



# 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  
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January 10, 2021

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

### PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of  
salvation. (Is 12:3)

### SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood,  
Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

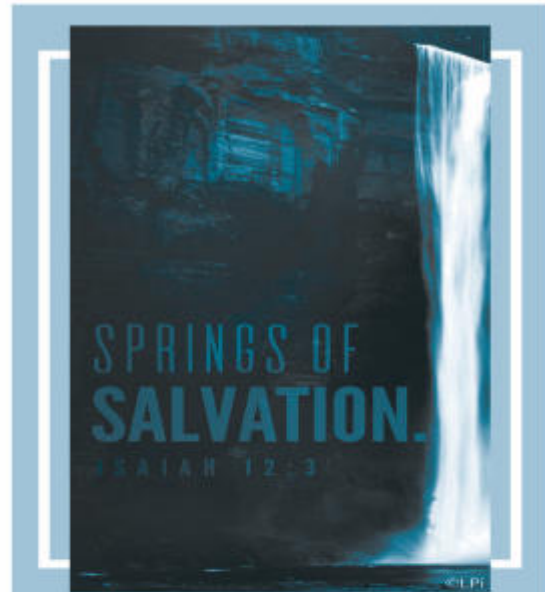
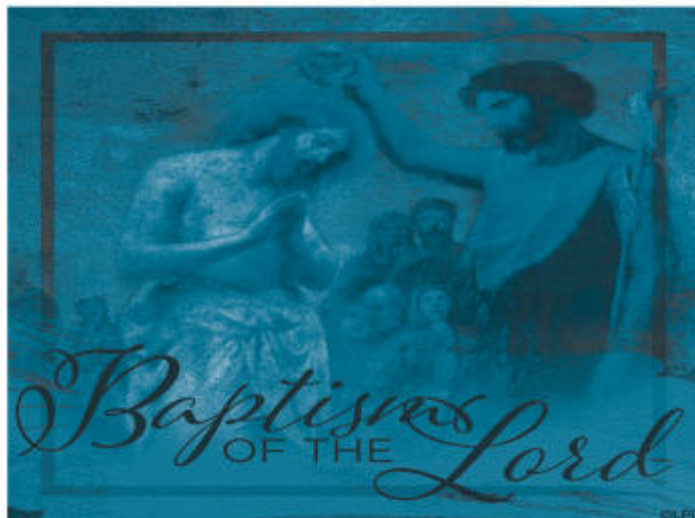
### GOSPEL:

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"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
(Mk 1:11)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

### SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

### GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - January 17, 2021****SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
 Gospel: John 1:35-42

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Audrey Holland	Margaret Kowalski
Jack Kunicki	Aloysius (Al) Stanton
Theresa Tallis	Al Underkofler
Ted Zaparynski	

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***For the Michael Langan family - Pat Madison***Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of James Nenni - Beering family***IN OUR PARISH****Oplatki**

Oplatki (Christmas wafers) are available at the parish office. Please stop by at your convenience for your Christmas tradition!

**Parish Calendars**

The parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2021 parish calendars. **THANK YOU!** (At this time, our parish calendars are available at the parish office.)

**Mass Intentions**

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

**Altar Memorials**

When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donation for the week is as follows:

Sanctuary candle	\$10.00
Icon candle	\$10.00
Sacramental wine	\$15.00
Eucharistic bread (hosts)	\$10.00

**SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS****First Reading:**

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER****Readings for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/  
 Jn 1:35-42

**Observances for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, which brings the liturgical season of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany to a close. This time each year, there is a sense of sadness when it comes to taking down the flowing lights and festive seasonal decorations of Christmas. As the popular saying goes, "time marches on," and our church's liturgical calendar unfolds into the fullness of time, but it is bittersweet to say farewell to the Christmas season, even Christmas 2020! It is my hope that you were able to celebrate and enjoy Christmas even in the midst of the pandemic. Perhaps as a result of the restrictions imposed on so many this year, perhaps some new Christmas traditions and practices were incorporated into our Christmas celebrations.

Because of early bulletin deadlines for bulletins of the past three weeks - last Sunday's bulletin went to press on December 23rd, we were still anticipating Christmas. While our Christmas Masses were much less festive than in previous years, and Christmas Mass attendance was down significantly due to the coronavirus pandemic, we still were able to gather together to celebrate Christmas with those who were able and chose to join us.

Today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of the new life given to all of us through baptism, a bond that unites us as God's chosen and holy people. That relationship began for each of us on our baptismal day, the occasion when we were cleansed of sin, given the new life of Christ, and welcomed into His holy people, the Church. As children of God through baptism, we are called to embrace a life-giving and life-long relationship with Christ. It is a relationship which invites us to continually grow in our faith.

