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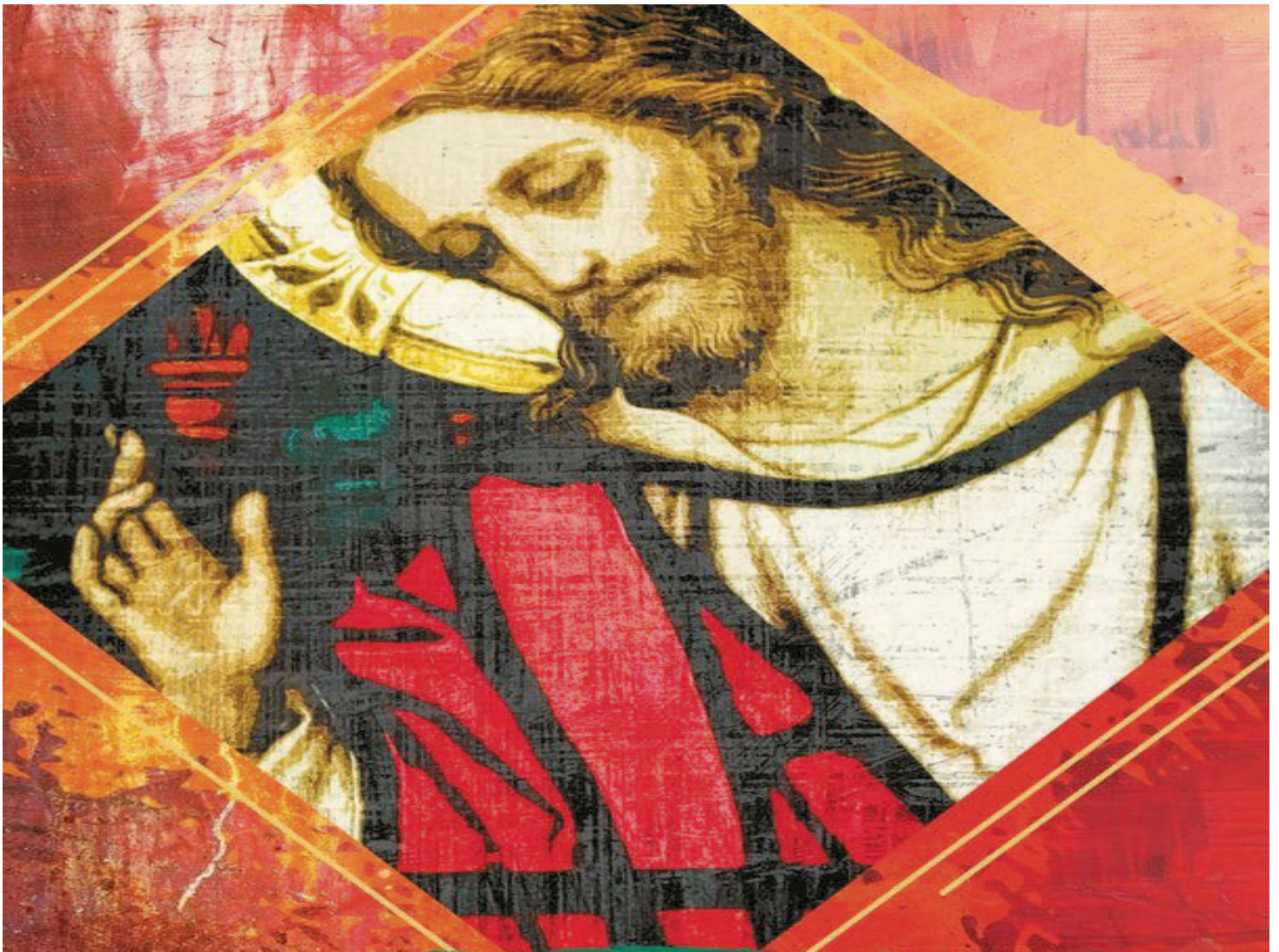
MISSION STATEMENT

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 10, 2025



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Saturday, August 16th, 2025

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

Memorials:

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of Aug. 10—16, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.

Our main altar flowers for August 10—16 have been donated in memory of Mary and Warren Woodard by their daughter, Evelyn and family.



In The Peace of Christ:

Maraby Allardt
Dale Stanton

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

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.



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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Friday of this week is the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a holyday of obligation, or in another sense, a holyday of "opportunity." This solemn feast celebrates Mary being assumed into heaven, body and spirit, at the end of her earthly life.

