the burdens of needy individuals by supporting local ministries such as the Elmira Community Kitchen, the Christmas Basket program and the Samaritan Center, and acting globally in response to crisis situations as they occur. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month. **New members are always welcome.**

CONFIRMATION 2010 Registration

for all those who wish to make the sacrament of Confirmation this fall will be conducted as follows: Please pick up a registration form at any of our three worship sites beginning August 14. Simply fill out the registration form completely and mail it to the Parish Office (304 Demarest Pkwy, Elmira 14905) or drop it off along with an official copy of your child's baptismal certificate from their Church of baptism (if they were not baptized at one of our cluster Churches or if they have not made any other sacraments here) and the \$25.00 materials fee. All mailing must be received prior to September 10. Classes begin September 12! *NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. So please mark your calendars now! Once you have registered, you will receive by mail all of the pertinent information you need about this sacrament. Classes will be held on Sunday evenings beginning September 12. Candidates are required to attend these sessions along with at least one parent and their sponsor if possible. (A calendar will be sent to you.) The ceremony will be held **November 1st** at St. Patrick's Church. Bishop Matthew Clark will preside. We recommend that due to the type of program we use, that Confirmation candidates be in 8th Grade or higher. If you have any questions or if the cost of the Confirmation materials is prohibitive, please call Lisa Rustici at 734-0727. Thank you!



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH CORPORATION

The annual meeting of the Christ the Redeemer parish community will take place on **Monday, September 20, at 7 PM**, at the Parish Office building.

Elmira Community Kitchen: Special thanks to all of the parishioners who volunteered their time to prepare and serve meals at the Elmira Community Kitchen on August 25 and August 30. A grand (and it is grand indeed) total of 275 meals were served by our teams. For those of you who donate food for this important ministry, special thanks as well. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, September 5, 2010

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 P.M. (OLL) - For the Parishioners
- 7:30 A.M. (St.CB) - Donald M. Ripley—Melbr family
- 10:00 A.M. (St. C) - Michael Cap—Antoniw family
- 5:00 P.M. Regional Mass—St. Patrick's Church

MONDAY, September 6—Labor Day

7:00 A.M. (St. C) - Helen M. Stanton—Dale Stanton

TUESDAY, September 7

8:30 A.M. (OLL) - Sue & Russell Frank—Kenneth Kovacs

WEDNESDAY, September 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 A.M. (OLL) - Phil Richmond—Casimir, Mary Krolak & family, Mrs. Richard Underwood & family

THURSDAY, September 9 (St. Peter Claver, priest)

7:00 A.M. (St. C) - Ed Widman—Wini

SUNDAY, September 12

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 P.M. (OLL)- Anniversary—John A. Flory—Betty Lambert
- 7:30 A.M. (St.CB) - For the Parishioners
- 10:00 A.M. (St. C) - Mary B. Morrell—Amelia Morrell
- 5:00 P.M. Regional Mass—St. Patrick's Church

DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The daily scripture readings of the Church reveal the mysteries of our faith. Use the following scripture passages to nurture your prayer life.

- Saturday, September 4** 1 Cor 4:6b-15, Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday, September 5** Wis 9:13-18b, Phlm 9-10, 12-17, Lk14:25-33
- Monday, September 6** 1 Cor 5:1-8, Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday, September 7** 1 Cor 6:1-11, Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday, September 8** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Thursday, September 9** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13, Lk 6:27-38
- Friday, September 10** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27, Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday, September 11** 1 Cor 10:14-22, Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday, September 12** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 Tm 1:12-17, Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Memorials & Gifts

- Altar Care for September (OLL):** June Conklin, Mary Ann Donovan
- ALTAR FLOWERS (St. C):** Stella & Leo Augustine—JoAnn Wilcox
- INFANT OF PRAGUE FLOWERS (OLL):** Universal Church
- GROTTO CANDLE(OLL):** For a safe & healthy school year
- SANCTUARY LAMP (OLL):** Ellen Huddle—Robert Huddle, Sr.
- SANCTUARY LAMP (St.C):** Stella & Leo Augustine—JoAnn Wilcox
- SANCTUARY LAMP (St.CB):** Helen M. Stansfield—son

