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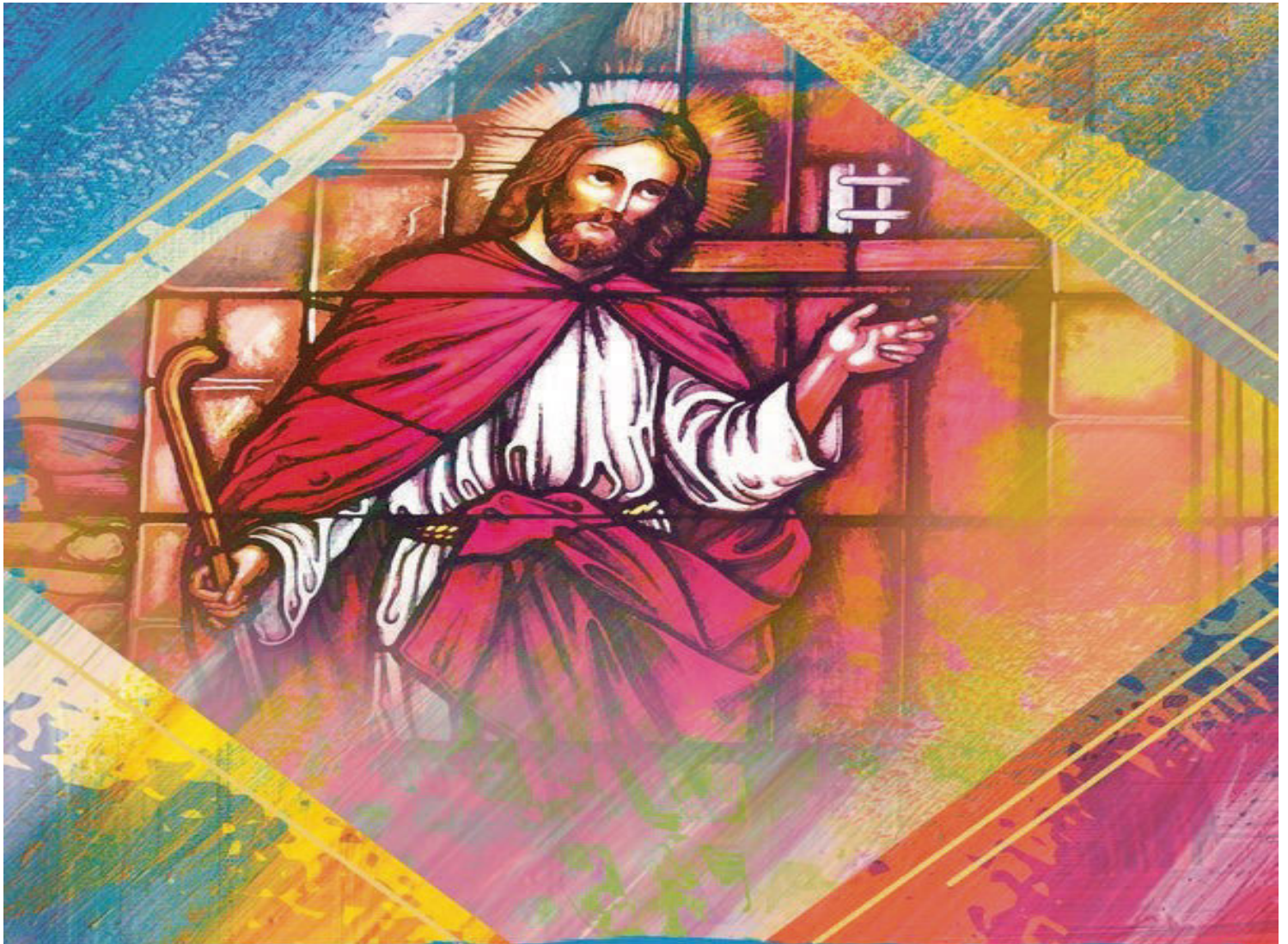
MISSION STATEMENT

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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July 27, 2025



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, July 20, 2025**

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

Memorials:

The Eucharistic hosts and the sanctuary candle for the week of July 27— August 2 have been donated in honor of Roger Joy on his 101st birthday by his family.

In The Peace of Christ:

Jean Brimmer
Jeanne Carney
Robert Dennis
Bucky Jeter
JoAnn Sabatura

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Would you like to offer a Mass Intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for a living or deceased person, or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intentions. Please call the parish office at 739-3817.

NEW FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

spaghetti
elbow macaroni
canned peas
Jiffy corn muffin mix
reusable grocery bags

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

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year is officially open! We're excited to welcome our families into another year of growing together in Christ! Our Faith Formation programs include:

Home Study Program: Learn and grow together a family. Great for families looking for flexibility and a deeper connection to the Church. For students in pre-k through 7th grade.

Tuesday Program: Join us weekly for in-person classes with fun liturgical activities and goodies for pre-k through 7th-grade students.

Hybrid Program (New!): Experience the best of both worlds! The hybrid option includes one semester of in-person classes and one semester of at-home study.

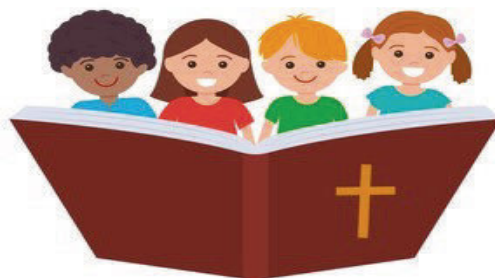
Sacramental Preparation: Special preparation for children receiving First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (starting in 2nd grade) or Confirmation (starting in 8th grade).

