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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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October 5, 2025



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
- Lk 17:5-6

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 7

4:00 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—school

Thursday, October 9

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir rehearsal—church

Saturday, October 11

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

Memorials:

Our Main Altar arrangement for the week of October 5-11, 2025 has been donated in celebration of the birthdays of Michele Bennett and Emma Bill by their family.

The Blessed Mother flowers in the Church for the week of October 5-11, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.

The Peace of Christ:

Pamela Bachert
Judy Delgotto
Dale Stanton
Bruna Ruggiero
Anthony Palladino



FINANCE FORUM:

All members of the parish are invited to a special meeting with members of our **Finance Council** on **Sunday, October 19th**, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in our church. At this meeting, a summary of the 2024—2025 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for the 2025—2026 fiscal year. In addition to the members of our Finance Council, **Mr. Sanjay Solmon**, our area Finance Director, **Michelle Card**, our Operations and Finance Director, and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns you may have. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Food Pantry needs:

Due to the recent fire at Tops Markets, the Food Pantry is in urgent need of the following items:

Snacks for kids
Bread
Peanut Butter

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE:

October 5, 2025: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Luke 17:5-10

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, “I was just doing my job.”

His words brought to mind Jesus’ teaching this week in Luke 17:10: “So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

Father John Muir

Respect for Life: Domestic Violence Month

Jesus consistently reached out to those on the fringes of society, those without power or authority, those with no one to speak in their behalf....His words and deeds are a consistent protest against whatever offends the dignity of others. The church today follows Jesus in responding to situations where those impacted by domestic violence can come for help...both those abused and those who batter. Catholic Charities offers services in Chemung and Schuyler counties. Join us for a domestic violence public awareness event either on October 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.—Lafayette Park, Watkins Glen or October 16, 6:30– 7:30 p.m. at Wisner Park, Elmira.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

For over forty years, there has been an annual campaign seeking financial support for the many ministries and outreach services of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, known commonly as the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This appeal supports the on-going work of ministry in all parishes of the diocese.

The theme of this year's appeal is **"Together We Bring Hope...and Hope does not disappoint."** The Catholic Ministries Appeal encourages us once again to be supportive of the valuable ministries and services offered to our entire diocesan family. All registered parishioners should have received a letter concerning the CMA within the last week. I hope you will read this letter and prayerfully consider a financial gift to help our parish reach our parish goal for this year's **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Our parish goal for this year is \$98,000.00 which is a slight increase of last year's goal. As you are aware, our parish is responsible for any shortfall to this year's appeal.

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your gift is joined with thousands of others to enable our diocesan church to:

Support ministries that reach out with the hands and heart of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned.

Ensure we can help struggling families find their way through economic crisis and back to stability.

Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people annually.

Fund ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith and teaches values that will carry into adulthood.

Help support the funding for the education of candidates for the priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Prepare engaged couples for God-centered marriages rooted in the Catholic faith.

Educate and prepare those who wish to become Catholic for the fullness of life in the Roman Catholic Church through OCIA process, formerly known as RCIA.

Help us promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life and make our voice heard in society.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday,
6:45 A.M.

Tuesday,
6:45 A.M.

Wednesday,
6:45 A.M.

Thursday,
6:45 A.M.

Friday,
6:45 A.M.

Saturday,

5:00 P.M.

Sunday,

8:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

October 6—Weekday

Margaret Emmick—Chuck and Joan Ruhmel

October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

Ann Ponzi—husband, Phil & family

October 8—Weekday

Faithful Departed

October 9—Weekday

Mary Amisano—her husband, Guy

October 10—Weekday

Les & Martyn Reimsnyder—daughter, Nancy

October 11—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christina O'Herron Regula—her Mom

October 12—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Teri Guardi—Bob

Ann Ponzi—husband, Phil & family

Pastor's Perspective continued:

Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection to the Church.

Provide important services to your parish that it would find difficult to afford on its own.

Further information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal can be accessed at the diocesan website, dor.org, and follow the link concerning the CMA. If you did not receive information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal through the mail, additional information and envelopes are available in the church vestibule. I wish to thank you for your anticipated generosity to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. With the participation of all parishioners, we can make our parish goal.