Events This Week:

- Tuesday** 11:00 A.M. - Legion of Mary, downstairs—Parish Office bldg.
- 6:00 P.M.—Social Ministry Committee, Parish Office bldg.
- Thursday** 6:30 P.M.—St. Charles Altar & Rosary, Church Hall

Funeral Luncheons

Fr. Scott would like to form a small committee to coordinate funeral luncheons—rather than have one person in charge of every funeral, he would like parishioners to share the coordination duties. If you might be interested and God is nudging you to share your giftedness (some organizational skills would be appreciated), call the Parish Office at 732-6261. Fr. Scott will have a meeting after Labor Day with those interested.

One of our ministries here is to offer a lunch for a family after the funeral of a loved one. We are in the process of updating our files and wish to form one committee for CTR parish. We need people to set up the food stations (not the tables and chairs), serve the food and clean up afterwards. We also need people willing to donate food to serve. The Health Department prohibits preparing food off site and bringing it in, so to conform to their regulations we have made a very simple menu. You would be asked to donate fruit, salad, rolls, etc. ALL EASY—nothing to prepare—just have to buy it and drop it off where you are asked to. This is a very rewarding ministry and we could use your help!!! Please fill out the box below and drop it in the Sunday offertory or mail to the Parish Office. Thank you.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Please check one or more of the following:

DONATE FOOD:

SET UP:

SERVE:

CLEAN UP:

Please Note...

When attending another Church, please use your Church envelope, it will be returned to us. Thank you for your support.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING LAST SUNDAY: Thank you!

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News Around the Parish!

Social Ministry is collecting "canned potatoes" for September.

St Charles Altar & Rosary will meet on **Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 PM** for a Pot Luck Supper in the Church Hall. The meeting will follow. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

St. Casimir's Rosary and Sacred Heart Society will have a Dish-To-Pass meeting on **Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00 PM** in the Holy Family Middle School basement. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting regarding our Society's future. Blind pig prizes appreciated. Doors open at 5:30 P.M.

BAPTISMAL CLASS: Our monthly pre-baptismal class for families will be held **Tuesday September 14th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Office Building Meeting Room. Please call 734-0727 to register if you are planning on attending. This class is required for all those planning on celebrating their first child's baptism and for those who have not attended a class in the past 3 years.

FAITH FORMATION: Our Classes will begin this year on Sunday September 26 at 8:45 A.M. and they will be held in the Holy Family Middle School next to St. Casimir's Church. Registration Forms, for the Sunday Morning Faith Formation Classes, for the 2010-2011 School Year have been mailed to all families who attended classes last year. If you are a new parishioner or have a child who will be in Grades K-8 and are not currently attending our program, please call Maggie Johnson at 734-0727 for more information. Registration forms are available at church entrances. Attendance in Faith Formation Classes is required for 2 years prior to celebrating a Sacrament or if you are interested in participating in the CYO Basketball Program. Please return your Registration form to the office. **THANK YOU!**

BIBLE STUDY: As seasons change, so do we! What does the Bible mean for you in your life today? Consider beginning the next season in your life by joining us in our Guided Bible Study. We currently have Sunday and Wednesday groups that meet for a guided study that lasts for 6 weeks. You need not be an expert on the Bible to join in. Our studies are great for beginners! At our first sessions we will gather together and renew our friendships after the summer break as well as welcome new comers! We will also receive the books for our study. Our gathering together dates are Sunday September 19 at 12 Noon and Wednesday September 22 at 10:30 A.M. Both groups gather in the Parish Meeting Room at Christ The Redeemer Office Bldg. If you are interested in joining us please call Maggie Johnson at 734-0727. If you are unable to attend one of these days you might think of starting up your own group. Call Maggie Johnson for more information.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: On September 19, we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday along with parishes nationwide. This celebration recognizes those who share in the formal teaching ministry of the Catholic Church. This year, Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2010, will focus on the theme, **"Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love."** Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. We will honor our catechists during each weekend liturgy. "The work of our catechists--who volunteer their time--is vital to the life of the Church. This celebration gives us a chance to recognize the importance of those who share faith with the families, children and youth of our parish." As part of this celebration parents and guardians will also be blessed for the important role they play in handing on the faith to the next generation. Blessings will be offered at each mass.

