



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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August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157.

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we’re being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven’t we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He’s led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can’t go any further. No, I won’t do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - August 8, 2021****19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8
 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2
 Gospel: John 6:41-51

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangement:***In loving memory of Robert Roberti - his family***IN OUR PARISH****Prayers and Squares Quilting Group**

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available for anyone who is ill. We will no longer distribute them at the end of Mass. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact 738-3699 (Maribeth) or 731-8085 (Wilma) to make arrangements to pick up a quilt from the parish office.

Flower Sign Ups

Please call the parish office if you would like to honor special events in your life with a floral arrangement in our Church or Chapel. Flowers are available for the main altar, the chapel, the Blessed Mother in the chapel and the Blessed Mother in Church.

Today's Missal

Until we are able to return our missalettes, hymnals, etc. to the Church, copies of Today's Missal booklets 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

Our altar memorials continue to be a special way to honor those who have gone before us and those intentions we wish to remember for both the living and the deceased.

The weekly donation for these memorials remains the same as in the past:

Sacramental Wine:	\$15.00
Eucharist Hosts:	\$10.00
Sanctuary Candle:	\$10.00
Icon Candle:	\$10.00

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus I will test them, to see whether they follow my instruction or not." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of August 1, 2021**

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
 Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Observances for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
 Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
 Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
 Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM
 Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It's hard to believe that the month of August is upon us! I hope these weeks of summer have afforded you some opportunities for some refreshment and renewal, even as we continue to emerge from the covid-19 pandemic.

Many of you know that I am an avid fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers. I have had the great opportunity to come to know many in the Dodger organization since the summer of 1975, when I served an internship in the Clinical Pastoral Education program at St. Joseph Hospital and Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Orange County, located in Orange, California. I have had the great privilege of coming to know many of the Dodger players, managers, coaches, broadcasters, owners, and front office personnel during these years. The Dodger organization has always been known as a first class organization, one that other professional sports franchises could model their organizations after. The Dodgers were the first team in Major League Baseball to break the color barrier when they signed Jackie Robinson in 1947. The Dodgers were responsible for the expansion of Major League Baseball to the west coast when they moved to Los Angeles in 1958.

There is a book written by James Penrice entitled, "*Crossing Home: The Spiritual Lessons of Baseball.*" If you follow baseball 'religiously' you might enjoy this book. The author believes that the game is a treasure source of Christian symbolism and allegory, providing a wealth of images from which spiritual wisdom can be drawn.

As a Catholic, the superficial similarities between baseball and my faith are strikingly apparent...

We both worship in a variety of temples, from ancient cathedrals revered as cultural landmarks to more modern sanctuaries of contemporary splendor. We canonize our heroes of our past, and adorn our temples with icons of their memory. We print their images on cards and cherish them as sacred objects...

Like church, baseball adheres to a liturgical calendar, annually renewing the cycle of life. We begin with the advent of spring training, where we joyfully anticipate the nativity of opening day (this is an obligation in many towns. For some, it is the only day of the year they attend services)...

Four months into the liturgical year many practice a time of penance, as their heroes tragically succumb at the end of a hard fought campaign. This is immediately followed by the new life of the post-season and the ascension of new champions to the throne...

Baseball has its sacred scriptures. Psalms include such verses as "Casey at the Bat" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"...

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 2 - Weekday

6:45 AM Judith Ann A'Hearn Crossman - Anne Welch

Tuesday, August 3 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest

6:45 AM Phillip Amisano - his family

Thursday, August 5 - Weekday

6:45 AM John Viele (wedding anniversary) - Carol & family

Friday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, August 7 - Weekday

5:00 PM Dick & Peter Burdulis - Mary Ciarlo

Sunday, August 8 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

10:30 AM John Gough - John & Ann O'Mara

Before a player can accomplish anything in the game, he must begin by approaching home. It is both the source and the goal of his journey, the starting point and the finish. This is where he prepares for his mission, received directions, plants his feet, takes practice swings...

The goal of the game is the return home to the origin of the journey... "Let's play ball!"

