



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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February 16, 2025



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you.” - Lk 6:21

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, February 17

Presidents Holiday Weekend
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 22

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

Cyril (Bud) Meehan
Tali Sutton
Paul Zeigler



MEMORIALS:

Our main altar flowers for February 16th—22nd have been donated in loving memory of Angie Barbito by her husband, John.

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention—in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person’s recovery, for a special birthday or anniversary or other occasion. Arrangements may be made by contacting the parish office at 607-739-3817.

CEMTERY CLEANOUT AND CLEANUP

Twice a year, a cleanout and cleanup of our cemetery is done. Please remove all winter decorations at this time. If you have items you do not wish to have discarded, please remove them by March 15th. Thank you!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Presidents Winter Break

As we approach **Presidents Winter Break**, please note that **St. Mary Our Mother School** will be closed from **February 17th to February 21st**. This break provides our students and staff with a much-needed opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family before continuing the second half of the school year.

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support of our school community. During this winter season, we ask for your prayers for our students, faculty, and staff as they enjoy this time of rest and renewal.

We pray that this break brings a peaceful and refreshing time for all, and we look forward to welcoming our students and staff back on **Monday, February 24th**.

Winter Blessing:

May the quiet of winter bring peace to your heart.
May the warmth of love surround you and your family.

May you find joy in rest, renewal, and the beauty of the season.

And may the light of God’s grace continue to guide us through this winter season and beyond.
Thank you for your continued support and for lifting up our school community in prayer.

Blessing,
Mrs. Heather Bill
Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of the President’s Day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 a.m.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The Christmas liturgical season officially ended with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and began the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. This liturgical season will continue to Ash Wednesday, when we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday this year is March 5th, less than three weeks away.

As we witness the changing of the liturgical seasons throughout the year, I thought I would address the colors of the Church's liturgical seasons. Why is the color thing important? The use of color in the liturgy became a common practice in the Church during the fourth century. It was greater formalized officially by the Church during the reign of Pope Innocent III during the twelfth century. For those who could not read, the liturgical color quickly conveyed to the faithful the emotional flavor of the celebration. Here is a quick review of the colors:

Purple garments are worn for the seasons of anticipation, specifically Advent and Lent. In the Catholic tradition, the color purple is associated with repentance from sin, which is a large part of our preparation for Christmas and Easter. There is an option of wearing the color rose on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) the midpoints of each of those seasons. Fortunately, I have never been asked to wear a pink chausible. A friend of mine who was a fashion-designer told me that I should avoid the color pink; I am not sure just why, but I have always followed her advice!

White (often replaced or adorned with gold) symbolizes the brightness of the sun, and is saved for our most important feasts. Among these feasts are Christmas, Easter, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and most of our holy days of obligation. White is also worn at all Masses of Christian Burial.

RED is the color of blood, and is used for the feasts of martyrs, and particularly on Palm Sunday and Good Friday when the Passion narrative is read. It is also associated with the color of fire and so is used as a symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and at celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

GREEN is the color of new growth, and so is used during the Sundays and days of Ordinary Time when we count the thirty-four Sundays outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Between Christmas and Ash Wednesday, and from Pentecost through to Advent, we read the Gospel of the year, learning about the mission of Jesus Christ and our own mission in the world as His faithful followers. Ordinary time should be a time of personal spiritual growth for each of us.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	February 17— Weekday Mary Amisano—husband, Guy
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	February 18—Weekday Teri Guardi—husband, Bob
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	February 19— Weekday Faithful Departed
Thursday, 6:45 A. M.	February 20 —Weekday Rev. Robert MacNamara—John Gough family
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	February 21—Weekday Pablo & Elisea Atienza—Macapinlac family
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	February 22—The Chair of St. Peter Our faithful departed
Sunday,	February 23— Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M.	Marlene Florini—Thomas & Kathleen Marzec
10:30 A.M.	Arthur Klot—Judy Fink

(Pastor's perspective continued)

Before the reform of the liturgy at the Second Vatican Council, black was used for funeral liturgies. The color for funerals changed briefly to purple after the early days of the council. Very shortly after that, the color used at funerals was changed to white. We use the color white on the occasions of funerals to emphasize our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of our own bodies to be like His on the last day. In this way, following the advice of St. Paul, we do not mourn as those who have no such hope of eternal life. Even through our sadness and tears, there is reason to rejoice.

I hope this brief explanation of the liturgical colors will be beneficial for you.

Enjoy this President's holiday weekend. Please take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L



PRACTICING CATHOLIC – IN THE END, DOES IT MATTER?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in His teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for Him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades and the admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

NOTRE DAME UP COMING RETREATS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

February 21: Senior Luncheon Series (FREE)
The Heart of Care: Finding Balance and Renewal”. (Susan Barbet Skinner, PhD)

February 24: Faith-Based Counseling Resource for Parish Staffs and Volunteers—”Spiritually Informed Communication and Self-Care Workshop”
(Deborah Lynch, LCSW and Phil Miller, DSW, LCSW)

February 28-March 2: Couple’s Retreat
“Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope”

March 10-Apr 14: Lenten Book read
“I Want to See” by Roc O’Connor, SJ
Led by Jodie Scordo (Mondays in person and online)

March 22-Lenten Women’s Retreat
“A Lenten Journey...A Walk to the Well” - *Marie Mozzi*

March 28-30—Men & Women Lenten Retreat

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During this holy Jubilee Year, we are alert to the opportunities to be a tangible sign of hope for brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind. US international lifesaving humanitarian and development assistance makes up less than 1% of the annual federal budget. Catholic Relief Services has received grants through this US aid program to improve the health of mothers/babies, feed children so that they come to school, help farmers be more productive, dig wells, respond to earthquakes-floods in the poorest countries around the world! These projects nurture hope, well-being and self-sufficiency, saves lives, and create friends for the United States. The President has frozen spending on US foreign assistance leaving Catholic Relief Service without funds to continue this life-saving work.

Contact your US House of Representative, Nick Langworthy (Corning office 607-377-3130) and leave a message: I am deeply concerned about the elimination of US foreign assistance that helps the poorest countries with humanitarian and development aid. Please encourage the President to lift the stop work orders on US foreign assistance and let this life-saving aid flow. Catholic Relief services projects around the world foster hope and self-sufficiency and make friends for our country. Be sure to leave your name and county. This phone call will take a minute or two, but it will make a big impact. Thank you for caring.

Social Ministry Committee

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural elements could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of His disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune.

This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich; who are filled now; who laugh; when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor; you who are now hungry; when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What He proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on our immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that, in light of eternity, you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

Every Day Stewardship continued:

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessings to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

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