

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday, March 8th is our Mother/Son Bingo night. I hope to see many of our moms and sons there. Our second graders will also be making their First Reconciliation this weekend. Next Thursday evening, March 14th, will be our 1st Variety Talent Show and dinner. SME has a lot of talent. Please make plans to join us!

Please remember that school will not be in session on Friday, March 15th. Our teachers will be having a professional development day. Enjoy the long weekend!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

Filing your taxes? Is your preparer looking for our Tax Identification Number? Have them indicate 'Religious Exemption' where necessary. We will not give out our number to anyone.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Lenten Boxes and Cards are coming home in the blue folders. Each year the students of SME participate in collecting donations (spare change) in their boxes to help with raising money for CATHOLIC CHARITIES. If your child is able to collect a donation we will need the boxes and cards returned by April 9, 2019. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **3/4 - 3/8** - Read Across America Week
- **3/6** - Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30am, Church
- **3/8** - Mother / Son BINGO! 5:30-8pm, SME Gym
- **3/12** - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal, 2:30-4:30
- **3/14** - Variety Show & Italian Dinner (5:30 Dinner & 6:30 Show)
- **3/15** - **No School**
- **3/18** - St. Joseph's Table, 6pm
- **3/20** - Spring Picture Re-takes

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 2/27/19 to 3/4/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$137.00.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$582.35	\$8,228.03

Contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com

to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

Candy Bar Sale

No prizes can be awarded until all accounts are closed. Credit card payments can be made in the school office. We still have candy in stock and will be able to distribute while supplies last. Order can be placed with Amanda Kuhn.

Candy Left in stock: 66 Boxes
Profit to collect: \$3318

Contact Rob & Jackie Brodziak at candybarsale@smeschool.com with any questions.

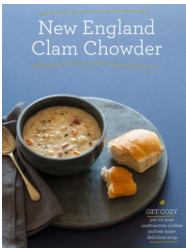
Mega Raffle

Live Drawing: Friday, June 7th
Ticket sales are off to a great start!
Tickets Sold: **309**

Tickets Remaining: **341**
Did you get yours??

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **99** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!!

PARISH PASSAGE



All are invited to join in faith & fellowship for our annual Clam Chowder Dinner.

Dinner will be served tonight from 4-7 in the PC.

\$8/Person Includes:
choice of fish or grilled cheese sandwich
choice of clam chowder or tomato soup
Dessert & beverages

A la carte options: quart of soup \$5, sandwich \$2, dessert \$1

Dine in or Take out available. We hope to see you there!

VARIETY SHOW



For one night only we will be showcasing our talented students at our first ever "Shining Lights" Variety Show!

The show will be held on Thursday, March 14th.

A dinner catered by Chef's Restaurant will be served at 5:30 with the show to follow at 6:30.

Please see the flyer included in the blue folder today with more information and to RSVP.

ATHLETICS

The spring sports sign ups are underway! If your child is interested in participating in any of our spring sports (Track & Field, Softball, Boys Indoor Volleyball, Coed Soccer) please be sure your child stops into the nurses office for a sign up.

As indicated in the email that was sent out on February 27th, registration forms are due back by Wednesday, March 13th.

Uniforms will be purchased through our BSN Sports online store which will be open Friday, 3/15 - Friday 3/22. The uniforms are yours to keep and can be worn again next season.

Please direct any questions to Mr. Dan Johnson, Athletic Director at athletics@smeschool.com.

Our Pre-K friends are in need of new/used bikes & scooters **with rubber wheels** for their recess time.

If your child has outgrown their bike feel free to drop it off in the school office.

Thank you for your consideration!



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LIVING..."

VIRTUS

St. Mary's will be hosting a Virtus Workshop on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00pm.

This workshop will last approximately 3 hours and is the first step in registering as a Virtus certified volunteer. Only parents/grandparents/guardians who are virtus certified are able to be volunteers/coaches with our classes & students.

To register please visit:

virtus.org and click on "First Time Registration" **OR**
buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children.

Please contact Amanda Kuhn with any questions at secretary@smeschool.com.

A new way to donate!

A wedding registry has been set up on Amazon with items requested for our Mega Raffle basket raffle. Simply pick, click & the donation will ship directly to SME! Find the registry under the name 2019 Mega Raffle. Thank you!

SO MANY WAYS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

We have a lot of opportunities coming up in the way of events & fundraisers to benefit SME. Although participation is optional, your support means so much to not only our students & teachers but the vitality of our school as well!