The early Christian communities never thought of Mary without reflecting on her relationship with her Son, Jesus. In the gospel of St. Luke, Mary is portrayed as the "prototype" of the Church, the perfect Christian, the perfect disciple. With her assumption, St. Luke depicts Mary as a person who constantly does what Jesus expects all of His followers to do, to "*hear God's word and carry it out.*"

We believe that the Assumption of Mary was the end of her earthly life as a disciple. Mary's life of discipleship began long before she was born, namely with the Immaculate Conception, and it continued through her earthly life when she agreed to accept God's invitation to become the mother of Jesus. God always initiates and offers, and Mary accepted God's invitation. We join Elizabeth in rejoicing over Mary's saying "Yes" to God: "*Blessed are you, Mary, who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.*" Notice how Mary always defers all praise to God: "*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my savior.*" In addition, Mary reminds us that God "*has lifted up the lowly.*" We believe that Mary's Assumption was God lifting up Mary to eternal life with Christ. When the Assumption of Mary going into heaven is viewed as the final chapter of her earthly discipleship, the feast is rich in meaning. As member of the Church and as the people of God, we are all called to be followers of Christ.

Being the Good News and bringing the Good News of God's love to others is what God asked of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God asks the same of us. When we love and serve others, we can be confident that God's response of resurrection and eternal life will be given to us. St. Paul mentions in today's second reading the fact that "*in Christ shall all be brought to life.*" On the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, we give thanks and praise to God that Mary is among those first brought to life in Christ. At the same time, we express our hope that the same destiny of resurrection awaits us at the conclusion of our earthly journey.

God has accomplished great things through the life of Mary, and continues to do great things for us. May we join Mary, our Mother, in proclaiming the goodness and greatness of our God, who will raise all people to fullness of life in Christ.

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, August 11—St. Clare, Virgin
6:45 A.M. Deceased Curtin family

Tuesday, August 12—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Faithful departed

Wednesday, August 13—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Ann Sheets—Kathy Ciocco

Thursday, August 14—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Daniel Woodard—wife, Peggy
5:30 P.M. Christina O'Herron Regula—her Mom

Friday, August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:45 A.M. Mary Amisano—husband Guy
No 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 16—Weekday
5:00 P.M. Harold Skog—Mary Navone

Sunday, August 17—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Bob Lantzy—his wife, Lois and family
10:30 A.M. Judi Lynch—husband, Ben

Now Hiring: Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year:

St. Mary Our Mother School, along with other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rochester is hiring substitute teachers for the upcoming school year.

We are looking for individuals who are motivated, energetic, and passionate about working with children. Substitutes play a vital role in maintaining a positive and productive learning environment, and we are grateful for their dedication and flexibility.

Interested?

If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference in the lives of students while supporting Catholic education, please contact Mrs. Heather Bill at 607-739-9157.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree preferred (Associate's Degree with childcare experience considered)

Strong communication and interpersonal skills

Reliable, professional, and compassionate individuals who love working with children.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in our parish and community.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School

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)

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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 with Dcn John and Carole Tomandl, Dcn Greg & Elena Kiley & Jodie Scordo

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

September 12-14: “Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope” Men’s Retreat. With Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., Dcn Brian McNulty, Mario Morales-Bermudez and Jodie Scordo

September 19th Senior Luncheon Series: “Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace” with Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ Rochester

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:

CATHOLIC TRIVIA:

Question: What is the name for the short stories Jesus would tell to teach a spiritual lesson based on familiar life experiences?

Answer: Parables.

CATHOIC HUMOR

My dad is better than your dad!

Three boys on the playground were bragging about their dads. One said. “My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a song and they pay him \$50.” “Oh, yeah. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a poem and they pay him \$100.” “That’s nothing,” said the third kid. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a sermon and it takes six people to collect all the money in the room!”

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: Caught in the Rising Action**

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I’m not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I’m talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go “Hmmm.”

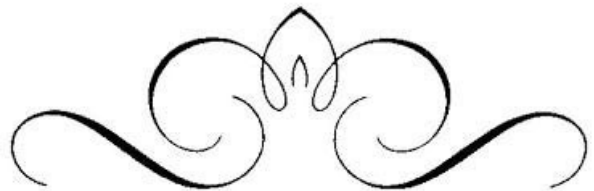
I’m willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We’re attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We’re captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don’t know when it’s coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we’re waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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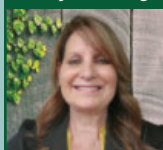
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