On December 8th, **Pope Francis I** declared **The Year of Saint Joseph**. It began on December 8, 2020 and will conclude on December 8, 2021. During this year, we are invited to focus on Joseph the Patron Saint of the Universal Church; Joseph the foster father of Jesus (the Son of God); Joseph the husband of Mary; Joseph, the man of faith; Joseph, protector of the Holy Family; Joseph the dreamer; and Joseph the Patron of a Happy Death! You may recall that when Francis I was elected Pope, he placed his ministry under the patronage of Saint Joseph. It was at that time that he directed that Joseph's name be added to the Eucharistic Prayer so that his intercession could be mentioned at every Mass. I have had a special devotion to Saint Joseph throughout my life in many ways. I chose Joseph as my Confirmation name when I was confirmed. Joseph is also the middle name of my father, as well as the middle name of my brothers, Daniel and Edward. A priest who played an influential part in my life was also named Joseph, Father Joseph T. Gaynor, who served as the pastor the St. Charles Borromeo Church in Elmira Heights for nearly twenty years. The rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, the four years I studied there was also a Joseph, Father Joseph P. Brennan. Finally,

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 11 - Weekday

6:45 AM Fr. Lew Brown - Bob & Judi Pichette

### Tuesday, January 12 - Weekday

6:45 AM Margaret Donahue - Tom & Peggy Perciballi

### Wednesday, January 13 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

### Thursday, January 14 - Weekday

6:45 AM James Chickson - Isabel & Jack Gilroy

### Friday, January 15 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

### Saturday, January 16 - Weekday

5:00 PM Bill Dominikoski - Marianne & Bob Kosty

### Sunday, January 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Raymond Sherwood - Alsworth's & Deloris

10:30 AM Edward J. Linsler

the bishop who ordained me to both the diaconate and the priesthood in 1978 was another Joseph, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. So the name Joseph is very dear to me.

Saint Joseph was very integral to the Holy Family, where he was a protector, guide, and provider. His job as a carpenter was one that was easily adapted where God would head them to live - Bethlehem, Egypt, or Nazareth. Joseph was a man of faith, and with Mary would have been the first teachers of Jesus in the Jewish faith and his way of life. With Mary, Joseph would have been the closest individual in helping Jesus to understand the plan that God had for Him. There is not a great amount of information written about Joseph, but we can say that Joseph was the primary male influence for Jesus in His early years. We continue to honor Saint Joseph as a person of great faith. You will be hearing about The Year of Saint Joseph in the months ahead.

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

Fr. L.

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

On this first weekend after the Feast of the Epiphany, the Gospel reading reminds us of Jesus' baptism. It gives meaning to our own baptism into Jesus Christ. Jesus' baptism is a reminder that He is not only our Lord but also our brother. He was baptized into Christ Jesus. Jesus' baptism is a reminder that He is not only our Lord but also our brother. He was baptized, just as we are. He shares in our humanity. Good stewards recognize that their baptisms call them to conform their daily lives to Jesus' teachings, and to live their lives as Jesus did. Through their baptism, they have been given the necessary gifts to share with others the new creation that Christ brings. The stewardship question is whether we can recognize our own baptismal gifts, and like Jesus, use those gifts to bring the hope of Christ to the lives of others.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
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**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group**

The January 12th meeting of Wounded Healers will be a zoom meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Traditionally we have done a meeting in January for memorializing our loved ones. This can be the theme, but we'll use this format where there is a free flowing sharing. Perhaps light a candle near you as we share. Go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and use meeting ID #828 8706 8618. If you log in early, you will be in a waiting room until the meeting is open to all at 7:30. This is a compassionate group of people who support each other. All are welcome.

**Notre Dame High School Applications**

Notre Dame High School, grades 7-12 is now accepting applications for the 2021/2022 academic year with an online application process. Please visit the ND website for information or contact Mr. Brett Moore, Director of Enrollment at 607-734-2267, ext. 213 or email at [mooreb@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:mooreb@notredamehighschool.com).

Enrollment information sessions via Zoom are held every Thursday night from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., January through February. Information and links to register or attend are posted on the Notre Dame website homepage at [www.notredamehighschool.com](http://www.notredamehighschool.com).

**Stand For Life**

Stand up for the unborn and their mothers! Put your faith in action. Come and "stand for life", an hour of prayer and witness on **January 24th**, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., in downtown Elmira at Church and Water Streets. Bring pro-life signs and banners, or we will have ones you can use. Social distancing will be followed and all are asked to wear a mask. Call Steve at 739-9282 for information. Pro-life hats will be available for a donation, and donations will be accepted for next year's bus trip to the March for Life, 2022 in Washington, D.C.

**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides funding for important programs, services, and ministries that strengthen our entire Church. In order to reach our parish goal of \$112,209.00, we need the support of all. In the spirit of generosity, please prayerfully consider your gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. We would like to thank the 202 parishioners from St. Mary Our Mother who have responded to this drive. Their pledges and contributions of \$60,902.00 have enabled us to achieve 54.27% of our goal. If it is easier, you can make your gift by going to [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org). Additional pledge forms are available in the vestibule, and can be returned in the collection or mailed directly to the diocese.

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