



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, Haverbrook, New York

September 22, 2024



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, September 24

3:45 p.m.—Faith Formation classes-school

Thursday, September 26

7:00 P.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

Reception for Father Richard following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in O’Brien Hall.



MEMORIALS:

The Main Altar arrangement for the week of September 22-28, 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Paul Wyak by his wife, Nan.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Karl Hertlein
Nancy Meleedy
Helen Sullivan
Harold Wolfe



PRAYER PLAQUE FOR THE SICK:

The prayer plaque listing the names of individuals who have asked for our prayers is posted in the vestibule of the church. If you wish to have your name added to the list, or know of someone who is sick and would like to be added, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817.

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RECEPTION FOR FATHER RICHARD:

Having completed his collegiate studies at Elmira College, **Father Richard Kajiru** will be returning to his home in Tanga, Tanzania, the middle of October. Please join us next Sunday, September 29th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in O’Brien hall for a reception for Father Richard to thank him for his priestly ministry here at St. Mary Our Mother these many years. Thank you to our Parish Life group for preparing this event.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE FALL RETREATS:

“Just as You Are: - encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus—

Men	September 20-22
Women	September 27-29
Men	October 25-27
Men and Women	November 15-17 (silent)

“Fill Your Soul Days”

October 8	“Praying with Icons”
November 6	“Looking Godward...”
December 11	“Making time for God & Others”

SPECIAL VENTS:

November 1-2	“Tolkien’s Spiritual Journey”
December 7	“God Present & Coming... (Advent)”

FREE EVENTS:

Senior Luncheon Series	9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/13
Mindful Walking on Trails	—9/26@5pm

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! This collection will go far in supporting those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States.

If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” under Resources.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

We are past the mid-point of the month of September, with three months to go in the calendar year of 2024. Our schools are open, including our school here at St. Mary Our Mother, with 157 students enrolled. Our Faith Formation programs will begin this week, with all sacramental preparation programs beginning shortly. And after the months of summer, we continue to welcome many of our parish members back to our Sunday Masses.

The month of September also sees the return of many parish activities and meetings. Earlier this month we saw the first meeting of our parish pastoral council for the coming year. The following are the members of our parish Pastoral Council:

Vincent Moschetti,—Chairperson
Cindy Annunziata
Jackie Conklin
William Limoncelli
Hanne O'Donnell
Philip Ponzi
Richelle Riina
Patricia Rosetti
Jean Yorio

In addition to her council duties, Richelle Riina serves as the recording secretary for the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council deals with parish policies, providing direction, guidance, and feedback helping the parish to better fulfill its mission. The Council members are willing to listen to your concerns and bring them to the council's attention for consideration.

While the Parish Pastoral Council deals with matters of parish and "pastoral concerns", the Finance Council addresses issues related to finance, buildings and grounds and parish property issues. Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the pastor, and serves as an advisory group to our Operations and Finance manager, **Michelle Card**, our Regional Finance Director, **Donna Haraty**, and myself, in offering their expertise in keeping our parish, school, and many ministries in good financial order. Their insights and guidance have been and continue to be important as we continue our journey forward.

In addition to the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, our parish has had in the past a Stewardship Committee, which helps raise our awareness of our baptismal call to be good stewards of all God has given us. At this time, due to the moving and relocation of many members of this group, the time has come for a reorganization of this group. If you feel the desire to become a member of this committee, please contact me through the parish office.

Have a great week. The season of autumn "officially" begins this week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 6:45 A.M. Special Intention—the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

Tuesday, September 24, Weekday
 6:45 A.M. Martyn Reimsnyder—Nancy Kosalek

Wednesday, September 25, Weekday
 6:45 A.M. Deceased of the Curtin family—family

Thursday, September 26, Weekday
 6:45 A.M. Joyce Kenefick—Jackie & Warren Conklin

Friday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 6:45 A.M. Faithful Departed

Saturday, September 28, Weekday
 5:00 P.M. Kathryn Dobransky—Maurina and Tony Ruggiero

Sunday, September 29, Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 A.M. Walter Ermold—Joe & Jackie Manning and family.
 10:30 A.M. Camilla Leszyk—Mary Beth O'Brien

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - The God of the Living

"Sic transit gloria mundi," is what they used to say at papal coronations. "So passes earthly glory." Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

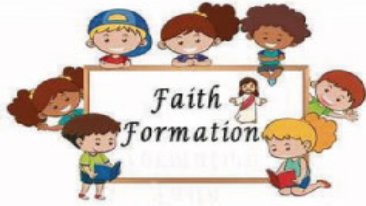
Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they've been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today's Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week's readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn't die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.



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

The Horseheads 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.”**

CONFIRMATION YRS. 1 & 2: Sunday, September 29, 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.

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.

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.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Assistant
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Heather Bill**, Principal
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
- Michelle Card**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Ms. Wendy Slater**, Office Assistant
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
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- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

- Parish Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-3817
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- St. Mary Our Mother School**
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- School
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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214

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 Lily Barr at the parish office-607-739-8214.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL:

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2024-2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad—through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our Diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs. Starting next weekend, we will have more information to share with you about this year's appeal.

PARISH CENSUS

The Diocese of Rochester is currently in the process of carrying out a census initiative. The purpose of this census is to gather accurate and up-to-date information about all our parishioners, as well as those Catholics not yet registered in our parishes. By conducting this comprehensive survey and obtaining accurate contact information, we aim to strengthen pastoral care, stewardship, and enhance communication by having a reliable means of informing you about events, programs, ministries, and greater opportunities for spiritual growth at your parish and throughout the diocese.

Kindly be assured that all information provided will be handled with the utmost confidentiality. The data collected will be used solely for pastoral, stewardship, and communication purposes.

PARISH CENSUS ACTION STEPS:

Over the coming months, every Catholic in the Diocese will be asked to participate in the census. In the coming days, you will receive an email with a link asking you to complete the digital census. This email is not spam, and I encourage you to complete it. Should you feel uncomfortable completing the census shared in the email, we will have opportunities over the next few weeks to complete the census form before and after mass.

Should you have any questions about the census process, please contact the parish office (607-739-3817). I appreciate your participation in this initiative

BEARING WITNESS

I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people—the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple—share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing powerful witness to crucial moments of His earthly ministry. They breathe the air He breathes. They hear the sound of His voice. Some of them feel the touch of His skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us. I think of the child who sat in Jesus' lap while He said those famous words: "Whoever receives Me; and whoever receives not Me but the One who sent me."

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm His embrace? I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don't know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt Him, he heard Him. We sigh to think of it. How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy. But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the host and hear the words "This is my Body," we occupy the same earthly time and space as the messiah, and He fixes upon us the same gaze He fixed upon them.

We all bear witness. We receive Him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives. Do we carry Him with us? Do we dare?

"I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness." Psalm 54:6



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