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



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.

Notre Dame H.S. Grades 7-12 Open House for Prospective Students & families:

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12, is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, November 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for prospective students and their families. The evening will begin with a brief presentation in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium. Open House is our chance to meet the faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, learn about the benefits of a Notre Dame education. Notre Dame is a college preparatory school that provides an inclusive environment rich in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and academic excellence. Additionally, Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program, many opportunities to participate in the performing, visual, and language arts, along with a variety of extra-curricular activities such as FTC&FRC Robotics teams, ND Spotlighters, Science, Olympiad, MaryLeaf (school newsletter), Yearbook, ND Supper club, and Quiz League. Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. A busing option to ND is often available. To determine eligibility, contact the transportation office of your home school district.

To RSVP for the Open House, visit notredamehighschool.com. Questions? Please contact Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, at 607-734-2267.

K of C #6158 meeting: Meeting will be held on Monday Oct. 6th, at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church hall @ 7:00 p.m.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

October 10-12—"Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope" Women's retreat; Fri. 5:00 p.m. to noon Sun.

October 14 "Our Lady, the Angels and Their Mission for Our Time"—8:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

October 17: Senior Luncheon Series: "Stroke Prevention: 11:30 a.m. —1:30 p.m.

October 24th—26 Men's Retreat—Fri. 5:00 p.m. to noon Sunday

November 14-16 Men & Women Semi Silent Retreat, Friday @ 5:00 to Sun. noon.

November 18th—"The Body and Soul's Journey through Grieving", 8:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.—By Roslyn Karaban, MDiv, PhD and Sr. Melissa Gernon, SSJ

November 21st —Free Senior Luncheons
December 19th —Free Senior Luncheons

Register: 585-394-5700 or info@notredameretreat.org

For more information on day and presenter:
www.notredameretreat.org

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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.

ADULT CHOIR:

The Adult choir began rehearsals on **Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church sanctuary and continue weekly. All adult singers and students in high school or older are invited to join. The choir sings at 10:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday from September through mid-June and the special Liturgies of Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. If you have thought about joining before but never took the “plunge”, now is the time to test the waters. We would love to have more singers!

ANYONE interested in becoming a cantor or a member of the Resurrection Choir, please come to see me at the organ after mass.

THE WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Wounded Healer's Bereavement Support Group Meeting will be offered on Tuesday, October 14, 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 listen, and are careful to not dogmatize. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this 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.”

Christine Lloyd

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are so excited to invite all parish families, friends, and community members to our Open House at St. Mary Our Mother School on Wednesday, October 8th. from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

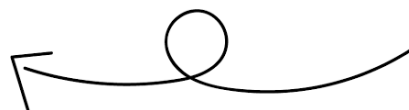
Our Open House is more than just a tour—it's a chance to experience the warmth, faith, and joy that fills our school each day. Visitors will have the opportunity to step inside our classrooms, see student work on display, and talk with our dedicated teachers and staff who work so hard to nurture both the hearts and minds of our students.

Catholic education is a gift that lasts a lifetime, and we are blessed to be able to share that gift here at St. Mary Our Mother School. Whether you are already part of our school family, a parishioner who would like to see the wonderful things happening inside our walls, or a family interested in exploring Catholic education for the first time, we warmly welcome you to come and see what makes our school such a special place.

We hope you'll join us for this evening of community, connection, and celebration. Together, let us continue building a strong foundation of faith and learning for the children of our parish and beyond.

With joy,

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

**THE SUFFERING IN GAZA:**

Our Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the Gaza territory, noting with great sorrow that “Gaza I starving,” Bishop Matano encourages us to consider offering a special donation to help Catholic Relief Services provide humanitarian aid. Since 2023, Catholic Relief Services and its partners have reached 1.7 million people in Gaza, delivering life saving aid. These efforts are heroic—and they are made possible by you and Catholics across the United States. However, the need continues to grow....there is terrible suffering....children and many innocent victims of the violence are starving and struggle to survive. Thank you in advance for our lifesaving generosity. To send a donation to Catholic Services: On line: <http://www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict>, by phone—1-877-HELP-CRS



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