

Parish of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Elmira, NY

August 23 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Phone: 607-733-3484

UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERPOWER IT

Matthew 16:18

Parish Priests:

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Elmiracatholic.org

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Weekend Mass: Sunday: 9:00am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00am

Monday & Friday 12:05pm

Thursday: 5:30pm

Our Mission

We are a community of faith, rooted in
Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit,
to give glory and honor
to Almighty God through our worship,
service and loving welcome to all.

Our Churches:

St. Mary 224 Franklin St., Elmira

St. Patrick 604 Park Place, Elmira

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel: 1012 Davis St.

Parish Office/Faith Formation Center:

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Mass Times and Intentions

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 22</i>	<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
4:00pm	St. Mary	Jean Ann Randall by EFA Class of 1952
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 23</i>	<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30am	St. Patrick	Mary Kay, Joe & Michael Vargo by Family
9:00am	St. Mary	Jack & Anne Karski by Connie Bergh
10:30am	St. Patrick	John & Samuel Brigham by Sister, Candi Reed
<i>Monday</i>	<i>August 24</i>	<i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
8:00am	St. Patrick	Joe Call by Bill Kelly Family
12:05pm	St. Mary	No Mass today
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 25</i>	<i>Weekday</i>
8:00am	St. Patrick	Barbara Palmieri by Card Club
4:30-5:30pm	St. Mary	Confessions
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 26</i>	<i>Weekday</i>
8:00am	St. Patrick	Prayer Service with Communion
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>August 27</i>	<i>St. Monica</i>
8:00am	St. Patrick	Reggie Dean by Family of Lucy Rundell
11:00am	St. Mary	Holy Hour with Rosary
5:30pm	St. Mary	Sandy Fisher by Colony Park Friends
<i>Friday</i>	<i>August 28</i>	<i>St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of Church</i>
12:05pm	St. Mary	Jean Gizzi by Baker Family
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 29</i>	<i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
2:45pm	St. Mary	Confessions
4:00pm	St. Mary	John Fracchia by Sally Douglas
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 30</i>	<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30am	St. Patrick	Kevin Bremer by Viselli Family
9:00am	St. Mary	Thomas Andrus by Family
10:30am	St. Patrick	Max Turner by George & Mary Ann Novotny

August Confessions

Tuesday, August 25

**4:30 to 5:30pm in St. Mary's
with Fr. Scott**

Every Saturday:

**St. Mary's Church from 2:45-
3:45pm prior to 4:00pm Mass.**

Sanctuary Candle:

August 23-29:

In memory of: William Stowell

Offered by: Anna & Bruce Dedominick

In memory of : Angelina Chiodo

(98th birthday remembrance

Offered by: Daughter, Rose & Family

Bread & Wine:

August 23-29:

In memory of: Carolee Sherman

Offered by: Wednesday Morning Yoga
Class

The Parish Office will be closed on
Tuesday, August 25 for Staff Retreat
Day.

We extend our sympathy to the
Families of any recently
Deceased Parishioners, Family
Members and Friends,
especially:
James Drake.

Collection: August 15-16: \$19,852

Attendance: 918

Mass Readings

Sunday, August 23

Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25

2 Thes 2:1-3a, Mt 23:27-32

Wednesday, August 26

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18, Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27

1 Cor 1:1-9, Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 28

1 Cor 1:17-25, Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29

1 Cor 1:26-31, Mk 6:17-29

Sunday, August 30

Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

All Ladies of the Parish:

Consider joining the Altar Rosary Ladies Group:

All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us. We pray the rosary, hold a short organization meeting, hold dinners or serve refreshments and experience a fun activity. Lots of laughs and a good way to get to know your fellow parishioners in a smaller group setting.

Our first meeting of the 2026-27 season will be **Thursday, September 10** at the Faith Formation Building at **5:00pm** for a **Pot Luck Supper**.

There is a lift available at the south end of the building to avoid the steps.



Thank you to the 19 People attending the Rosary Rally on August 15

As announced at Masses:

Fr. Scott expresses his gratitude for those who were able to attend the Church Hall meetings on Tuesday, June 16. The gatherings led to lots of discussion and continue to do so. Please know that no final decision has yet been made as to our future course of action.

If there is sufficient interest, Fr. Scott would like to host some dialogue sessions with parishioners—the gatherings would not be for staff or parish council members or finance council members or Property Analysis committee members. This will be for other parishioners with whom he doesn't have a lot of opportunities to converse; the dialogues will be opportunities to ask questions, to offer support, to express thoughts, concerns and ideas.

The meetings will be held at Hill Top; Mike Sullivan has graciously offered to supply some non-alcoholic beverages and some light hors' d'oeuvres; a cash bar will be available. Fr. Scott is looking for 6-12 people at a session. The dates are as follows: **Tuesday, September 1 at 5:30 PM and Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 PM**. If interested, please call the parish office (607 733 3484) during business hours to indicate that you'd like to attend and which date.



We are getting ready for another great year of Religious Education!

It is that time of year again, and we are accepting registrations for 2025/26 Classes.

Please visit: <https://www.elmiracatholic.org/faith-formation/> for registration/ information.

We are accepting registrations for the following:

Sunday School (Pre-K to 8th Grade)

These classes are held 9-10 AM on Sundays at the Faith Formation Center, for all students in these grades. We encourage all children in the parish to participate. A group of very dedicated adults (some with teen assistants) serve as Catechists (teachers) for this program. They use their time and talents preparing and implementing lessons which lovingly share the Good News of Jesus with our young students.

First Penance/First Eucharist (typically 2nd Grade)

Preparation for these Sacraments begins in the Fall and are held throughout the year to prepare the children to receive First Penance and First Eucharist. Enrollment in Catholic School or one year of religious education is required prior to enrollment in this program. If your child has missed either or both sacraments, please check the box for this program when registering, and we will help find the best path for your child to be prepared.