Did you know?

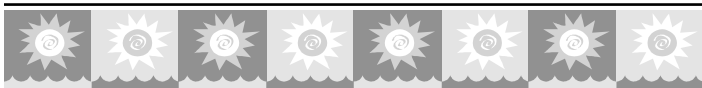
Youth of our parish if you have made your First Holy Communion you can become an Altar Server? We are looking for young people to serve this special position. If you are interested please call the Parish Office at 732-6261.



Back to School Prayer

God of all wisdom,
you formed humankind in your own likeness
and gave us an intellect to help us know you,
our Creator, and the world you made.
As we begin this new academic year,
enlighten the minds of students
with the inquisitiveness that seeks
ever greater knowledge and understanding.
Give teachers and professors the wisdom needed
to guide the intellectual endeavors of those
entrusted to them.
Help all who fund and support education
to recognize the value of discovering more
about the world you have created
and so draw ever closer to you, our Maker.
Amen





St. Joseph's Auxiliary will sponsor "Books Are Fun" on **Thursday, September 9th** from 11 AM to 4 PM and **Friday, September 10** from 7 AM to 2 PM in the Main Lobby of the hospital. For more information call 737-7819.

Spend A Day With Mary

Plan to attend the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat and grow your relationship with Mary and the Rosary! Featuring: Fr. Lew Brown, Fr. Pat Connor, Fr. Phil Billotte and Fr. Fred Asuming on **Saturday, September 11, 2010** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church** and **Rogers Hall** at 115 East High Street, Painted Post from **8:30 AM—3:45 PM**. The cost is \$20 per person (includes breakfast and lunch). Closing Mass at 5:00 PM at St. Mary's Church, 155 State Street, Corning. Sponsored by St. Pius X Secular Franciscan Order. For reservations call Cindy Snyder at 962-7586 or August Titi at 936-6216.

PRE-CANA: Saturday, October 15 & 16, Blessed Sacrament, St. Peter & Paul Center, Corner of Market & High Streets, Elmira, NY. **Friday: 6:30 PM—9:00 PM, Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:00 PM.** ****Must attend both days.** Contact: **Mary Beth Precht** at 733-0300.

Teaching Opportunity at Holy Family Middle School—Full-time Educational Technology/Media Coordinator.

Duties include: teaching computer classes, assisting teachers with technology, maintaining network including computers, printers, peripherals, and the server, maintaining inventory and assisting with purchase decisions, overseeing Library Resource Center, and producing the digital Yearbook. Applicant will need to furnish completed application, resume, three letters of recommendation, copy of certification, and transcripts. For a copy of the application or more information call Mr. Francis DeVine, Principal at 734-0336.

Beginning Experience is a peer support group for separated, divorced and widowed people. They will be having a weekend retreat at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake, **October 15-17.** For more information call 585-987-1750.

Bernie Rosplock playing music on September 10th & 24th at the Italian American Veterans Club, 1070 Magee St., Elmira for fundraising and entertainment—\$3 singles and \$5 for couples. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** For information call 732-5377. Remember, you do not need to be Italian to join!

Remembering September 11

Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at the 4 P.M. Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, September 11th as we pray in a special way for all firefighters, first responders and for all those who lost their lives at the World Trade Center tragedy nine years ago. All are welcome. Sacred Heart Cathedral is located at 296 Flower City Park in Rochester between Lake and Dewey avenues.

