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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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June 1, 2025



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have given them the glory you gave me."
- Jn 17:22

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

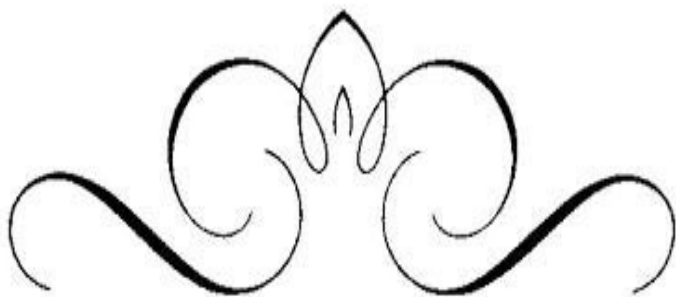
3:30 Sacrament of Penance—Church

Memorials:

The main altar arrangement for June 1-7 has been donated in loving memory of Raymond Sherwood by Deloris, Frances and the Alsworths



The Sacramental wine, Eucharistic hosts, sanctuary candle and the Icon candle for June 1-7 have been donated in loving memory of Raymond Sherwood by Deloris, Frances and the Alsworths

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

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

St. Mary Our Mother School warmly invites you to our last All School Mass of the school year on Tuesday, June 6th, at 9:00 a.m. at St Mary Our Mother Church. This Mass is always a meaningful tradition, bringing our school community together in faith and gratitude as we approach the end of another wonderful year.

This celebration will be extra special, as it will be hosted by our second-grade class. Having recently received their first Holy Communion in May, these young students will have a joyous opportunity to receive Eucharist in front of their classmates, teachers, and school family. Witnessing their excitement and reverence is truly heartwarming and a beautiful reflection of our shared faith.

We invite all parishioners, families, and friends to join us in prayer and celebration. Your presence would mean so much to our students as they as they take part in the important milestone.

We look forward to celebrating this special Mass with you and giving thanks for the many blessings of this school year!

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence He placed in His close followers to continue His ministry. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds His followers of the purpose of His mission, and commissions them to continue His work by proclaiming His word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who He said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Due to the Memorial Day weekend and an early bulletin deadline, I am writing this column on May 15th! As of today, we are looking forward to the Memorial Day weekend, the holy day of our Lord's Ascension, the final days of May and the beginning of the month of June. By the time you read this, the Memorial Day weekend and the month of May will be history, and the busy month of June will be open to us!

The Church continues its celebration of Easter for one more week as we look forward to the Solemnity of Pentecost next Sunday, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The Pentecost scripture readings will speak of Jesus' promise to pour out upon the Church a spirit of boldness and enthusiasm, a spirit of joy and of courage. Each year when we celebrate Pentecost, it is a story that calls us back to our roots, but is not a story that happened only once in the history of salvation. The story of Pentecost continues to be a daily happening in our lives today.

I recently asked a group of parishioners the question: "In your opinion, how do we as a parish bring an awareness of the Holy Spirit in our midst?" The group acknowledged that there has been and continues to be a wonderful infusion of new life into existing ministries and the creation of new efforts. Parish efforts in OCIA, faith formation and sacramental preparation programs were noted, which begin and sustain us as members of God's people. The presence of St. Mary Our Mother School is also a testimony to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Outreach programs of the parish, the weekly collection of food, the year-round efforts of our Social Ministry committee and Prayers and Squares Quilting Group are examples of the Spirit's presence. The people who serve in a variety of ministries at our celebrations of the Eucharist, as well as those who bring the Eucharist to hospitals, nursing homes, and to the homebound, are signs that the Spirit is alive and working in our midst. There are so many other examples of the Spirit's presence among us, far too many to name here. I came away from this conversation with the conviction that the Spirit is very much "alive, well, and present" at St. Mary Our Mother!

In preparation for Pentecost next Sunday, please pray that we will be attentive to the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in our midst, sometimes disturbing our hearts to action. The **Prayer of Sir Francis Drake** may be a good reminder for us to open ourselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Disturb us Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true....because we dreamed to little; when we arrived safely...because we sailed too close to the shore.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**Monday, June 2—Easter Weekday**

6:45 A.M. Our Faithful departed

Tuesday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

6:45 A.M. Margaret Bellizia—family

Wednesday, June 4—Easter weekday

6:45 A.M. Living & deceased members of the
6:45a.m. Mass family

Thursday, June 5—St. Boniface, Bishop/Martyr

6:45 A.M. Our faithful departed

Friday, June 6—Easter Weekday

6:45 A.M. Robert Kosty—Judi & Bob Pichette

9:00 A.M. Sandra Harkness—Dennis Coseo

Saturday, June 7—Easter Weekday

5:00 P.M. Jeannette Berretta—Chris

Sunday, June 8—PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. Larry Montopoli—wife, Verginea

10:00 A.M. Mary Amisno—husband, Guy

Pastor's perspective continued:

Disturb us, O Lord, when, with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life.

