



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

July 7, 2024



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

Saturday, July 13

3:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance--church



Main altar arrangement for the week of July 7th - 13th 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Bob Lantzy on our wedding anniversary.

IN THE PEACE OF CHIRST:

Fr. Thomas Burr
Jean Coon,
Joyce Kenefick,
Edward Oksinki,



**Our weekly contributions for the week ending
June 23, 2024: \$6,703.16**

FINDING A CHURCH ON VACATION:

It's summer time! Many of us will be vacationing, and many will be looking for a Catholic church to attend Mass. To locate a Catholic church anywhere, log on to www.TheCatholicDirectory.com.

Peter's Pence Collection:

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER PRESENTS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SEEK FIRST

JOURNEY THROUGH PARABLES

JULY 22ND - 25TH 2024

FOR KIDS K-6TH GRADE **MORE INFO**

🕒 9 AM - 12 PM

📍 816 W BROAD ST,
HORSEHEADS, NY 14845

BIBLE-BASED ADVENTURE FILLED WITH SONGS, CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES AND FOOD ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM

Registration Deadline is July 10th.***

Adult volunteers are also needed to help make VBS a success. If you feel the call to serve the parish in this way, please reach out to Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office. Volunteers are needed for:

- Music leader
- Arts/Crafts Leader
- Classroom Catechists (2)
- High School Helpers

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Amanda.reeves@dor.org, or lily.barr@dor.org, or 607-739-8214.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Due to an early bulletin deadline because of the July 4th holiday, I find myself writing this column on Wednesday, June 12th, anticipating the usual end of school activities and graduations as well as the July 4th holiday. Without a doubt, many of our parishioners are in the midst of their summer vacations. Many have already moved to their summer residences. The summer season gives us a wonderful time to pull back, change the pace of our lives, and take a break from the hectic routines that are the weekly norm for us. These summer months are great times to refresh, renew, and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

It has been said that the relaxed days of summer are similar to what our Sundays should be like throughout the year: a time to withdraw from normal activity and to realize that all of life is a gift from God. Everything we have is a gift from God, and we are called to be good stewards of what God has blessed and shared with us.

If you find yourselves traveling these summer weeks, please be observant as you attend Mass in different parishes and settings this summer. If you observe some practices from other parishes which you think might be beneficial to our parish family at St. Mary Our Mother, please bring those ideas back to us. Many of you are so kind as to bring a parish bulletin back from the parish you attended while away. I always enjoy reading them and it gives me a different insight into church life in different parishes throughout the country.

With the July 4th holiday this year on a Thursday, there is a good chance that many of you are winding down your observance and celebration of the Independence Day holiday. As we look back on this year's celebration of our nation's independence, I thought you might enjoy some quotes from the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson also served as the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809:

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall be as corrupt as Europe."

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	July 8, Weekday Doemico Spizzca - Pansero family
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	July 9, Weekday Faithful departed
Wednesday 6:45 A.M.	July 10, Weekday Deceased of the Mills family - family
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	July 11, St. Benedict Faithful departed
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	July 12, Weekday Charly Graves - his wife, Jan
Saturday, Lloyd	July 13, George & Rita Johnson and Ann & Lloyd Phillip - their family
Sunday	July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
8:30 A.M.	Time Allen B. Caldwell
10:30 A.M.	Teri Guardi - Bob

Pastors perspective continued:

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad governments result from too much government."

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

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

Fr. L.



The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group Meeting will be offered on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Please use the door of the school across from the playground to enter the building. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a memento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen and are careful to not dogmatize. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight, and normalization from each other. You may share or you may just listen. We encourage you to be sensitive to your own needs. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping. **PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT MEET IN AUGUST**".

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:



July 14-19

Men and Women Retreat - 6-Day Silent Directed Retreat. Spiritual Directors assigned to each individual.

July 21-26

Men and Women Retreat - 'Prayer as Discernment' Deepening the Real Presence of our Trinitarian God with Fr. Gerry McKeon, S.J.

July 24

Men and Women Retreat - Following Jesus in a Polarized World, with Fr. Aaron Wessman, G.H.M. (Sponsored by DOR Social Ministry)

August 15

Men and Women Retreat - -Bread of Life - Discourse in John 6 and the Sacred Sacrament of the Eucharist.

August 23-25

Couples Retreat--Just As You Are.-.Encountering God's Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo.

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ceec. #iGiveCatholic Together also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to give online at: <https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>.



The Food Pantry is requesting the following much needed food items:

Crackers (saltine or ritz type), **Cereals** (oatmeal or cold cereals), and **"frosting for cake mixes"**

The Pantry is always in need of **personal care items** as they are not available from the Food Bank. This includes: **body soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and feminine personal hygiene items.** They cannot accept over the counter medicines or vitamins.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Amanda Reeves**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Assistant
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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Congratulations to our 6th grade students for the high achievements earned.

Our 6th grade students have truly excelled this past year! I am proud to recognize the following student for earning top honors:

Overall highest students average - Ryan Von Bevern (98.2%)

Highest average in Religion - Ryan Von Bevern (98.25%)

Highest average in English/Language Arts - Ryan Von Bevern (96.5%)

Highest average in Mathematics - Ryan Von Bevern (99.25%)

Highest average in Social Studies - Ryan Von Bevern (97.25%)

Highest average in Science - Ryan Von Bevern (96.25%)

The overall class average was 91.28%

The NYS Triple "C" Awards (Commitment, Character, Courage) were awarded to Bailey McCarthy and Ryan Von Bevern.

The Office of the State Comptroller of New York, Thomas P. DiNapoli, Award in recognition of hard work, dedication and success for academic excellence and civic commitment was awarded to Adrian Rijo and Thomas Rossettie.

The Knights of Columbus (Council 281) Father Brennan Award was awarded to Sophia Grace. (no last name listed.)

President Joseph Biden's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence was awarded to Ryan Von Bevern, Thomas Rossettie, Adrian Rijo, Michael Parker, Sophie Sramek and Noelle Sonsire.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) award was awarded to Michael Parker.

The Legacy Award in recognition of students who have attended St. Mary Our Mother School from Pre-K3 through sixth grade was awarded to John Kravec, Bailey McCarthy, Michael Parker, and Ryan Von Bevern.

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to all students on their individual achievements. They move on with our prayers for continued success as they enter the next phase of their lives.

Blessings always!
Heather Bill, School Principal

A Prophet and His Native Place

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.” It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere. I speak from experience — I didn’t go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn’t like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can’t reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you’ll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at His high school reunion. When He returned to His native place, He was what He had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something He became, it was always within Him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why? Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don’t often see anything worth venerating in the “right now” of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we’ll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn’t realize it. So, when He came in all His greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected Him. They didn’t want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn’t look like the “right now” of their lives. But that’s where God is, folks. He’s in the right now, and nowhere else. He’s waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in His native place and among His own kin and in His own house.” — Mark 6:4



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