

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 (607) 739-3817

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Due to the Covid-19 cases in our area, we are exercising extra caution to keep our parishioners and staff safe, especially those who are not vaccinated. **Until further notice, masks are required whenever you are in the church building, including when attending Mass**. This applies to everyone old enough to safely wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. We are not at this time implementing any additional registration, social distancing, nor extra sanitizing procedures.

One half of the church seating will continue to be "open seating" will all rows open. The other half will be blocked off at every other row, for those more comfortable with social distancing. When you enter a pew row, please move to the furthest open seating area, so that others can fill in the row behind you. Thank you.

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 <u>https://</u><u>www.dor.training/</u> 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 are not able to 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. 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of His best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from His destiny. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed." He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given Him. He was telling Him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it. Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

September 12, 2021

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - September 19, 2021

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEFirst Reading:Wisdom 2:12, 17-20Second Reading:James 3:16-4:3Gospel:Mark 9:38-43,45, 47-48

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Robert Agan

Dominick Falank

MEMORIALS

Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:

In loving memory of Jean & Joe Sawester - Joan & Barry Sawester

FLOWER DONATIONS

Blessed Mother - Church: *In loving memory of Sue Beering - her husband. Fran*

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.

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:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

Gospel:

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36 -50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Observances for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday:	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
-	Grandparents' Day
Monday:	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and
-	Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
•	Bishop, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and
·	Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
•	Catechetical Sunday

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This past Wednesday, **St. Mary Our Mother School** opened its doors for the 63rd consecutive year. St. Mary Our Mother School welcomed its first students in September, 1959, with an enrollment of 125 students in grades one, two and three with a faculty of six Sisters of St. Joseph. A few years later saw an expansion of the school building to twice its size due to the increasing number of students and expanded number of grades to encompass students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

For the 2021/2022 school year, we have an enrollment of 140 students in grades pre-k through grade six. As was the case last year with the coronavirus pandemic, there are strict policies that must be followed to keep students, faculty and staff safe and healthy. Mrs. Heather Bill, our new school principal and the entire school team has been working diligently to create and maintain a safe and welcoming environment at St. Mary Our Mother School. We are blessed with a dedicated staff and are proud of the commitment of each teacher, teaching assistant and support staff has to ensuring the success of every student.

The faculty and staff of St. Mary our Mother School for 2021/2022 are:

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Mrs. Heather Bill	principal
Mrs. Adriana Enright	administrative
	assistant
Mrs. Jill Knuth	pre-k3 teacher
Mrs. Robyn Stowell	teaching assistant
Mrs. Patricia Madison	pre-k4 teacher
Mrs. Sally Heffner	<i>teaching assistant</i>
Mrs. Sandra Hoyt	kindergarten
·	teacher
Mrs. Julie Cady	1st grade teacher
Mrs. Angela Langendorfe	
0 0	teacher
Mrs. Kelly Koehler	3rd grade teacher
Mrs. Lindsey Smith	4th grade teacher
TBA	5th grade teacher
Mrs. Colleen Meehan	6th grade teacher
Mrs. Amy Winkels	teaching asst/AIS
Mrs. Susan Nagle	technology teacher/
-	coordinator
Mrs. Barbara O'Brien	art teacher/library
Mrs. Jessica Rutledge	music
Mr. Thomas Ketchum	physical education
	teacher
Mrs. Michelle Procopio	school nurse
Ms. Jenna Crandall	maintenance
Mr. Roger Williams	maintenance

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of St. Mary Our Mother School, I offer a thank you to you the people of St. Mary Our Mother - for your continued interest and faithful support of our parish school. May all who make St. Mary Our Mother School what it is - a creative and safe learning place for Catholic faith-filled education - enjoy a grace filled and safe year! Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 13 - ST. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

Tuesday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - Betty & Mike O'Keefe Wednesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45 AM Edward Sieban - Geoffrey & Joan Heywood

Heywood Thursday, September 16 - Ss. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Curtin family Friday, September 17 - Weekday 6:45 AM Loretta Deats - Carin Bliss Kujawski

Saturday, September 18 - Weekday

5:00 PM Sue Beering - her family

Sunday, September 19 - Twenty-fifth Day in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 AM Anna Sullivan Lawrene Judith & David Clovsky
- 10:30 AM Deceased members of Giannino & Rouleau families family

DIFFERENT TYPES OF MASS Question:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS Sacramental Preparation

We are currently accepting registrations 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 today's 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 Knights of Columbus

Horseheads Knights of Columbus summer picnic will be held on **September 20th** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Big Flats Roy Cooper Pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass; the meat and beverage will be supplied. All are invited! Please RSVP to <u>dstanton11ec@elmira.edu</u>.

All Saints Homeschool Group

All Saints Homeschool Group, a ministry of All Saints Parish in Corning, NY, is a welcoming community promoting faith and fellowship for Catholic homeschooling families. Join for monthly academic co-op, and/or partake in social events, pilgrimages, field trips, evening prayer and Mass. For more information, please contact <u>allsaintshomeschoolgroup@gmail.com</u> or <u>aubreelynch03@gmail.com</u>.

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 September, 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!

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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED... Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' will meet by Zoom this week 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 <u>www.zoom.com</u>, choose "join meeting" and use **ID #811 6957 3946** If you are a little early, you will be sent to a virtual meeting room and Chris 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."

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 <u>tobeyt@notredamehighschool.com</u>. Must be 21 to attend and all proceeds to benefit Notre Dame High School.

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, September 18th and 19th, there will be a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self -help organizations of low-income people. Here in our diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants. They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a refugee organization empowering their members to know their rights as tenants. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.



