



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 11, 2024



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”

- Jn 6:48-50

The Eucharistic Breads & the icon candle for the week of August 11 - 17, 2024 have been donated in memory of Donna & Chuck Berry by the Morris family.

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the week of Aug 11 - 17, 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.

Main altar flowers for the week of August 11 - 17, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Mary and Warren Woodard by daughter, Evelyn, and family.

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.



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: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555 or e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org



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PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in His voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: *Did you hear what He said? That He's the bread of life?*

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does He think He is? Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. *Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to His sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of His teaching. *'Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from Him comes to Me'*. And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Thursday of this week is the **Solemnity** of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a holyday of obligation, or in another sense, a holyday of "opportunity." This solemn feast celebrated Mary being assumed into heaven, body and spirit, at the end of her earthly life. *Mass at St. Mary Our Mother for this holyday are: Wednesday, August 14th @ 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 15th at 6:45 a.m.*

The early Christian communities never thought of Mary without reflecting on her relationship with her Son, Jesus. In the gospel of St. Luke, Mary is portrayed as the "prototype" of the Church, the perfect Christian, the perfect disciple. With her assumption, St. Luke depicts Mary as a person who constantly does what Jesus expects all of His followers to do, to "hear God's word and carry it out."

We believe that the Assumption of Mary was the end of her earthly life as a disciple. Mary's life of discipleship began long before she was born, namely with the Immaculate Conception, and it continued through her earthly life when she agreed to accept God's invitation to become the mother of Jesus. God always initiates and offers, and Mary accepted God's invitation. We join Elizabeth in rejoicing over Mary's saying "Yes" to God: *Blessed are you, Mary, who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.* Notice how Mary always defers all praise to God: *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my savior."* In addition, Mary reminds us that God *"has lifted up the lowly."* We believe that Mary's Assumption was God lifting up Mary to eternal life with Christ. When the Assumption of Mary into heaven is viewed as the final chapter of her earthly discipleship, the feast is rich in meaning. As members of the Church and as the people of God, we are all called to be followers of Christ.

Being the Good News and bringing the Good News of God's love for others is what God asked of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God asks the same of us. When we love and serve others, we can be confident that God's response of resurrection and eternal life will be given to us. St. Paul mentions in today's second reading the fact that *"in Christ shall all be brought to life."* On the feast of the Assumption of Mary, we give thanks and praise to God that Mary is among those first brought to life in Christ. At the same time, we express our hope that the same destiny of resurrection awaits us at the conclusion of our earthly journey.

God has accomplished great things through the life of Mary, and continues to do great things for us. May we join Mary, our Mother, in proclaiming the goodness and greatness of our God, who will raise all people to fulness of life in Christ.

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, August 12, Weekday
6:45 A.M. Faithful Departed

Tuesday, August 13, Weekday
6:45 A.M. Joseph Addabbo - JoAnn Barbieri

Wednesday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
6:45 A.M. Daniel Woodard - wife, Peggy
5:30 P.M. Jim Cronin - Tom Kolonoski

Thursday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:45 A.M. Special Intentions
9:00 A.M. No Mass

Friday, August 16, Weekday
6:45 A.M. Debbie Narde - Joan and Chuck Ruhmel

Saturday, August 17, Weekday
5:00 P.M. Bernie Matterazzo - Donna and Carl Hammond

Sunday, August 18, Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Josephine & Henry Ryan - Mary and Jim Carr
10:30 A.M. Judi Lynch - husband, Ben



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on all ages will call me blessed. The mighty one has done great things for me, and Holy is His name.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry He has filled with good things; the rich He has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel His servant, remembering His mercy, according to His promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN

Luke 1:46-55

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.

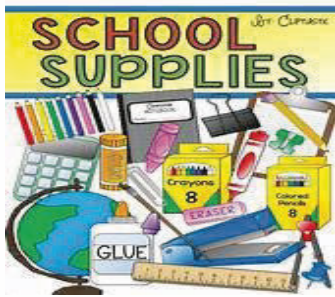
August 23-25

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.



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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT: Helping local children get ready for the school year!

Each year Catholic Charities invites us to help them collect school supplies to help parents send their children back to school with everything they need and ready to learn. This year backpacks with supplies will be distributed to about 600 Chemung County school children from all the school districts during the Strong Kids, Safe Kids (August 24) event. Supplies needed: colored pencils, composition notebooks (wide-ruled), folders (two-pocket), pencil pouches, pencils, rulers, **scissors** (blunt tip). **Donations will be collected until August 14 and can be dropped off at one of the following locations:**

- Chemung County Libraries (Big Flats, Horseheads, Steele, West Elmira)
- Parmenter Tire, Auto & Truck Service, Horseheads
- Purple Iris Boutique- Horseheads
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Corning Community College -Elmira campus
- Department of Aging, Chemung County
- Mr. Panosians Famous Shoes
- Catholic Charities main office at 215 E. Church St.-- Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM -4:30 P.M.
- Treu Office Supply, Lake Street, Elmira

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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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who baptized Jesus?

Find the answer in your Bible in the Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17 or in the Gospel of Mark 1:9-11, or the Gospel of Luke 3:21-22.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's Your Hearth Cake?

“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” I’ve been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don’t know what it is exactly. Maybe it’s just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it’s about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we’re all just nicer people when we’re fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven’t fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that’s your hearth cake. That’s your jug of water. Don’t neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.”

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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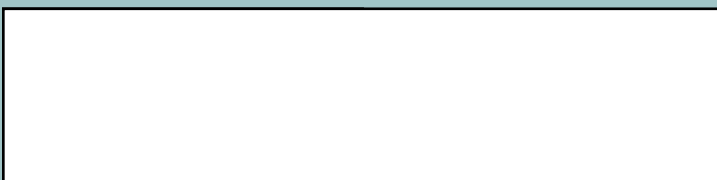

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