



# 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 29, 2021

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York, every parish corporation is to have an annual meeting to supply information to the parish at large with regard to financial and legal issues. The annual parish meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 19th**, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in church. At this meeting, a summary of the 2020/2021 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for 2021/2022 fiscal year. In addition, the chairperson of our Finance Council, **Mr. Shane Alsworth**, our business manager, **Ms. Terri Orbin**, area finance director, **Mrs. Suzanne Krebs**, and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.



## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In the reading from the letter of St. James we are urged to be “doers” of the Gospel, not just listeners. Being a “steward” of God’s Word is a matter of listening to the Good News, embracing the Good News and putting the Good News into action in our day-to-day lives. And whenever we are uncertain as to what decisions to make or actions to take as good stewards of the Gospel, St. James reminds us: We can never go wrong if we resist popular values that are not compatible with the Gospel, and we come to the aid of those who are burdened, distressed and poor.

## CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CASE) MANDATORY TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In March 2021, the Diocese of Rochester updated its *Volunteer Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Policy* to include ALL volunteers, not just those who work with children or vulnerable adults. The training is offered in an easy to use online program. Volunteers will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and complete a background check prior to starting your volunteer service.

This mandatory CASE training must be renewed every three years (volunteers over 70 years of age who have previously completed CASE training are only required to complete the background check and Code of Conduct forms).

With the new policy, all **ushers, cantors, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Faith Formation and youth group volunteers** are required to be CASE trained.

Volunteers can access the training at <https://www.dor.training> or by contacting the Faith Formation office at 739-8214 (Barbara Matterazzo or Maribeth Leipold) for information or assistance.

Since this training is mandatory, if a person is not able to complete it, unfortunately, they can no longer volunteer.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers and are sincerely hoping that you are looking forward to continuing your volunteer service/ministry to our parish, which you have so faithfully served.

## 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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - September 5, 2021****23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Joy Baccile

Mary Cummings

Louis Viselli, Sr.

Matthew Voorhees

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of John Viele - Mary & Tom Sweet***Votive Candle:***In loving memory of George Gresock - Nancy Kosalek***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***In loving memory of Norma Konz - her family***Blessed Mother - Church:***Happy birthday, Dee Sherwood - with love sister, Lois***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 are no longer able to distribute them at the end of Mass. If you know anyone who would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact 738-3699 (Maribeth) or 731-8085 (Wilma) to make arrangements to stop at the parish office for your quilt.

**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.

**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.

**SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

**Psalm:**

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

**Second Reading:**

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

**Gospel:**

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of August 29, 2021**

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**Observances for the week of August 29, 2021**

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

For most of us, the Lord's Prayer was the first prayer that we learned as children. The following is written by **Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.F.M.**, who offers an interesting commentary on this popular prayer, and invites us to occasionally pray this prayer in this manner. With the many challenges our world is faced with at this time, I believe this prayer is very timely.

### A Lord's Prayer For Justice

**Our Father...***who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn, and those who, by victim of circumstances, bear the heat of the day.*

**Who art in heaven...***where everything will be reversed, where the first will be last and the last will be first. But where all will be well and every being will be well.*

**Hallowed be thy name...***may we always acknowledge your holiness, respecting that your ways are not our ways, your standards are not our standards. May the reverence we give our name pull us out of selfishness that prevents us from seeing the pain of our neighbor.*

**Your will be done...***open our freedom to let you in so that the complete mutuality that characterizes your life might flow through our veins and thus the life that we help generate may radiate your equal love for all and your special love for the poor.*

**On earth as in heaven...***may the work of our hands, the temples and structures we build in the world, reflect the temple and structure of your glory so that the joy, graciousness, tenderness and justice of heaven will show forth within our structures on earth.*

**Give...***life and love to us and help us to see every thing as a gift. Help us to know that nothing comes to us by right and that we must give to the poor, not because they need it, but because our own health depends on us giving to them.*

**Us...***the truly plural us. Give not just to our own but to everyone, including those who are difficult. Give your gifts to all of us equally.*

**This day...***not tomorrow. Do not let us push things off into some indefinite future so that we can continue to live justified lives in the face of injustice because we can make good excuses for our inactivity.*