Continuing on a 'lighter note', did you know that baseball is talked about in the Bible? "*In the big inning, Eve stole first - Adam stole second - Gideon rattled the pitchers - Goliath was put out by David - and the prodigal son made a home run!*"

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

Fr. L.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Catholic Charities Annual Back to School Backpack Event

Each year in August, our parish joins with Catholic Charities to gather new school supplies for children. This year we hope to help 600 children with new pencils, folders, 24 pack crayons, erasers, colored pencils, headphones, wide ruled loose-leaf paper, pencil sharpeners, etc. If you are able to contribute, please drop off the school supplies you purchase at one of the following locations by **August 22nd**:

Chapel Park, 83 Personius Rd., Pine City - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Chemung County Library District

Parmenter Tire, Auto & Truck Service, Horseheads

Purple Iris Boutique, Horseheads - Tuesday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday & Saturday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Samaritan Center, 380 S. Main St., Elmira - Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Economic Opportunity Program, 650 Baldwin St., Elmira - Monday-Thursday 8:15 am to 5:45 pm

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Parents can sign up for their children to receive a backpack of school supplies online at catholic Charities website - cs-cc.org, Back to School Drive/Catholic Charities Chemung Schuyler.

This year Catholic Charities is partnering with EOP to distribute the backpacks on August 31st at EOP.

Thank you for your care for our local children.

Lunch in the Park

Each weekday, Monday through Friday up through August 13th, free Lunch in the Park is available at Thorne Street Park for children, teens, and their parents. The bag lunches are distributed from noon until 1:00 pm at the pavilion area on the left side of the bathhouse. The bag lunches are prepared by the Elmira City School District and distributed by Catholic Charities volunteers.

Kids' Farmer's Market

In addition to Lunch in the Park, there will be a Kids' Farmer's Market. Free fruits and vegetables can be chosen by children and teens and taken home to their families. This occurs only on Fridays, so look for it on Friday, August 6th and Friday, August 13th. It will be held at the Lunch in the Park pavilion at Thorne Street from noon to 1:00 pm. This is offered in partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

Mass of Recognition

You are cordially invited to a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony on **Sunday, August 29th** at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615. All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please registering online at <https://conta.cc/3vjYs7x> or email Donald.smith@dor.org.

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in desperate need of all food items and especially asks for rice or pasta for the month of July, although all canned goods are always needed. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Regional Events continued on page 5...

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
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- Mrs. Kim Roemmelt**, School Secretary
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Blood Donor Shortage

Before you dive into your summer plans, can you help us create a summer full of life to make sure the blood supply doesn't take a dip?

The Red Cross asks those who are healthy to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. Donations help ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. We can't do it without you.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS for information on local blood drives.

NYS Legislator on Parole

Elders in the NYS prison system are denied parole again and again, even after being incarcerated for decades. Releasing them to their families would not only save millions of tax dollars, it would give them the opportunity to serve their communities.

There's still time to convince the legislative leaders to call for a vote on the two bills we're supporting:

Fair and Timely Parole (S.1415/A.4231)

Elder Parole (S.15/A.3475)

Please take a minute to call Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie at 518-455-3791 and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Cousins at 518-455-2715. Ask that they allow these bills to come to the floor. Now is the time!

Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Fitness Services

Catholic Charities provides free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention services to help homeowners avoid the loss of their homes, and Financial Fitness services to help restore credit and financial stability. This program offers free credit counseling, financial management, and assistance negotiating with lenders. We work to find solutions for individuals and families, whether it's saving your home or rebuilding financial solvency, we are here to help. This program serves homeowners in Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. These services are provided free through a grant from the New York State Homeowner Protection Program. For more information or to make an appointment to talk with a Catholic Charities housing counselor, please call Karen Wheeler at 607-734-9784, ext. 2132.

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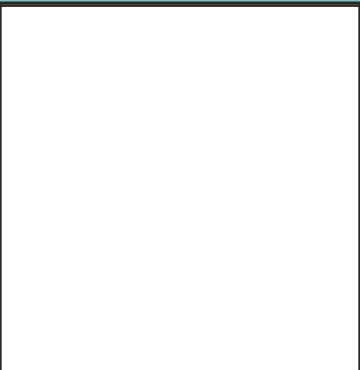


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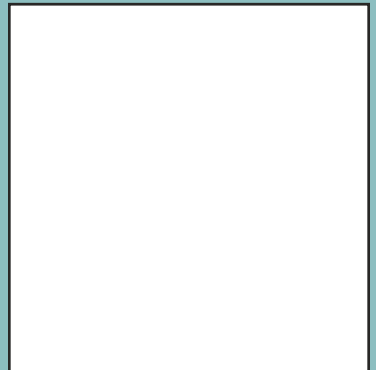
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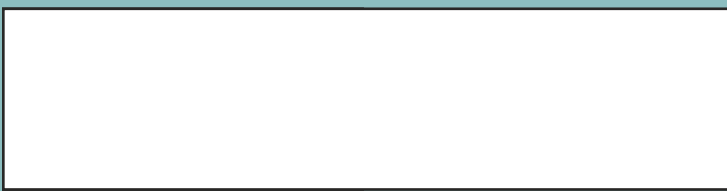

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