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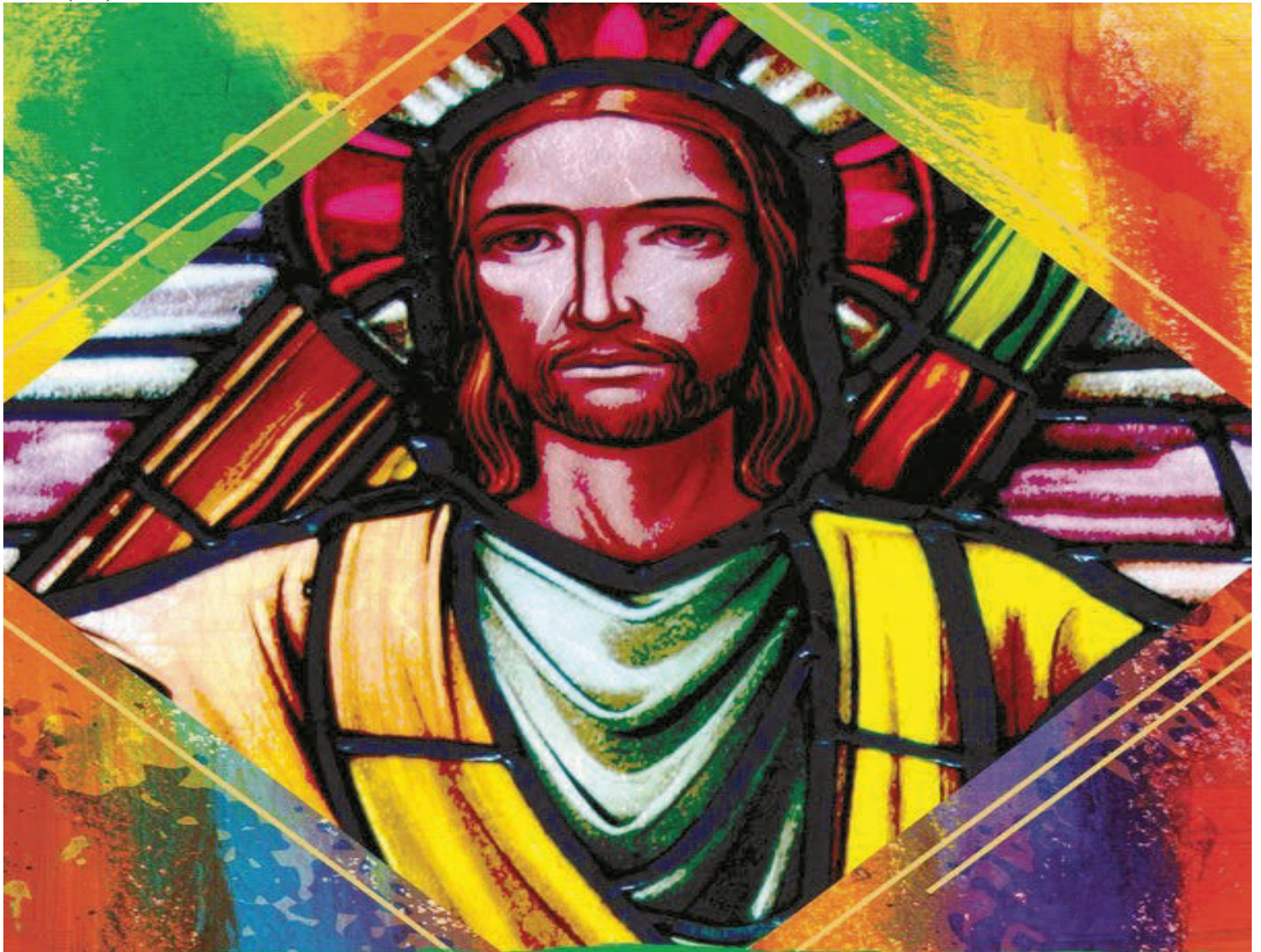
MISSION STATEMENT

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 31, 2025



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:14

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, September 1—Labor Day holiday
Parish offices—closed

Thursday, September 4
First Day of school

Saturday, September 6
3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in observance of the **Labor Day** holiday weekend. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 9:00 a.m.

We wish everyone a very happy and safe Labor Day holiday weekend!

Memorials:

Our main altar arrangement for the week of August 31–September 6, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Mary Ann Poland by her husband, Walter and the Scarselletta family.

The Eucharistic Hosts, Sacramental Wine and the sanctuary candle for the week of August 31–September 6, God Bless You, Dee Sherwood on your 90th birthday with love, your sister, Lois. .

In The Peace of Christ:

Cyril Meehan
Nancy Meehan
Letha Padgett
Michael Mandell, Sr.

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY:**

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



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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Another Labor Day is upon us! For many, this week-end signals the end of summer activities. With schools opening this week, many summer vacations are winding down, and autumn not too far off, it is time for savoring the Labor Day weekend. Many families and groups of friends have a Labor Day gathering as a signal that another summer season is coming to an end. With this in mind, we need to stop and appreciate the meaning of this civil holiday.