OCIA—Order of Catholic Initiation for adults.

OCIC—Order of Catholic Initiation for children:

For Youth and teens who haven't received their sacraments or are just joining the church! This program is for students 7 and older.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email Lily Barr at Lily.Barr@dor.org or call our Faith Formation office at 607-739-8214.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

It was in June, 2021 that the late **Pope Francis** instituted a Church wide celebration of the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** to honor and celebrate the contributions of grandparents and the elderly to our families and society. This day is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the liturgical memorial of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne on July 26th. We will celebrate this first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Masses this weekend. The Holy father instituted this day, which in the opinion of many is long overdue, because "grandparents are often forgotten and we lose this wealth of preserving roots and passing on what the elderly have received." The Holy Father further emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, spending quality time together, and sharing stories. Though this is short notice, and if your grandparents are still living, plan to honor them in some way on the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. If they have passed to the Kingdom, remember them in prayer today.

Now a "Did you know" question! Did you know that Saint Joachim and Saint Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the grandparents of Jesus? Saints Anne and Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah of the Old Testament, were scorned because they had no children. Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. Saint Anne, remaining at home, went to a garden to plead with God for a child. Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. Legend has it that the parents ran to meet another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and rejoiced in the new life which had been promised would be theirs. Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant parents, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have entered their senior years.

Prayer for the First World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly:

*I thank you, Lord
For the comfort of your presence;
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress from my youth!*

*I thank you for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank you for the moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank you for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which you have called me.*

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:**Monday, July 28— Weekday**

6:45 A.M. Our faithful departed

Tuesday, July 29—Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

6:45 A.M. Deceased Curtin family —family

Wednesday, July 30—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Bryan Lanahan— wife, Adele

Thursday, July 31 — St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:45 A.M. Mary Amisano— her husband, Guy

Friday, Aug. 1 — St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 A.M. Communion Service

Saturday, Aug. 2—St. Eusebius, Bishop, St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest

5:00 P.M. Bob Van Burger— his wife, Barbara

Sunday, Aug. 3—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. Maria Scrimale—Rose Ann & Chris Ewanyk

10:30 A.M. Phillip Amisano—his family

Pastor' Perspective continued:

*Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than I,
to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.*

Protect and guide Pope Leo and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that your gift of peace may reside with all people, the poor consoled and all wars ended.

*Sustain me in weakness
And help me to live life to the full
in each moment that you give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
Even to the end of the age.*

Amen.

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

Fr. L.

Catholic Charities Annual Back to School Project**Let's help local children get ready for the school year:**

Each year Catholic Charities invites us to help them collect school supplies to help parents send their children back to school with everything they need and ready to learn. This year backpacks with supplies will be distributed to about 400 Chemung County school children from all the local school districts (including Saint Mary Our Mother) during the Strong Kids, Safe Kids (August 23) event. Supplies needed: colored pencils, composition notebooks (wide-ruled), three-ring pencil pouches, markers (washable). **Donated supplies will be collected until August 13 and can be dropped off at one of these locations:**

Chapel Park (83 Personius Rd, Pine City)

Chemung County Libraries (Big Flats, Horseheads, Steele, West Elmira)

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Corning Community College—Elmira campus

Department of Aging, Chemung County

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

A prominent theme in today's Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity to us. What should our response be to that generosity?

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER GARDENING ANGELS:

Are you looking for a unique opportunity for stewardship within our parish? Here is an opportunity for all parishioners, regardless of age, to help us maintain and enhance our outdoor spaces.

There is always a weed to pull, or a plant to nurture, a tree to prune, or a leaf to rake...

Our plan is to bring the Gardening Angels together "formally" 2 times each year (once in the Spring and once in the Fall) for a campus-wide day of gardening and yardwork, with the added opportunity to weed, nurture, prune, and rake throughout the growing seasons, as needed.

If you'd like to join the Gardening Angels group, please consult the bulletin board located in the church vestibule.

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NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

August 3-8: "Journey to God Within: Reflections on the Wisdom of Teresa of Avila" Women Religious Retreat with Gillian Ahlgren

August 22-24: "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of Hope" Couples Retreat."

September 9: "Incredible Journeys: Reflection on Pilgrimage" Men & Women, with Dr. Mike Wischnowski, Jennifer Hughes & Fr. Bill Graf.

September 12-14: "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of hope" Men's Retreat."

Senior Luncheon Series: "Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace"

September 26-28: "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of Hope" Women' Retreat".

October 14 "Our Lady, the Angels and Their Mission for Our Time"

October 17: Senior Luncheon Series: "Stroke Prevention: BE FAST"

JUBILEE YEAR REFLECTION IN ACTION— TANGIBLE SIGNS OF HOPE:

During this Holy Jubilee Year, our beloved late Pope Francis asked us to be alert to the opportunities to be a tangible sign of hope for brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind. In 2022, Congress signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act, legislation that made historic investments in clean energy and jobs, clean air and water. It is making clean, renewable energy more affordable and accessible, improving health (especially children's) and created more than 400 jobs. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops supported this initiative as a way to care for God's creation and improve human well-being. The current Congress voted to make extreme cuts to these effective programs recently.

Please contact our US House Representative, Nick Langworthy (Corning office 607-377-3130).

Our Message:

I urge you to protect our common home—the earth—by continuing investments in clean energy, air, water, job creation, and human health.

Be sure to leave your name and county of residence. This phone call will take a minute or two, but can make a big impact.

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE:**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel

Luke

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Reading

11:1-13

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask Him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that His rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught His disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First He tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in His model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and His rule over all things.

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