Funds raised through our HSA efforts go right back to our students (planning for our year end picnic is underway, and options can only go as far as the funds available) & teachers (we celebrate our teachers during teacher/staff appreciation week in May).

Funds raised through our major fundraisers (Scrip & Mega Raffle etc...) stretch further; benefiting our church. Without our parishioners support we would not be here.

HSA Support: (hsa@smeschool.com)

3/13-3/27 - Bulbs & Bag fundraiser ~ Information coming home next week

A fundraiser for a greener tomorrow! Spring bulbs for planting & Mixed Bag Designs for all your reusable bag needs and so much more!

3/24 - Craft Show ~ Flyer coming home today - help us spread the word & share with friends!

Open to the public, stop in and shop a variety of vendors from crafts to direct sales! The craft show runs from 11:00 - 4:30. Vendor opportunities are still available! \$2 admission.

3/29 - Meat Raffle ~ Flyer coming home today - help us spread the word & share with friends!

Everyone loves a meat raffle! \$5 presale, \$7 at the door. Doors open @ 6, first spin @ 7:00. Admission includes beer, wine & pop. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Table reservations of 8 are available. There will also be 50/50 split & basket raffles.

8th Grade Fundraiser:

Zap-a-Snack frozen French bread pizzas. \$20 for a six pack. Funds raised will apply solely to the 8th grade class. A flyer/order form is coming home today. You may indicate a specific 8th grade student on your order form or have it go into the general fund. Orders & payment are due 3/19. The class of 2019 appreciates your support!

MEGA RAFFLE

We are almost at the half-way point with the Mega Raffle ticket sales. As of March 1st, **309** tickets have been sold! There are **341** tickets remaining – did you get yours?? We have sold out all 3 previous years, so be sure to get your tickets soon! Orders will be filled once per week, so please be patient if you do not see your ticket come home the day that you send your check in.

The first early bird drawing was held on Friday, March 1st. The winning ticket was #348!

The next early bird drawing is April 1st—don't delay, get your tickets in today!

Please feel free to get creative with Social Media (posting this great opportunity to Facebook feeds, etc) as well as encourage multiple people to chip in on one ticket! Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! Thank you for all of your continued support of this important fundraiser.

Prize winners will be announced at the live drawing on Friday, June 7th in the Parish Center. Flyers are available in the front office if you would like to bring them to your place of business to sell - people love a raffle!

We are in urgent need of parents to coordinate the basket donations for this year's event. If you are interested in helping out with that, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping with the event in any way, please contact us at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

SCRIP

Do you know of all the Local businesses that participate in our SCRIP Program?

Right here in the village we have:

Bloomsbury Lane Toy Shoppe (\$25 / 10%)
The New York Store (\$25 / 4%)
Chrusciki Bakery (\$25 / 10%)
Franks Grille (\$25 / 20%)
RJ's Piano Tuning (\$95 / 25%)

Plus other local favorites like:



Federal Meats (\$20 / 5%)
Fowlers (\$20 / 40%)
Tops (5%)
Kohls (5%)

Delta Sonic Oil Change (\$25 / 20%) &
per Kiss (\$12 / 50%)

Su-Simply Certificates offers a variety of retailers to fit any need (10%)!

It is amazing to see our families supporting the program, yet we are now falling short of our monthly and yearly goals. If each family is able to purchase just \$200 in gift cards per month, the SCRIP program would be a HUGE success!

CAFETERIA CORNER

New: Lunch box exchange! Are your children's lunch boxes hitting the mid-way break down? Kids change their styles as often as their shoes? Drop off (clean) gently used lunch boxes for our lunchbox exchange! Students will be able to choose as soon as we have a collection to display.

If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com.

HSA

Craft/Vendor Fair on Sunday, March 24th!

Any/All Independent Consultants or Crafters are welcome.

The cost is \$15 + a basket you have your own table *or* \$25 + a basket if you need a table.

Set up begins @ 9am and the doors are open from 11:00 - 4:30

A copy of the flyer & vendor application are attached electronically.

Meat Raffle on Friday, March 29th!

Doors open at 6pm - first spin at 7. \$5 presale - \$7 at the door

Admission includes: beer/wine & pop. Don't forget your own snacks & lots of dollar bills!

Please share the flyer with your friends & family. Everyone loves a Meat Raffle!

A chairperson or team is needed for this event.

Please contact the HSA team at hsa@smeschool.com for more information on either event.