When America was founded, most of the people were either farmers, men of the sea, or involved in some related fields. As people moved, and with people becoming more aware of how enormous America really was, it was natural for people to choose other profession—even that of the discernor. As the railroad developed, mining of many natural resources of our country became a way of life and help build the country. As technology was refined, labor took on a new face. The more traditional modes of work remained, but the American thirst for innovation became prominent.

Labor became organized; unions found their niche in society; and there was greater emphasis on the dignity of the working person, not just the one who owned the company. Labor Day developed as a way of showcasing the backbreaking labor that made America strong, independent, self-sufficient, and a provider for the world. The early Labor Day parades were made up of the ordinary person who went to work, took pride in what he did, was paid a fair wage, and reminded the country of her pride in her citizens. Such parades were not to highlight the politicians or those involved in local government, but to highlight those who went to work day after day.

At times there is a tendency to forget about these basic qualities of our day-to-day lives. For example, we may go to a store to purchase a certain item, and never stop to think about how that item came to be—who worked to make sure that the store shelves are filled. With the continuing struggling economy, we hear of layoffs, businesses closing, production reduction, and more people out of work. We tend to highlight our laborers when things are not going well and take them for granted when everything runs smoothly.

Our country continues to depend on those who go to work daily. It may be in hospitals, in stores or businesses, in restaurants, in factories, in schools, in research laboratories, on university and college campuses, in cemeteries, on public projects, at secretarial and custodial care activities. Whenever labor happens, American citizens are there making it happen. This weekend is for you! While it has become a national holiday where we rest from our labors, we do so to appreciate those who do labor. Dignity is an important quality that everyone is entitled to—the dignity of work is a quality of what Labor Day reminds us.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	September 1--Weekday NO MASS
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	September 2--Weekday Christina O'Herron Regula—Jackie Minchin Conklin
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	September 3—St. Gregory the Great, Pope / Doctor of the Church Faithful Departed
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	September 4--Weekday Bob Kosty—his wife, Marianne
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	September 5-Weekday Faithful departed
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	September 6-Weekday Brian Kasonic—Carolyn & Tom Collins
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	September 7—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Amisano—husband, Guy Eddie Jadoski—family

Pasters Perspective Continued:

God has given each of us certain gifts and talents. God has also given us the opportunity to improve and refine those gifts and talents. We have mentors to assist us in this process, with the hope that one day we might become mentors ourselves. We need to ask ourselves whether we are indeed using the gifts and talents God has given us in such a way that they are at the service of others and helping us improve our lives. We also need to refine our life experience as we continue to grow.

As you enjoy this Labor Day weekend, take a moment and appreciate all that you have that is the product of another's labor. Pause and offer a prayer for our nation's foundation of strength—the American worker. And remember to appreciate who you are, and who, with the help of God, you might become!

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L

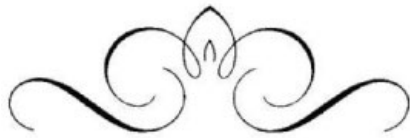
Annual Season of Creation in the Catholic community Weekly reflection:

Established by Pope Francis, The Season of Creation is an annual world-wide Catholic celebration of gratitude for God's wondrous gift of the earth, for all of creation that surrounds and sustains us...and for the beauty and diversity of the human community. The Season concludes on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

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.



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

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., Den 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:

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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WELCOMING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT ST. MARY OUR MOTHER:

September is just around the corner, and the start of our school year will be here before we know it. This week, on Thursday, September 4th, we will joyfully welcome back all of our students and families as we begin the 2025—2026 school year. The halls of St. Mary Our Mother School are ready to be filled with laughter, learning, and faith once again. Our current enrollment for pk3—6th Grade is set at 120 students, and we feel blessed to continue growing together as a school community.

The summer has been extremely busy at St. Mary Our Mother School. O'Brien Hall, classrooms, and hallways shine with newly waxed floors and the entire building has been cleaned, repaired, and lovingly prepared for our students. It is always a joy to see the building come to life as we get ready for the first day.

This year, several of our dedicated staff members will be taking on new roles to best serve our students. Mrs. Sally Heffner will now be teaching pre-k4, bringing her warmth and experience to our youngest learners. Mrs. Julie Lawson will be stepping into the 5th grade classroom, where her energy and love of teaching will shine. Mrs. Amy Winkels will serve as the Academic Intervention Specialist, supporting students in kindergarten through 6th grade and helping them grow to their fullest potential. We are excited for the gifts each of them brings to these important roles.

We are so grateful for the continued support of our parish, families, and friends. Your prayers, encouragement, and partnership are a true blessing to our school. Together, we look forward to another year filled with faith, academic growth, and joy.

Blessings always,

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

PRAYERS AND SQUARES:

Prayers and Squares is a group that makes lap size quilts for our parish. The finished quilts are displayed at the weekend Masses several times during the year and are available for anyone needing comfort and prayers.

The 4th and 5th grade students at St. Mary Our Mother school help tie the quilts and pray the Rosary over them. Many hands are needed to make the quilts and no experience is necessary. The group meets twice monthly in the afternoon. If you would like more information, please contact Wilma Sullivan at (607) 731-8085.

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

WOUNDED HEALER'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Use the door of the school across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a memento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listening and are careful to not dogmatize. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to the sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight, and normalization from each other. You may share or you may just listen. We encourage you to be sensitive to your own needs. All are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping." For info: (607) 796-2795.

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