



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 24, 2021

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

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PSALM

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SECOND READING

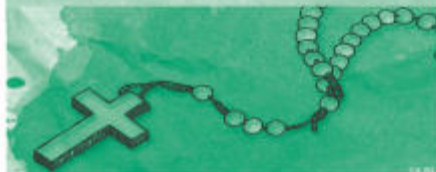
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GOSPEL

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - January 31, 2021****FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Anita Bifano Joanne Douglas
 Gary Dunham Debra Weiss

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:**

*In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - his wife,
 Deloris*

Eucharistic Hosts & Sacrament Wine:

For Joanne & Michael Langan - Pat Madison

STEWARDSHIP

December Sunday Collections:.....\$52,712.00
 Christmas Collection:.....\$20,886.00

IN OUR PARISH**Oplatki**

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

Parish Calendars

Our 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 still 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

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**- ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY****MASS AND PRAYER****Readings for the week of January 24, 2021**

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Observances for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Wednesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Catholic Schools Week

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This past week, the attention and thoughts of many Americans and people throughout the world were focused on Washington, D.C., for the historic inauguration of the 46th President of the United States, **President Joseph R. Biden**.

The following prayer I found appropriate for this occasion, and for our nation during these challenging and difficult times.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Almighty God, You have given us this good land for our heritage.

We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will.

Bless our land with honorable endeavors, sound learning and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues.

Endow with the Spirit of Wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home.

And through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations on earth.

In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail.

Amen

Written by President Thomas Jefferson
Third President of the United States
1801 - 1809

The annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal** continues. As of January 24th, 216 households have pledged \$67,424, approximately 60% toward our parish goal of \$112,209. I am most grateful to those who have already given to this year's appeal and I invite others to prayerfully consider supporting this appeal. Please check our parish website or the diocesan website, dor.org, for additional information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal and its ministries.

Next week is national **Catholic Schools Week**. It is also a time when St. Mary Our Mother School begins the process of registration of our students for

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

6:45 AM Bishop Anthony Banzi - 6:45 am Mass family

Tuesday, January 26 - Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

Wednesday, January 27 - Weekday

6:45 AM Agnes Ludtke Skorka - JoAnn Sabatura

Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Donna Mathew (her birthday) - husband, Robert

Friday, January 29 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, January 30 - Weekday

5:00 PM Howard Coddington - his wife & family

Sunday, January 31 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Nancy Colonna - Mary Suffern

10:30 AM Jeannette Berretta - Cathy & David Peckham

the 2021-2022 academic year. If you have or know others who have children who will be three years old up through the sixth grade this coming September, now is the time to contact the school office for further information.

Have a great week. Continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Social Ministry Super Bowl Collection - 2021

We are unable to have the Super Bowl Collection this year. The proceeds from this yearly collection were allocated for food for those in need in our area. Please consider a donation to the Horseheads Food Pantry this year. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Catholic Schools Week

St. Mary Our Mother School is approaching a very important time in the school year. Catholic Schools Week is coming soon, and we are moving into our biggest fund-raising season of the school year.

Fund-raising is a critical aspect in the life of our school. Our fund-raising allows us to continue to provide the high quality, faith-based education that benefits all our students, as well as our parish and our greater community. The costs involved in running and maintaining our school continue to rise and fund-raising helps us maintain a viable, sustainable and reliable program for all.

Many of you will remember how successful the **ESCAPE** fund-raiser has been for our school. Last year we had our most successful **ESCAPE** yet, raising over \$57,000 for the school! The bar has been set high!

In 2021, **ESCAPE** is going virtual! Our school staff has been working to lay the foundation for the many components of **ESCAPE 2021**. Our students have begun working on their Art Auction items. We are sending out sponsorship requests to our community partners. We are establishing a partnership with an online auction platform that will allow us to efficiently market the baskets and raffle items that you all have grown to love. We are obtaining our NYS gambling license and printing tickets so we can run our Big Money Raffle. We have scheduled "Doug's Fish Fry" food truck (take out only) to visit St. Mary Our Mother School on **March 27th**, at the conclusion of our **ESCAPE 2021 event**.

We are looking for businesses to sponsor the event. Do you know someone who owns a business that might want to support our school by sponsoring the event or donate an item/service for our raffles? We hope everyone will consider purchasing Bid Money Raffle tickets (\$100 per ticket = Big Payout!) There are so many ways each of you can help make this fund-raiser a huge success.

Be on the look out for information on ways you can help. We all need an **ESCAPE!** Let's make **ESCAPE 2021** a celebration of St. Mary Our Mother School and all the magic that happens here!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The first disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel left their work and their daily routine to follow Him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to Him. The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safety of the little world we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord's call and be challenged by His Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God's mercy, compassion and hospitality He planted within us.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Jean Yorio**, School Principal
- Mr. Richard O'Lenick**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner**, RCIA Coordinator
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Jeanne Carney**, Facilities Coordinator
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Mrs. Kim Roemmelt**, School Secretary
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street..... (607)-739-9157
- E-mail..... smoms@dor.org
- School Web Site..... www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
- E-mail..... smomfaithformation@gmail.com

REGIONAL EVENTS

Public Policy Advocacy Issue: Funding for Nourish New York Initiative

The covid 19 pandemic has hit everyone hard. In particular, the pandemic has focused a spotlight on two vulnerable groups in New York State: farmers and our neighbors who are food insecure - many are newly hungry due to job losses caused by the pandemic. The Diocesan Public Policy committee invites us to join in helping both on Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend (February 13/14) by calling on state leaders to allocate \$50 million to continue the Nourish New York initiative during state fiscal year 2021-2022.

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 607-734-2267, ext. 213 or email at 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.

Stand For Life

Stand up for the unborn and their mothers! Put your faith in action! Come and "STAND FOR LIFE" in an hour of prayer and witness today, **January 24th**, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., in downtown Elmira at Church and Main 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 when coming and going. Call Steve at 739-9282 for info. 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.

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