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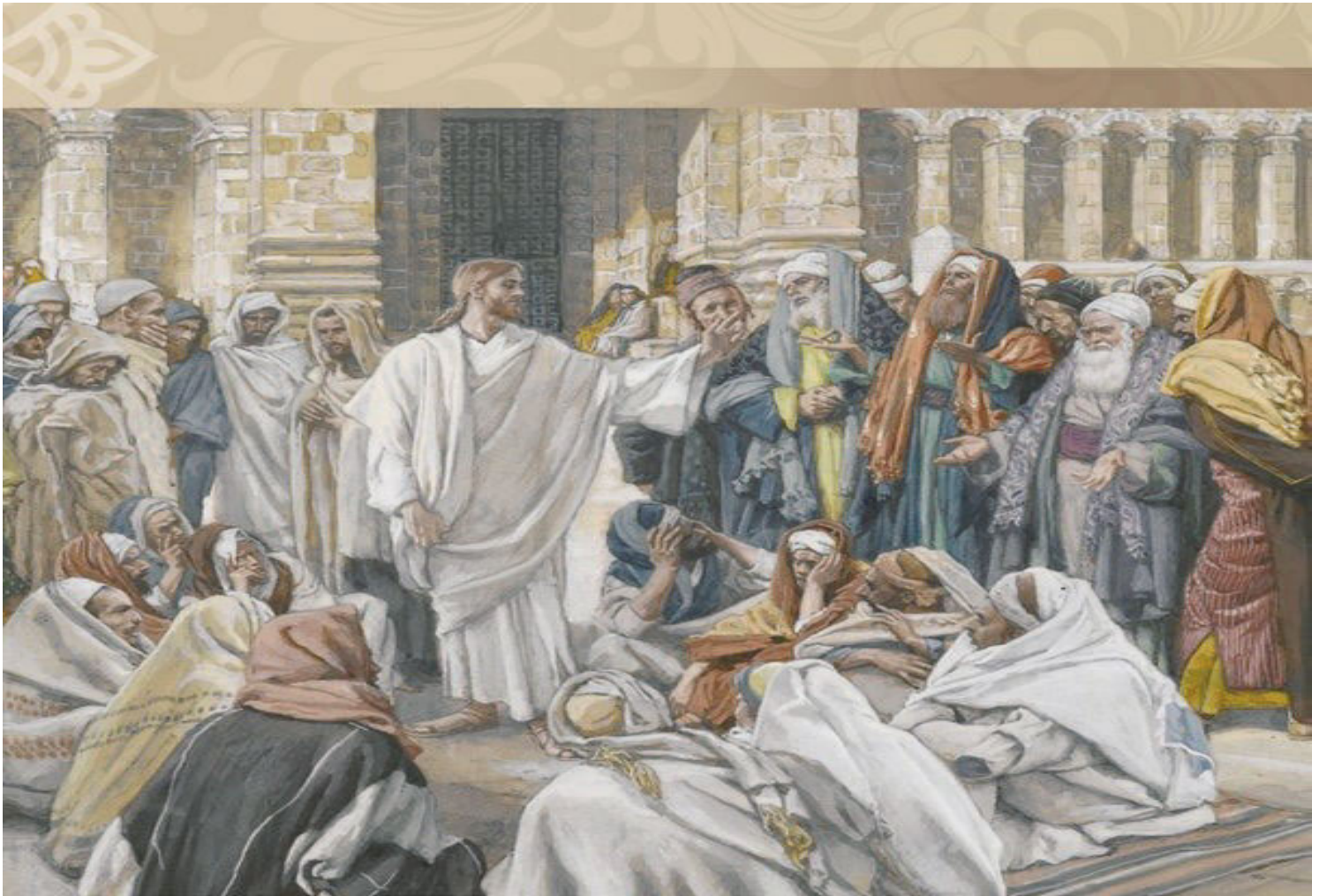
MISSION STATEMENT

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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August 3, 2025



18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, August 9th, 2025**

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

Memorials:

The Eucharistic hosts and the sacramental wine for the week of August 3-9, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of Robert and Mary Lou Tremaine by Joan and Barry Sawester,

The sanctuary candle for the week of August 3—9, 2025 has been donated in thanksgiving on the 65th wedding anniversary of Carol and Jim Btamble.

