



# ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York

November 8, 2020

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

### PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

### SECOND READING:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

### GOSPEL:

"Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:11-13)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

- Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Tuesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Thursday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Our Jewish sage personifies wisdom as someone eager to be found by those seeking her. Is the virtue of wisdom something you actively seek?

### SECOND READING

Paul teaches the believers in Thessalonica about the sequence of events leading to the end-times. When do you find yourself thinking about the return of Christ and the final judgment?

### GOSPEL READING

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins is a lesson about being prepared for the Second Coming of Christ. How prepared are you for this event?

## INTRODUCTORY RITES



## Greeting

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Or:** Grace to you and peace from God  
our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Or:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Act (A)

## The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Penitential Act (B)

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**People:** **For we have sinned against you.**

**Priest:** Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**People:** **And grant us your salvation.**

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



## Dialogue at the Gospel

**Deacon/Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Deacon/Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to N.

**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including  
the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



## Invitation to Prayer

**Priest:** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**People:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## Preface Dialogue

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right and just.**

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Memorial Acclamation

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**People:** **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

**Or:** **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

**Or:** **Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

## Sign of Peace

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Deacon/Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Invitation to Communion

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins  
of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

## CONCLUDING RITES



## Dismissal

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

As I write this article due for our bulletin deadline on Monday, November 2nd, we have not received word from the New York State Governor's Office when the designation for Chemung County as an Orange Zone for the COVID-19 virus will be lifted. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, this designation severely limits the number of people who can gather in one space to 25 people. As a result of this designation, all weekend Sunday Masses were suspended in both the Elmira parish and our parish for the past two weekends. Our daily Mass at 6:45 a.m., Monday through Thursday will continue, limited to 25 people. I wish I had a more definitive answer for you concerning when weekend Sunday Masses will resume in our county. Please continue to check the parish website for any updates on this. We will continue to offer a recorded Mass each week to help you stay connected with us. This Mass is available on our parish website at [www.StMaryOurMother.com](http://www.StMaryOurMother.com).

We are in the midst of the annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. This appeal supports the day-to-day operations of St. Mary Our Mother in many ways with critical needs and resources. When you support the CMA, you also support our parish and other parishes in the diocese that are very much in need of the pooled resources the diocese provides, even during these Coronavirus pandemic days. Some of these resources may seem mundane. Yet without them, it would be much more costly to our parish.

*—Fund ministries which help parents raise children and teenagers in our Catholic faith teaching values they will carry into adulthood, which will serve them throughout life's challenges.*

*—Help educate our seminarians on the road to priestly ordination, providing the next generation of priests to share the sacraments and bless our parishes and people.*

*—Ensure we can help struggling families to be lifted out of economic crisis, restoring them to stability again.*

*—Prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, creating strong families.*

*—Educate and prepare those who wish to become Catholic for the fullness of life in the Church through RCIA.*

*—Enable us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life, helping to give voice to the voiceless.*

*—Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection to the Church.*

*—Provide important services to our parish that we would find difficult, inefficient or wasteful to orchestrate on our own.*

*—Support ministries that are a true blessing for the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned.*

*—Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves families and individuals in need, more than 250,000 annually. We share blessings with them; they are a blessing to us.*

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE (continued)**

I hope you will join me in generously supporting this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

**HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2021**

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior of the class of 2020 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

*Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;*

*is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;*

*is a positive role model for peers and younger children;*

*is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother Parish.*

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form including the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and high school. These registration forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor and then the nominee will be contacted for further information. The nominations are due in the parish office by December 18, 2020.

**FLOWER SIGN-UPS**

Due to the current rules and regulations, the parish has been unable to post a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board.

If you are interested in having flowers in the Church, please call the parish office at 739-3817.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. Blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives. The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this coronavirus.

How can you help? Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or contact [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for information.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

6:45 AM Greg Schultz - Ed & Mary Lee Fairbrother

**Tuesday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great**

6:45 AM William Thomas - Raymond Wawrzusin

**Wednesday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

6:45 AM Jenny Joy - her husband, Roger

**Thursday, November 12 - Saint Josephat, Bishop and Martyr**

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family

**Friday, November 13 - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

6:45 AM No Mass

**Saturday, November 14 - Weekday**

5:00 PM Deceased family members - Ann LeMark

**Sunday, November 15 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Marguerite & Chuck Gedatus and Kathleen Tierno - Mary Sue and Joe Skelly

10:30 AM Anthony DiSanto - Teresa and King FitzPatrick

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Kris Skelly Dorothy Ostrowski  
Richard Marks Lori Dudas-Todd  
Margaret Battersby Nancy Colonna  
Anna D'Elia

**MEMORIALS:**

**Sacramental Wines and Eucharistic Hosts:**

*In loving memory of our Dad, Sam Kucko, on his birthday from his children*

**Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament:**

*In memory of Joyce Rockefeller by Aunt Anna and Uncle Gerald*

**WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP ZOOM MEETING**

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group Zoom Meeting will be hosted on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

These are difficult times for all due to Coronavirus, but grieving for a loved one who has died majorly compounds the difficulty. There is no script for this. It is all new and heart wrenching, but we do have each other for finding our way through this together. There is no more crucial a time to lean on others who truly understand than when we are grieving in the midst of a pandemic and trying also to get through the holidays.

It is not hard to be present by Zoom; and, as is always true, you can show up and not have to say anything but just listen. Or, if you like, you can say what is on your mind. We always encourage being sensitive to your own grief needs.

In order to participate, go to [www.Zoom.com](http://www.Zoom.com), click "Join" and enter Meeting ID 828 8706 8618. No password is required. You may first find yourself in a waiting room, and Chris Lloyd, LCSW-R, will open the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS**

As we are all aware, the parish is unable to have printed materials available in the Church during these months of a pandemic.

The "Word Among Us," "Today's Missal," and "The Little Blue Book" for Advent and Christmas 2020 have arrived at the parish office.

If you would like to have copies of these booklets, please call the parish office at 739-3817 to make arrangements...always remembering that masks are required when stopping at the office.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Would you like to see our Church beautifully decorated for the Christmas Masses — even though we might not all be able to be present?

If you would like to have a poinsettia or a wreath or other flowers at the Church to remember a loved one or for a special occasion, please call the parish office (739-3817) with your intentions.

**LIVE STREAM MASSES**

Please check our parish website for a listing of Masses: [www.St.MaryOurMother.com](http://www.St.MaryOurMother.com). There are also resources available at the diocesan website: [dor.org](http://dor.org).

**EXPLANATION OF THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an *Act of Spiritual Communion*, which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him" at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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