8TH GRADE INFORMATION

The bottle drive supporting our 8th grade class continues throughout the school year. There is a donation bin in the foyer. Donations can also be dropped off at Cash for Cans on William & Aurora. Thank you for your continued support!

UPDATE: The 8th Grade class Chia-vetta's Dinner fundraiser will now be held on Wednesday, April 10th in conjunction with our Art Show/Open House/Book Fair!

thank you!

STAY IN THE KNOW



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Save the Date: 3/4 - 3/8 - Read Across America Week

Save the Date: Easter Candy Pick up estimated for week of March 25th.

Save the Date: 4/2 - VIRTUS Workshop, SME PC 6pm

Save the Date: Zap-a-Snack Pizza pick up estimated for early April

Save the Date: 4/10 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser



Home School Association Newsletter

Dear Parents/Students,

We hope everyone enjoyed the break. We are gearing up for a very busy spring time at HSA.

Our meat raffle is right around the corner. We have begun our planning and we really need your help. **We are in need of a parent to pre-bundle the money to sell at the meat raffle and also in need of help the night of.** Remember, many hands make light work. Please email us if you can help.

Our vendor fair is going to be held on March 24, 2019. We have over 20 vendors lined up at this point. We are also in need of help at this event. **This would be a perfect opportunity for students to earn service hours.** Please email us if you can help – and we hope to see you there.

We are also beginning to plan on the Penny Fair. If you can help us or have any ideas for new/additional games, please let us know. This a school favorite and one the students enjoy.

Finally, Congratulations to Mrs. Laidman's Pre-K class. They are the winners of our ice cream party for the Easter Candy Sale.

Save the Date:

March 18, 2019

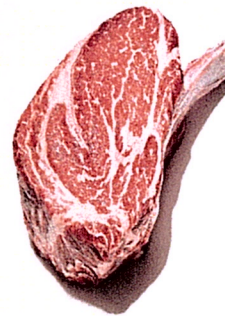
St. Joseph's Table

March 24, 2019

Craft Fair

March 29, 2019

Meat Raffle



Please email us at hsa@smeschool.com if you can help!

Easter Bulb Sale

We are beginning to set up a sale to sell Bulbs. Please look for more information in the coming weeks.

Candy Bar Sales

Remember – Candy Bar Money is due now. Our students are looking forward to their prizes, but we can't distribute the prizes until all money is turned in. Please turn in all money asap.

Baskets / Gift Cards Needed

We are going to have a basket / gift card raffle at the meat raffle. This is a great opportunity to earn additional income for our school. Have a gift card that you can't use? Receive a gift that you didn't want? Wrap it up and send it in! This is also a great opportunity to use our script program.

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY
PRESENTS**

**THE
VARIETY
SHOW**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH
IN THE SCHOOL GYM**

Doors Open @ 5:15

Dinner Catered by Chef's Restaurant @ 5:30

Variety Show @ 6:30

Dinner includes:

Beverages, Salad, Bread & Butter

Pasta with Meat Sauce, Pasta with Butter & Garlic Sauce

Italian Sausage with Sauce & Dessert.

Please return attached slip with payment no later than Monday, March 11th

NO ADDITIONAL PERSONS MAY BE ADDED AFTER THIS DATE.



Variety Show Dinner Reservations

Reserved seating for:

Family Name: _____

Number attending: _____ x \$12.00 per person = _____

Pd by Check # _____ Pd by Cash _____



Winter Sports Banquet

Thursday, March 21st 2019
Parish Center 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
All Knights Basketball Teams



Teams, kindly bring the following:

- 3rd & 4th Grade Teams - Desserts
- Girl's JV: 5th & 6th Grade - Cases of water
- Boy's JV: 5th & 6th Grade - 2 liters of pop, Iced Tea or Juice
- Girl's Varsity: 7th & 8th Grade - Cut up Fruit
- Boy's Varsity: 7th & 8th Grade – Salads/Side Dishes (hot & cold)

Team photos will be taken prior to the banquet. Please bring your uniform to wear for team pictures. Times below:

- 8th grade boys (Varsity) 5:10 pictures
- 7th grade boys (Varsity) 5:20 pictures
- 8th grade girls (Varsity) 5:30 pictures
- 7th grade girls (Varsity) 5:40 pictures
- 5th/6th grade girls (JV) 5:50 pictures
- 5th/6th grade boys (JV) 6:00 pictures
- Coed 4th grade 6:10 pictures
- Coed 3rd grade 6:20 pictures

Please return the bottom of this form, along with \$10 per family, to office.
Attention: Dan Johnson - Banquet (by 3/12/2019).
Funds will go towards awards and pizza for the banquet.

