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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 4, 2024



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.” - Jn 6:32

The Eucharistic Hosts and Sacramental Wine for the week of August 4-10 have been donated in loving memory of Robert and Mary Lou Tremaine by Joan and Barry Sawester.

Blessed Mother flowers in the Church for the week of August 4-10, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Phillip Amisano by his family.

Main altar flowers for the week of August 4-10, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Phillip Amisano by his family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHIRST:

Walter Farrell
Dale Tanner
Luke Nugent



CONGRATULATIONS, ROGER!

Roger Joy, a long time parishioner of St. Mary Our Mother Parish, celebrated his 100th birthday on July 26, 2024. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROGER.**

CEMETERY NEWS:

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary Our Mother cemetery. We ask that you please observe the 10mph speed limit. It is also important not to park on the grass, as many grave sites extend to the very edge of the road. The cemetery is a consecrated area. Reverence should be maintained at all times.



PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Food That Perishes

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one He sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.' — John 6:35

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

It's hard to believe that the first weekend in August is upon us! I hope that you are enjoying these summer weeks, and that your travels have been enjoyable. Wherever your travels take you, be sure to include Sunday worship. And in your travels, if you see any different local liturgical traditions or practices in the place you attend, I would love to hear about them. I do enjoy the fact that many of you pass on a Sunday bulletin to me from the parish you attended during your travels.

As I write this column for the bulletin of August 4th, I realize that in just one month from today, September 4th to be exact, will be the first day of school for our students. (Not that I am wishing summer away!) While our children may be on their "summer break," and involved in many activities, our parents are not afforded such a luxury. I have found the following very wise advice for parents.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1. *I will always love and respect my children for who they are and not for who I want them to be.*
2. *I will not burden my children with emotions and problems that they are not equipped to deal with, remembering that I am the parent and they are the children.*
3. *I will, when discipline is necessary, let my children know that I disapprove of what they have done, not who they are.*
4. *I will set limits for my children and help them find security in knowing what I expect from them.*
5. *I will make time for my children and cherish our moments together, realizing how important -and how fleeting- they are.*
6. *I will create a loving home environment and show my children that they are loved, whenever and however I can.*
7. *I will be sure to give my children space--to grow, to dream, to succeed, and even to fail.*
8. *I will encourage my children to experience the world and all its possibilities.*
9. *I will take care of myself physically and emotionally so that I can be there for my children when they need me.*

(continued in next column)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	August 5, Weekday Deceased of the Curtin family - family
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord Faithful departed
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	August 7, Weekday Special intention of Cindy Saporito
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	August 8, St. Dominic, Priest Teri Guardi - Bob
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	August 9, Weekday Mary Nixon - Cindy Saporito
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	August 10, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr Donna and Chuck Berry - The Morris family
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	August 11, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert Priest - Lapitan family Mary Amisano - her family

Pastor's Perspective continued:

10. *I will try to be the kind of person I want my children to grow up to be--loving, fair-minded, moral, giving and hopeful.*

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

Fr. L

**VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE:**

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our victim Assistance Coordinator: Deborah A Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or toll-free: 1800-388-7177, ext. 1555 or e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:



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.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Since my college days I’ve loved a song called “Dance with You” by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: “I’ve tasted all the wines a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for.” These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus’ words after He feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, He recalls God’s gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord’s teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, He asks us: ‘Do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life?’ So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you’ll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— *Father John Muir*



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

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The beginning of the school year is fast approaching, and that means the start of our parish faith formation classes. Following you will find important dates of when each program will begin.

CONFIRMATION YRS. 1 & 2: Sunday, September 15, 2024. There will be a meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the church. All incoming 8th graders (year 1) and 9th graders (year 2) must attend with a parent. If your child will be entering 9th grade or above, has received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, and has not started year 2 Confirmation classes, they are encouraged to attend this meeting as well.

First Penance: Saturday, September 21, 2024, there will be a meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All incoming 2nd graders who plan on receiving First Holy Communion in the Spring must attend this meeting with a parent. If your child is in a grade level other than 2nd grade and is at least seven years old and has been Baptized and would like to receive First Holy Communion in the Spring must attend this meeting for First Penance.

Tuesday Faith Formation Program: Our Tuesday program will begin on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 beginning at 3:45 p.m. in the church. Please drop your student off in the church. Pick-up will also be in the church at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Group: The first Youth Group meeting of the school year will be held on Sunday, September 29th. At 5:00 p.m. All students in grades 6 and above are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Home Study: Saturday, October 5, 2024, there will be a home study meeting in O'Brien Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

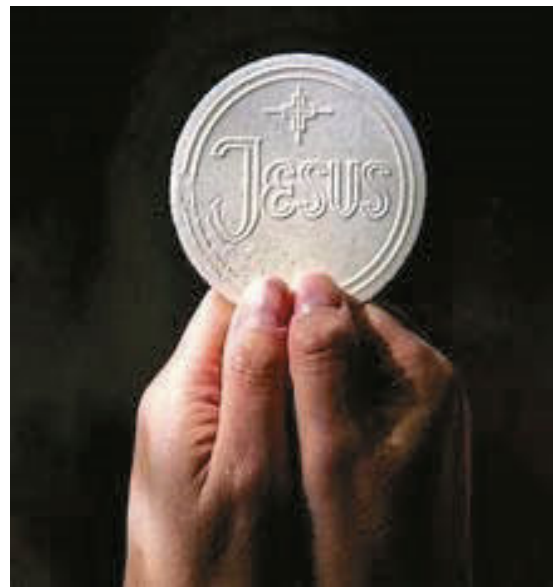
All registration forms for each program can be found in the back of the church next to the bulletin board or on the parish webpage. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office-607-739-8214.

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In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for Me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can You do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus, they seem to say, can't You just give us more?" How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want Him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "The Bread of Life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?.



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