Fall Foliage Trip and More...

On **Thursday, October 14th**, destination is Castile, NY. Price is \$65.00 per person. Round trip on a deluxe motorcoach, tour of the Mt. Morris Dam (the largest dam of its kind east of the Mississippi), step-on guided tour of Letchworth State Park, Lunch at the Yard of Ale Restaurant in Piffard, NY (menu choices: chicken parmesan, prime rib of beef au jus, garlic shrimp pasta) , visit the Abbey of Genesee, home of the Cistercian Monks and Bakers of five varieties of Monks Bread. Pick up & departure 7:30 A.M. at Medley Center Irondequoit, in front of the Carousel by the Pole marked H-1 or 8:00 AM at the Piano Works Mall, East Rochester (back parking lot). For reservations contact Sr. Joan Hilbert, R.S.M. at 585-254-3221, ext. 106.

Spirituality: Talkin the Talk and Walkin the Walk.

*Give yourself the gift of Retreat this year at Notre Dame Retreat House. God always reserves time for you, do you have a weekend to give Him? Listen, Learn and then go LIVE! The women of: St. Mary Our Mother, Christ the Redeemer, Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary parishes are invited to a weekend retreat on **October 22-24, 2010**, the Men's Retreat will be **October 29-31.** If this weekend does not work for you, please consider making retreat on another weekend. The 2010 fall calendar is posted on our website. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Helen McGill at 732-0055 or Nancy Lynch at 585-394-5700 for the Women's Retreat, for the Men's Retreat call Kevin McGill at 737-0982 or Nancy Lynch at 585-394-5700..*



Ministry Schedules For September 11th & September 12th, 2010

MASS COORD.	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30 PM (OLL)	Bill Bacon	Mary & Tim Sullivan, Jean Hurley, Nancy Kline, Caryl Cavalier, Joan Gray	Hannah & Joseph Prunier, Kyle Minchin
7:30 AM (St. CB)	Gerry Haynes	Missy Wayne	Mike Wayne, Margaret Tillinghast, Marie Polovick, RoseAnne Swarthout, Judie Tolbert
10:00 AM (St. C)	Karen Ronsivalle, Stef Ringer	Sid Ringer, Kevin & Sheila Kubinski, Kelly & Marianne Stewart, Ben Moretti	Megan Herrick, Katherine Rominger, Nicole Willard
			Nino Ronsivalle, Mary Bridget & Kathryn Kubinski

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Joseph Prunier, Maintenance	732-6261
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FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Al & Mesina Pacete, Youth Ministry - 734-2401
Maureen Donahue, Jr. High Faith Formation - 732-6261
Maggie Johnson, Director of Faith Formation - 734-0727
Lisa Rustici, Director of Sacramental Programs, Adult Education - 734-0727

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Jessica Rutledge 846-2883

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, 4:30 P.M. Our Lady of Lourdes, 1100 W. Church St., Elmira
Sunday, 7:30 A.M., St. Charles Borromeo, 130 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights
Sunday, 10:00 A.M., St. Casimir's, 1000 Davis St., Elmira

Regional Council website: www.chemungschuylercatholic.org

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 3:00-3:45 P.M. at Our Lady of Lourdes (and by appointment; call Parish Office for appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-Baptismal Program for Families
2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00P.M.
Call 734-0727 to register.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Notify Office at time of engagement
Attendance at Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After any of the Masses and upon request kindly advise the office when a family member or relative is hospitalized or homebound.

HOLY ORDERS

If you're interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please contact Fr. Bill Donnelly or Fr. Jim Schwartz at 1-800-388-7177.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Parish Family. Please introduce yourself after Mass.
We are a sacrificial giving Parish.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Thurs 9-12, 1-4; Fri 9-12

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES—

Noon Tuesday!

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