Winter Sports Banquet

Thursday, March 21st 2019
Parish Center 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Family Name: _____

Player Name(s): _____

Number Attending: _____

Due to space restrictions, this banquet is limited to player and immediate family members.

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Snack-Time

*The perfect meal or snack for an individual or family on the go.
From freezer to microwave - ready to eat in 4 minutes.
Made with quality ingredients just for your family.*

**#1 French
Bread
Pizza Brand**

7367

3 Meat - 6pk

7367 Three Meat French Bread Pizza

An eight-inch portion of French Bread with a zesty tomato sauce topped with 100% real shredded mozzarella cheese and piled high with sausage, pepperoni and crumbled bacon. (5.62 oz per portion - 6 per box) \$20.00

7361

Cheese - 6pk

7361 Cheese French Bread Pizza

An eight-inch portion of French Bread with a zesty tomato sauce topped with 100% real shredded mozzarella cheese. (5.65 oz per portion - 6 per box) \$20.00

7362

Supreme - 6pk

7362 Supreme French Bread Pizza

An eight-inch portion of French Bread with a zesty tomato sauce topped with 100% real shredded mozzarella cheese, sausage crumbles, pepperoni, and garnished with green and red peppers and onions. (6.20 oz per portion - 6 per box) \$20.00

7363

**5 Cheese
& Garlic - 6pk**

7363 Five Cheese and Garlic French Bread

An eight-inch portion of French Bread with 100% real shredded Mozzarella, Provolone, yellow Cheddar, white Cheddar and Romano cheeses. (4.45 oz per portion - 6 per box) \$20.00

7364

Pepperoni - 6pk

7364 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza

An eight-inch portion of French Bread with a zesty tomato sauce topped with 100% real shredded mozzarella cheese and quartered Pepperoni. (5.65 oz per portion - 6 per box) \$20.00

**All snacks are
microwavable,
ready in minutes!**

First Name *Please - do not use gel pens!*

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Last Name

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Teacher / Coach

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Group Name:

Team / Room#

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Prize #

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One
Prize
Only!

Turn in by: _____

Phone # _____

7367 3 Meat French Bread Pizza	7361 Cheese French Bread Pizza	7362 Supreme French Bread Pizza	7363 5 Cheese & Garlic FB Pizza	7364 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza
\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

Customer Name & Phone #

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Totals:

7367	7361	7362	7363	7364

Units
Total

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Total

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4th Annual
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



2019 SPEAKER



Sonja Corbitt

**BRING
YOUR
BIBLE**

2019 SPEAKER



Fr. Dave Richards

7:30AM Registration and Continental Breakfast **\$20 Tickets** / Limited seating!
New Location! St. Mary's High School 142 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086
Register on CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org 716.222.0622 mail-in to **PO Box 89,**
Niagara Falls, NY 14304 Conference ends at 12pm Lunch will not be served

*Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to
The Mother Teresa House food pantry.*





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ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY

CRAFT SHOW



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



March 24, 2019

11AM-4:30PM

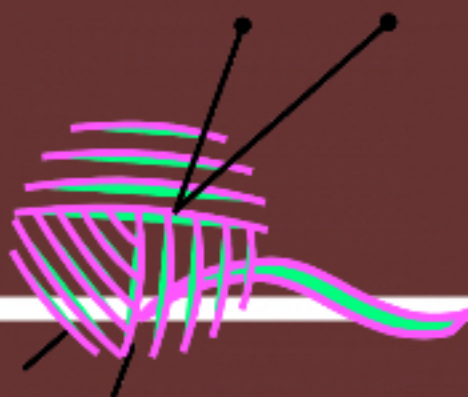


ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY

2 St Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY

ADMISSION \$2.00

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
CONTACT: HSA@SMESCHOOL.COM





Are you an Independent Consultant or Crafter?

We are having a Craft/Vendor Fair on March 24, 2019 and have tables available!