Confirmation (8th -9th Grades)

We encourage all students who are interested in being Confirmed in the Catholic Church to participate in our Confirmation Program. This process begins in Fall of student's 8th grade year. The student must be enrolled in Catholic school or have one year of religious education prior to enrollment.

Youth Bible Study (8th Grade and older)

Students interested in participating in our youth bible study (a hybrid of Zoom and in-person classes), please fill out the registration form and we will provide you with more information.

If you have other ideas for Faith Formation events or programs, please contact us, and we will do our best to expand the program to meet the needs of our parish's young people.

Please submit registration forms ASAP so we can finalize plans for classes as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call Kristen at the parish office.

Blessings,
Matt Murray
Director of Faith Formation

Fall Scripture Study - PSALMS

Wednesdays at 2:00pm @ Faith Formation Center beginning September 9th

With joy we announce the Fall Scripture study. This session we will be studying the Psalms. The Psalms are the foundation of our liturgical prayer and the center of the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours), that is the prayer of the Church. Pope Leo encouraged Catholics recently, to embrace the Liturgy of the Hours more fully in our daily life. "It is an antidote to a world shaped by technology, consumerism and efficiency-driven mindset." We will begin by looking at the psalms as prayer for the soul and for the church. We break open the meaning of the scripture, share faith and pray together.

The sessions run for 6 weeks from 2-3:30pm. You are encouraged but not required to attend all the sessions. **Please let us know if you plan to join us** so we have enough materials. You can call the parish office at 607-733-3484 or Deacon George (call or text) 607-731-6170 or at gwelch@tqcp.com



Electronic Giving is offered through WeShare (ParishSoft).

You may set up your own account at mhnj.churchgiving.com.

Donations can be made by way of a bank account or credit card with options of monthly, weekly, yearly and includes a button for all second and Diocesan extra collections.

Go to the website, Facebook or this QR code.

Any questions or if you need assistance, please call the parish office. At the end of the year you will receive an annual statement, same as if you give through the envelope system. You may start or stop donations at any time.

BACK TO SCHOOL *Clothing Drive*



New & gently used clothing is needed!

Clothes will be donated to area schools for children grades K-2.

Donations boxes will be at both churches August 29 / 30

Sponsored by Social Ministry Committee

From Catholic Charities: ACTION ALERT! U.S. FARM BILL

BACKGROUND

On Thursday (8/6), the Senate Agriculture Committee will consider Chairman John Boozman's Farm Bill proposal – this proposal fails to reverse the harmful cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the budget reconciliation law, H.R. 1, passed last July – and the Chairman's proposal may lead to increased hardship and hunger.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) confirms that SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) cuts are already inflicting widespread harm on millions across the country, particularly children, older adults, veterans, people with disabilities, and working families – translating into greater food insecurity and hardship at a time of rising costs and difficult household choices between food, rent, and medicine. The SNAP cuts are also having dire economic impacts on farmers, food retailers, and the overall national economy. SNAP dollars are spent locally for food, these stores employ local residents and pay local taxes.

We need our Senators (Schumer and Gillibrand) to advocate for the inclusion of provisions that are in the Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act, S. 3281 (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/3281>), especially the provision which will undo the complex administrative changes that weaken SNAP and increase burdens on both recipients and program administrators. It is critically important that the Senate eliminate the new requirement that – for the first time in history – states must cover a share of SNAP program benefits. In addition, the Senate must include a provision to return to a 50 percent match for state administrative costs. The impact of this cost-shift to states is so severe that the Congressional Budget Office estimates that states will be forced to contribute \$35 billion or leave the program entirely. This sweeping change comes on top of a bevy of other program cuts that already have forced millions to lose access to SNAP benefits.

We also need the Senate to address the expansion of punitive SNAP time limits, which is already forcing millions of Americans – including older adults, veterans, and caretakers – off SNAP for being unable to document 20-hour-per-week work reporting requirements. People are trying to comply and report their work hours to state agencies, but states are now required to pay an additional 25 percent of SNAP administrative costs, and many do not have the funding needed to strengthen staffing capacity, answer phones, or process cases in a timely manner. As people lose benefits, the burden shifts to cities and municipalities, which are left to absorb the costs through increased pressure on shelters, food pantries/meal programs, schools, hospitals, and local emergency services. Research shows time limits do not increase employment; they only increase hunger and hardship. We also urge our Senators to cosponsor the Improving Access to Nutrition Act, S. 1628 (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/1628/cosponsors>), which will end the three-month time limit on SNAP.

Restoring these cuts is urgently needed, since the impacts also ripple across child nutrition programs, including school meals. No one should experience hunger. That is something we should all agree on and act on.

POPE LEO

Pope Leo encourages us to be aware and alert to opportunities to act in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable (in his apostolic exhortation, *I Have Loved You*): “Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, the poor you will always have with you also promises the disciples I am with you always.....just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me. This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.”

ACTION NEEDED:

Call or email Senator Chuck Schumer(202-224-6542 schumer.senate.gov/contact) and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (202-224-4451 gillibrand.senate.gov/contact) TODAY.

OUR MESSAGE:

The Farm Bill or any farm relief legislation must include reversing the devastating cuts and impacts on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that were included in the budget reconciliation law, H.R. 1.

The Senate must take a very different approach to help America's families and farmers than that of the House-passed bill, which fails to address any of the harmful impacts of H.R. 1 on SNAP.

No Farm Bill or farm relief package should pass the Senate without reversing these cuts.

Be sure to leave your name and town/city.

Thank you for caring!