The Icon candle for the week of August 3 – 9 has been donated for the special intention of Tom Sweet and daughter, Nicole.

Our main altar arrangement for the week of August 3 -9, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Ann Ponzi by her husband, Phil and family.

In The Peace of Christ:

Sister Constance Mary Clarke
Lena Carsaro
JoAnn Sabatura
Robert Dennis
Douglas Hayes

**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

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 as 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.

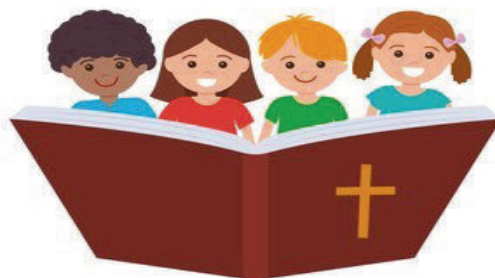
Sacramental Preparation: Special preparation for children receiving First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (starting in 2nd grade) or Confirmation (starting in 8th grade).

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's hard to believe that the first weekend in August is upon us! I hope that you are enjoying these summer weeks, and that your travels have been enjoyable. Whenever your travels take you, be sure to include Sunday worship. And in your travels, if you see any different local liturgical tradition or practices in the places you attend, I would love to hear about them. I do enjoy the fact that many of you pass on a Sunday bulletin to me from the parish you attended during your travel.

As I write this column for this week's bulletin, I realize that in one month and one day from today—(September 4th to be exact)—will be the first day of school for our students. (Not that I am wishing summer away!). While our children may be on their "summer break," and involved in many activities, our parents are not afforded such a luxury. I have found the following very wise advice for parents.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1. *I will always love and respect my children for who they are and not for who I want them to be.*
2. *I will not burden my children with emotions and problems that they are not equipped to deal with, remembering that I am the parent and they are the children.*
3. *I will, when discipline is necessary, let my children know that I disapprove of what they have done, not who they are.*
4. *I will set limits for my children and help them find security in knowing what is expected from them.*
5. *I will make time for my children and cherish our moments together, realizing how fleeting they are.*
6. *I will create a loving home environment and show my children that they are loved, whenever and however I can.*
7. *I will be sure to give my children space—to grow, to dream, to succeed, and even to fail.*
8. *I will encourage my children to experience the world and all its possibilities, guiding them in its ways and taking pains to leave them careful, but not fearful.*
9. *I will take care of myself physically and emotionally so that I can be there for my children when they need me.*
10. *I will try to be the kind of person I want my children to grow up to be—loving, fair-minded, moral, giving, and hopeful.*

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, August 4—St. John Vianney, Priest
6:45 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday, August 5—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Special Intentions of Tom Sweet and his daughter, Nicole

Wednesday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord
6:45 A.M. Nancy De Stevens—her family

Thursday, August 7—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Ann Ponzi—husband, Phil and family

Friday, August 8—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Teri Guardi—Bob

Saturday, August 9—Weekday
5:00 P.M. Alice Conover—her friend, Joan

Sunday, August 10—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Mary and Deacon Bill Dougherty—their family
10:30 A.M. John Gough—his family

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life—grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day cost, medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? "No. 'You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!'" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed...one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "storing up treasure for ourselves". The more we grow in gratitude and generosity the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

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)

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NOTRE DAME—CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!

Join us as part of Notre Dame's 70th Anniversary celebration at our festival on Saturday, September 6, 2025! Bring family and friends for fun-filled afternoon with inflatables, a petting zoo, BINGO, local vendors, food and drink. Enjoy music by a DJ. In the evening, enjoy listening to the sounds of Fleetwood Mac performed by tribute band The Seven Wonders. Fireworks will wrap up the evening!

Please join us for a special Mass commemorating the 70th Anniversary for Notre Dame High School on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 2 pm. The Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium at Notre Dame High School. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will preside during this milestone celebration. A reception with light refreshments will follow. We look forward to gathering as a community of faith, gratitude, and hope as we honor seven decades of Notre Dame High School's legacy.

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 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's 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!

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****God Gives Us What We Need**

A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.

Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either.

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.

On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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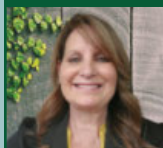
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