Having fallen in love with life....

we have ceased to dream of eternity and in efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord....

To dare more boldly to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your majesty; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars,

We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes, and to push back the future in strength, courage, hope and love.

Amen

Enjoy this first full week of June. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L



Sir Francis Drake.

Sir Francis Drake

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

“So that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in Me.” Does technology bring us together, or does it remind us of distance and differences and keep us apart? Most days, I’m not so sure. With the constant inundation of news from across the world, it can be easier to tune out the sufferings and the joys of people we’ll never meet, in places we’ll never visit. But is this the invitation of Jesus?

Over the centuries, our Church has become truly universal across the globe. There are Christians across nations and cultures, across lines of rich and poor. There are Christians who live behind white picket fences, and Christians dying in conflict zones. “That they may all be one,” Jesus prays. One in what? Love. “That the love with which you loved Me may be in them.” This is easier said than done, of course. The world is far too vast for us to individually love every human being. I can hardly remember the names of half the regulars at my Sunday Mass! But that doesn’t mean we can’t try. “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their world.” Jesus has this religious popular explosion in mind. The mission and message of Christ was not meant to stop in the Apostle’s generation or stay cordoned off in the geographic confines of Israel. Jesus’ words at the Last Supper are prayer, a plea to the Father for the spread and unity of the Church across time and space. This week look up organizations supporting the persecuted Church and make a donation. Next week, visit a struggling parish within your own diocese. When you meet someone new at hospitality Sunday invite them over for dinner to get to know them better. Whether far off or close to home, let’s allow Jesus’ prayer to live in us, so drawn together in love.

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Retrouvaille simply means “rediscovery.” This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. Where there are hurts, it can take away the resentment which gets in the way of healing. It can be a helpful supplement to an addiction program though it is not a recovery program in itself. It is Catholic in nature but open to couples of all faiths or backgrounds.

This world-wide program is in 27 countries and has been in Rochester for over 35 years. It has even helped separated or divorced couples who want to try again.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE mini-reflection.**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for me. And for you. And for all the people who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

I love today's Gospel because, in it, Jesus prays for me and you and the guy sitting next to you at Mass. And the priest, and the altar server, and all the people in all the churches in all the towns in all the world who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

And he prays for the barista who will sell you your coffee later today and see your crucifix and hear you say, "God bless," and think, "That's a weird necklace, and I don't believe in God," but who will one day, at her lowest point, wonder if anyone ever truly loved her, and remember the sight of that broken and bloodied Corpus.

Today, Jesus prays for the person you passed on the way into the parking lot this morning, the one who doesn't go to Mass anymore but who always walks his dog on this street, on this morning, for reasons he can't explain.

He prays for your great-great grandparents and your great-great grandchildren.

"Those who will believe in me through their word." That's me. That's you. That's us. We're the ones who believe through the word of the Apostles, who bore witness to the life and death and Resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, and whose testimony to that life is an eternal flame illuminating the understanding of every human being who will ever say, "I believe."

But if we listen to what Jesus says today, we must understand: it's not just the Apostles' job, and it's not done. It's not a book that is closed. It's a mission that is alive and ongoing, and it's as much ours as it was theirs: that the world may believe that you sent me.

**NEW FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

spaghetti
elbow macaroni
canned peas

Please bring your food items to the main vestibule and place them in the cart that is provided.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

June 17 Fill Your Soul Day—"Poetry and Prayer—A Presentation for our Jubilee Year " with Fr. Peter Murray, SJ.

June 18 John Dady and Friends Concert 6:00pm-8:00pm

June 22-27: Women Religious Retreat "Mary in the Scriptures" with Fr. Elliott Dees

July 13-18: Preached Retreat for Men & Women—"Meeting God: The Path of Entering Quiet in the Midst of everyday life" with Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM

July 20-25 Silent Directed Retreat with Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ; Fr. Peter Murray, SJ and Jodie Scordo

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER:

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