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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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October 6, 2024



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 12

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic hosts and the Sacramental wine for the week of October 6-12, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her children and grandchildren.



The Blessed Mother flowers in the Church for the week of October 6-12, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering—her husband, Fran.

The Main altar arrangement for the week of October 6-12, 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her husband, Ben.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Tyler Giancoli
Joyce Blide
Jacqualyne Owen



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.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE FALL RETREATS:

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

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| Men | October 25-27 |
| Men and Women | November 15-17 (silent) |

“Fill Your Soul Days”

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

SPECIAL VENTS:

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

FREE EVENTS:

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

CATHOLIC MINISTR APPEAL:

Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year’s campaign is **Extending Christ’s Mission.** The CMA is a vehicle to help us extend Christ’s mission throughout the Diocese of Rochester. It supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese.

If you have not received a mailing, pledge envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule of the church. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the church, and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

As announced at all Masses two weeks ago, the Diocese of Rochester is currently in the process of carrying out a census initiative in all parishes of the diocese. The following are some Frequently Asked Questions concerning the census initiative:

Why is the parish conducting a census?

To gather information on all registered parishioners to strengthen pastoral care, stewardship and communication efforts.

Do I still need to complete the census if my contact information has not changed?

Yes. Everyone is asked to participate in the census to ensure our database is up to date and accurate.

How will my information be utilized or managed?

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

Who is considered as part of my household?

Each household is being asked to complete a census form. A household in the Diocese of Rochester is the individual/group of individuals living at the same address. Exceptions include multiple adults living at the same address (e.g. adult children living with parents or senior parents living with adult children.)

I have already completed the census form online, do I still need to fill out an in-pew census card?

Yes. There is a place on the census card to indicate that you have already completed the form online.

As Bishop Matano stated in his letter to all pastoral leaders the purpose of this census is to gather accurate and up-to-date information about all our registered parishioners, as well as those Catholics who are not yet registered in our parishes. By conducting this comprehensive survey and obtaining accurate contact information, we aim to strengthen pastoral care and enhance communication by having a reliable means of informing you about events, programs, ministries, and greater opportunities for spiritual growth at your parishes and throughout the diocese.

Some of our parishioners have already completed their census form on-line. If you would like to complete the census form in this way, please visit the diocesan website.—dior.org— and go to the census link. On the weekend of October 19/20, you will have the opportunity to fill out a census form at Mass. We will continue to have the census forms available for the next several weeks as well. I thank you for your time and effort in completing the census form for your household.

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

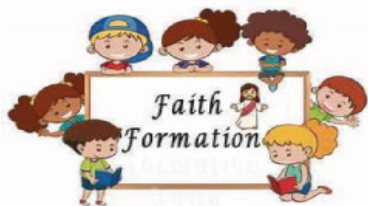
MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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| Monday, 6:45 A.M. | October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary Our Faithful Departed |
| Tuesday, 6:45 A.M. | October 8, Weekday Deceased of the Curtin family—family |
| Wednesday, 6:45 A.M. | October 9, Weekday Mary Amisano, wedding anniversary—husband Guy |
| Thursday, 6:45 A.M. | October 10, Weekday Teri Guardi—Bob |
| Friday, 6:45 A.M. | October 11, Weekday Living and deceased members of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family. |
| Saturday, 5:00 P.M. | October 12, Weekday Joseph Henry—Barbara Mann |
| Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. | October 13, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony Dandrea—wife, Ida and family Anna Bonsignore—White family |

**THE WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING:**

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm., in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Use the door of the school across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a moment of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful (to not dogmatize with "should.") 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."

Christine Lloyd, LCSW-R, Thanatologist



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

All registration forms for all our Faith Formation programs 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.

The Hardness of Your Hearts

As far as I know, no one has ever woken up in the morning, looked out the window, and thought, “This is a beautiful sunrise. I’ll have to be very careful not to let it make me happy. But I’m certain that every day, lots of people — including, on not-infrequent occasions, myself — have woken up and remembered something that happened the day before. Something that made us feel upset or frustrated or insulted. And we thought to ourselves, “That makes me so, so angry.” And we’ve pictured the face of the person who made us feel that way, and we have scoffed with disgust.

And we hold onto that anger because anger feels so much better than sadness. And deep within ourselves, in the place where we feel all the love and pain and confusion that is inherent in human existence, we harden.

Nobody ever intends to be hard-hearted. That’s just the stuff of Bond villains and horror flicks. No, in real life a hardened heart isn’t a conscious choice. It’s a reflex. It’s just us trying to protect ourselves, to be strong — or, at least, to embody the version of strength offered by a fallen world. A heart of stone is not so easily scratched, you see. But it’s also not so easily warmed or touched or moved.

A heart hardened by resentment and pain and anger is not just protected from injury. It is protected from the impact of the whole spectrum of tender feelings. It is not open to forgiveness, so it cannot feel the rush of life-giving mercy. It is closed off to new ideas, so it can never feel the awe of discovery. There is a reason we are called to guard ourselves against hard-heartedness. God gave us hearts of flesh and blood. They are hearts that can be broken, yes — but also, they are hearts that can be made new.



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.”

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
- 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
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Bulletin Editor
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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- Parish Web Site.....www.StMaryOurMother.com
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street (607)-739-9157
- E-mail.....smoms@dor.org
- School
- Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (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 led our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs.

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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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:

People can spend their entire lives looking for their most suitable partner. Some have an unattainable ideal in their minds that makes the search impossible. Others may choose a different partner over and over again without any real discernment, leading to a long series of breakups and heartache. Perhaps the greatest obstacle for people lies in their assumption that the most important criteria for choosing a partner is that the person they choose to love needs to be devoted to them and be faithful to them above all others. The truth is that if you want to have a suitable partner who you find yourself drawing ever closer to as the years go by, then the focus of both people involved needs to be on a much more important being than the two of you.

When I was a teenager, I remember seeing a triangle used as a visual aid in explaining how true love works. God is the top point and the two lovers, friends, or family members involved are the bottom points. If the two involved in the relationship love God more than each other, than in time it will be their love for the Divine that will bring them ever closer, like how a triangle narrows at the top point.

The more I give of myself to my God, the greater I find my love is for my wife, my children, and my friends. A stewardship way of life will eventually strengthen all our relationships, for a surrender to the One who is love means an increase in the love we have to give to others. For those who continue to search for the "one," pause, pay attention, and see the One who has always loved you and will do so forevermore.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Why did St. Cecelia climb a ladder?”



“She wanted to hit the high notes.”

FUN FACT! St. Cecelia is the patron of musicians, composers, instrument makers, and poets. Her feast day is November 22.

Question: What was the first Native American language approved for translation for most parts of the Mass?

Answer to Trivia
Navajo

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