If you are interested and would like additional information, please contact:

Barbara Kalinowski 997-4000

SME Craft Show

March 24, 2019

11:00 am – 4:30 pm

St. Mary's Elementary

1 St Marys Hill

Lancaster, NY 14086

**Sponsored by
SME HSA**

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St Mary's Elementary School Craft Show

Sponsored By: SME HSA

CRAFT SHOW VENDOR APPLICATION

When: March 24, 2019

Where: St. Mary's Elementary School, 2 St Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY

Time: 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

8' Indoor Tables available: \$25.00 plus a basket to raffle

If bringing your own table: \$15.00 plus a basket to raffle

CONTACT INFORMATION: (Please type or print legibly)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone#: (____) _____ **Cell #** (____) _____

Method of Payment: () Check () Cash () Money Order

Check/MO# _____

Brief Description of Items Being Sold: _____

Number of 8' Table needed @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

No table needed \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to: St. Mary's Elementary

Mail payment along with application to: St. Mary's Elementary, 2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086

You may begin setting up @ 9:00 am and must be completely set up by 11:00 am. Tear down begins at 4:30 pm. No early tear downs please! There must be someone in your area for the entire duration of the Show. Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting their own sales tax.

We ask that each vendor provide a basket of their items for the basket raffle that will take place at the show as well. These items will be collected at the beginning of the show.

JK

Meat Raffle

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 ST. MARY'S HILL, LANCASTER, NY



Friday, March 29, 2019

Doors open at 6 pm - First Spin at 7 pm

\$5 presale - \$7 at the door

Admission includes Beer, Wine & Pop

Don't forget your own snacks, Lots of Dollar Bills & a cooler for your winnings!!!!

50/50 Splits & basket raffles

For ticket information, please call (716)683-2112



2019 Information

For Students in Grades 2-8

Season dates: April 8- June 4

Track and Field Events: 75m dash, 300m relay, 800m relay, mile, softball throw, long jump
Students may participate in multiple events..

Coaches:

Running Coaches: Julie Wolford, Jayne O'Grady
Throwing Coach: Steve Kuhn
Jumping Coach: Mrs. Morrella
Team Manager: Amanda Kuhn
Assistant Coaches: Michael Wolford, Christine Wolford

Practices: Our first practice will be April 8 from 6-7:15. Our second practice will be April 11 from 6-7:15. After that, we will practice every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00-7:15. All practices will be held at the Lancaster High School track unless otherwise indicated. Please make your best effort to attend as many practices as possible. We understand that students will sometimes miss practices for other commitments as elementary school is the perfect time to try out different sports and activities. There will be a brief parents meeting at the beginning of our first practice on April 8.

Meets: There will be four regular meets on weekends in May. Meets may be held on Saturday or Sunday, times TBA. (Last year we had 3 meets at noon and one at 4:00.) Meets are about 90 minutes long and we arrive 30 minutes early to warm up. There is a fifth All-SITA meet on Tuesday, June 4 at 5:30 for those who qualify. Last year, meets were held at Orchard Park HS, St. Francis HS, and Canisius HS.

Parent Volunteers: SME is required to provide six volunteers at every meet. Therefore, each track family is required to have a parent sign up to volunteer at one of the meets.

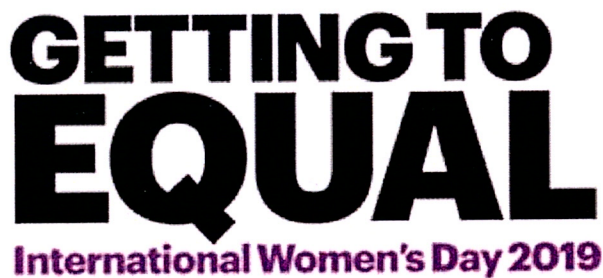
SITA: We participate in the track meets run by the Southtowns Invitational Track Association (SITA). For more information on events and rules, you can visit the website: <http://sitasite.org/>

To Sign Up- Get a permission slip from the school nurse, and return it to school by March 15. If you would like to help coach, please indicate so on the permission slip.

St. Mary's Elementary School is proud to celebrate
International Women's Day!

This year's campaign theme is
#BalanceforBetter.

The goal is to build a gender-balanced world.
Everyone has a part to play - all the time, everywhere.
Here at St. Mary's Elementary School we can build a better
gender-balanced world, together.



Please join us in wearing **Purple** in honor of
International Women's Day.

We will be hosting a dress down day on Thursday, March 14th
and will be collecting a \$1 monetary donation to present to
the Cornerstone Manor; a local Women and Children's shelter
in Buffalo, NY.

Cornerstone Manor offers food and shelter to those in need, it is a place that provides a safe haven for which
women and mom's with children can have the opportunity to transition safely and successfully through the
Mission's Dream Transitional Housing Program, where sorrows can be turned into joy so hope for a better
tomorrow can begin.