**Our daily bread...***so that each person in the world may have enough food, clean air, adequate health care, and sufficient access to education so as to have the sustenance for a healthy life. Teach us to give from our sustenance and not just from our surplus.*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, August 30 - Weekday

6:45 AM Betty Triano - Mary & Scott Worden

### Tuesday, August 31 - Weekday

6:45 AM Dick Burdulis - Joe Kane

### Wednesday, September 1 - Weekday

6:45 AM Celine Louisnathan - Theresa VanKeuren

### Thursday, September 2 - Weekday

6:45 AM John Pirozzolo - Becky & Bob Corcoran

### Friday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM No Mass

### Saturday, September 4 - Weekday

5:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving on the 60th wedding anniversary of Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

### Sunday, September 5 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Celine Louisnathan - the Pauchard family

10:30 AM Eddie Jadoski - family

**And forgive us our trespasses...***forgive our blindness toward our neighbor, our self-preoccupation, our racism, sexism, and our incurable propensity to worry only about ourselves and our own. Forgive our capacity to watch the evening news and do nothing about it.*

**As we forgive those who trespass against us...***help us to forgive those who victimize us. Help us to mellow out in spirit, not grow bitter with age, to forgive the imperfect parents and systems that wounded, cursed, and ignored us.*

**And do not put us to the test...***do not judge us only by whether we have fed the hungry, given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimized the poor. Spare us this test for no one can stand before your gospel scrutiny. Give us, instead, more days to mend our ways, our selfishness, and our systems.*

**But deliver us from evil...***that is, from the blindness that lets us continue to participate in anonymous systems within which we need not see who gets less than we get.*

Have a great week, and enjoy these last days of August. Take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Sacramental Preparation

We are currently accepting registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation.

If your child is at least 7 years old, in second grade and has completed at least one year of faith formation and will be registering for religious education classes this year, your child will be eligible to prepare and celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion.

If you have a teen, entering the 8th grade or above who has been in a continuous faith formation program through 7th grade, and has a desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church, your teen is eligible to begin the preparation process for their Confirmation.

Please contact the Faith Formation office at 607-739-8214 to request the appropriate registration form be sent to you. We can send the form via email or US mail.

### Faith Formation Opportunities for 2021/2022 School Year

As of this date, we are planning to bring back our Tuesday afternoon on-site K-6th grade program. We are also planning to resume our Home Study program for families who wish to do the study at home with their children. If neither of these options work for your family, we will also offer the Google Classroom forum. Seventh grade religious education will have a choice to participate in the online Google Classroom format or Home Study.

On-going Religious Education classes, through 7th grade, are most appropriate and extremely helpful for a student to be successful in Confirmation preparation. Students become eligible to begin preparation in the fall of their 8th grade school year. If you have a student entering 8th grade in September who wishes to prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form.

## REGIONAL EVENTS

### 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, **August 29, 2021** from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Franklin Street, Watkins Glen in front of the courthouse across from the Watkins Glen State Park. Bring pro-life signs and banners, or we will have ones you can use. Call Steve at 739-9282 for further information.

### Notre Dame High School Shenanigans

Notre Dame High School in partnership with Liquid Shoes Brewing presents **Shenanigans** on **Saturday, September 18th** from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. There will be beer and wine tastings, food tastings and raffle drawings. Live music provided by The Latimer Lee Band. Tickets are \$20 per person or two for \$30 and are available at the NDHS Advancement office or email Theresa Tobey at [to-beyt@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:to-beyt@notredamehighschool.com). Must be 21 to attend and all proceeds to benefit Notre Dame High School.

### 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 need of all food items and especially asks for rice or pasta for the month of August, 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!

#### 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. Heather Bill**, School Principal  
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#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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##### Religious Education Office

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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.

**Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Fitness Services**

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**Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group**

The Wounded Healers' will meet by Zoom on **Tuesday, September 14th** at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. The topic will be *"What We Learn about Grief As We Go"*. To attend the meeting, go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), choose "join meeting" and use **ID #828 8706 8618**. If you are a little early, you will be sent to a virtual meeting room and Christ Lloyd, LCSW, will open the meeting to all at 7:30. If you encounter any difficulties, call 607-796-2795. "We have been there, wounded by death, and we see healing in the very act of helping."

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