



# 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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November 17, 2024



**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

**Tuesday, November 19**

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

**Thursday, November 21**

7:00 p.m. —Adult Choir rehearsal—church

**Saturday, November 23**

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



The main altar flower arrangement for the week of November 17—23, 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Bobbi Howard by the Ketchum family.



The Eucharist Breads or Hosts for the week of November 17-25, 2024 have been donated in memory of Charles Nalbach by Fran Beering.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Joy Anderson  
Benjamin Parker

**CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL**

We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think of how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God’s great work!

**HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2025:**

The Hands of Christ is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior of the class of 2025 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

- \*consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;
- \*has been actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;
- \*has been a positive role model for peers and younger children;
- \*is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother parish and attends Mass regularly;
- \*is currently a high school senior.

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form including the nominee’s name, address, telephone number, and high school along with the examples of the above mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. *All nominations are due in the parish office by December 1, 2024.*



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Sign-up sheets for Christmas flower memorials (poinsettias and wreaths) are posted on the church bulletin board and will be available through 12-4-2024.



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

Pope John XXIII served as leader of the Roman Catholic Church from 1958 until his passing in 1963. Church historians will remember Pope John XXIII as the Holy Father who convened the Second Vatican Council, which called for an overall renewal of the Church. Sometime after his passing, the Pope John XXIII's spiritual diary entitled *The Journey of the Soul* was published. The diary included the following ten resolutions that the Holy Father prayed each day:

1. *Only for today, I will seek to live the lifelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.*
2. *Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance, I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will not criticize anyone. I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.*
3. *Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the next world but also in this one.*
4. *Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.*
5. *Only for today, I will devote ten minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary for the life of the body, so good reading is necessary for the life of the soul.*
6. *Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.*
7. *Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing—and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.*
8. *Only for today, I will make a plan for myself. I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will guard against two false evils: hastiness and indecision.*
9. *Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.*
10. *Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and believe in goodness. Indeed, for twelve hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to go it all my life.*

Some wonderful, practical wisdom for people in all walks of life!

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

Fr. L

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>November 18, Weekday</b> Living and deceased members of the 6:45 mass family
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>November 19, Weekday</b> Our faithful departed
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>November 20, Weekday</b> Brian Kasonic—Carolyn and Tom Collins
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Catalina Tabunda and Ann Doris Mallare—the Lapitans
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>November 22, St. Cecilia, Virgin/Martyr</b> Chester Wawrzusin—Ray Wawrzusin
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 P.M	<b>November 23, Weekday</b> Mass of thanksgiving on the 54th wedding anniversary of Jeanne and Ray Carney
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Marguerite and Charles Gedatus and Kathleen Tierno—their family
10:30 A.M.	Bob VanBurger— wife, Barbara

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every “world” we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It’s awful. But, second, Christ comes “in the clouds.” Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with Himself as the prime governing principle. Third, He sends out His angels to “gather His elect from the four winds.” He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. “Summer is near,” He concludes. A new world begins. Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn’t make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

**NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE EVENTS:**

**December 7— Advent Day Retreat**

**“God Present and Coming: The Reigning of God in our Day”** (with Sr. Mary McGlone, CSL)

**December 11— Fill Your Soul Day**

**“Time Management: Making time for God, Self and Others”**—Michael Wischnowski.PhD

**January 10-12—Men & Women– The 12 Steps & Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatious of Loyola.** “The Journey From Reformation to Transformation” w/Fr Gerry McKeon, S.H.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS:**

**Giving Until it Hurts**

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ’s? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if “unblemished”) lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ’s sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:**

The clients of the Food Pantry generally are eligible to gather their food supplies only once a month. With Thanksgiving coming up shortly, the pantry is requesting the following traditional Thanksgiving foods:

- Boxed Instant Mashed potatoes
- Turkey Stuffing Mix
- Pie Crust Mix
- Pumpkin Pie Filling

The pantry staff hopes to be able to supply each family that comes in the next month with these four popular Thanksgiving foods. Please consider donating one or more of these items. Please bring your food offerings to the pantry box located in the vestibule of the Church.

Your continued support of the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Peter Singano**, in Residence
- Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Assistant
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## CHRISTMAS CARING PROGRAM 2024

Over the years, we, at St. Mary Our Mother, have reached out to help the needy of Horseheads and its many surrounding rural areas. We have done this in partnership with the Horseheads Food Pantry, which serves these families by providing food assistance. Parishioners have generously been supporting the pantry year-long by donating grocery items to the vestibule food cart and by donating clean, empty deposit bottles to the parish office. Furthermore, 25% of the Rice Bowl proceeds that are returned by CRS are then given to help with the expenses of our local pantry.

As the Christmas season of giving and caring approaches, we, at St. Mary Our Mother will be reaching out to the clients of the Food Pantry in **four** special ways:

**1. Making a monetary donation so the pantry can supply meat and fresh food for the Christmas meal and the holiday week.** Envelopes will be provided on the tables in back of the church for this purpose.

**2. Increasing our donations of canned and dried food** to the vestibule food cart so the pantry clients have healthy and adequate food for the Christmas holidays.

**3. Bringing a Christmas ornament that you offer to a needy family.** You would hang the ornament on our Christmas Caring tree located in the back of the church. The ornaments will be taken to the pantry so the families and children can pick an ornament for their tree as a reminder that we care for them.

**4. Purchasing a new book for a young child** (age preschool through elementary school age) whose family visits the pantry. Place the book in the box provided in the vestibule.

The program will kick off on the weekend of November 23rd-24th, when donation envelopes will be available in the vestibule and the Christmas Caring tree will be standing proudly in the back of the church awaiting your ornaments. The program will conclude the week of December 8th.

The Social Ministry Committee invites and encourages all parishioners to participate in this, our Christmas Caring Program, in any one or more of the four ways above. So please be involved in spreading joy and showing love and concern for our neighbors in need,



## ***THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.***



The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. St. Thomas teaches that through her intimacy with Christ, the principle of grace, she possessed beyond all creatures a fullness of divine life." — *Liturgical Meditations*, The Sisters of St. Dominic

This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity. "Mary alone — 'our tainted nature's solitary boast' — never saw her soul's purity darkened with the dust of any stain, nor did she see in any part of her triumphal course toward heaven any sin or trace of worldliness. By a unique and singular privilege from God she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception; by another privilege derived from the first, the Lord did not permit her ever to be stained even with those unavoidable failings of human weakness." — Luis M. Martinez

## **PARISH CALENDARS:**

Our parish calendars have been delayed this year. There was a production issue at the company which prints our calendars. Hopefully, they will arrive soon. Thank you for your understanding.

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