



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

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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November 2, 2025



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, November 4**

4:00 p.m.—Faith Formation Class—school
 5:30 p.m.—First Penance Celebration—church

Thursday, November 6

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

Saturday, November 8.—

3:30 Sacrament of Penance —Church

MEMORIALS:

The main altar arrangement for November 2—8, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Carlos Botero by the Enright family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dan Flatt
 Thelma Mapes

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

In your current packet of envelopes, there is an All Souls Day envelope, on which you may write the names of your deceased loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the chapel altar during the month of November, and your intentions will be remembered in all liturgies during the month of November and throughout the year in Masses listed for “Our Faithful Departed.”

HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING NEEDS:

With Thanksgiving coming up shortly, the pantry is requesting donations of pie crusts. **Boxed Pie Crust Mixes, i.e. Jiffy, Betty Crocker, Krusteaz Graham Cracker Ready Made Crusts.**

These are non-frozen, non-refrigerated items found in the baking aisle of your grocery store. If you prefer, monetary donations for the purchase of turkeys would also be appreciated.

The Horseheads Food Pantry is most appreciative of the generosity of the people of St. Mary Our Mother.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:

We are thrilled to celebrate **ALL SAINTS DAY** with our **November All-School Mass on Friday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m.** Our 5th grade class will be leading us in prayer, readings, and reflections as we honor the saints and their inspiring examples of faith, love, and service.

This special Mass is a wonderful opportunity for our entire school community to come together in worship, reflect on the lives of the saints, and be reminded of the many blessings in our own lives. We are so grateful for experiences like this that help our students grow spiritually and connect more deeply with our Catholic faith.

Families, friends, and parishioners are warmly invited to attend and share in this meaningful celebration. We look forward to gathering together as a community to give thanks and rejoice in God’s love!

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

As of Monday, October 27th, 69 families have contributed \$19,040.00 of our parish goal of \$98,000.00 to Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God’s great work.

FOLK GROUP

An interest in starting up a folk group here at St. Mary Our Mother has been expressed by one of our parishioners who has a background playing bass with a folk group. There would be a need for acoustic guitar players and willing singers in order to create this new ensemble. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 607-739-3817 and leave your name and phone number, or see Cathy Peckham at the organ after mass. You will be contacted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Horseheads Knights of Columbus #6158 will meet on Monday 11/3 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian church hall at 7:00

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

November traditionally is the month when we remember our faithful departed. Our Church has long set aside this period of time to join with those who mourn and to rejoice in the deep faith that calls us to see beyond time and space and realize the existence of life after death. For all in the northeastern part of our country, it is a time of year of dying—it is dark in the morning and dark approaches late in the afternoon. It is a time of year when trees lose their leaves, summer flowers are gone, and, other than the winter snow, the earth seems to be at rest. There is almost a natural call to reflect on dying and rising.

Occasionally when in the presence of a person who is about to pass, I will hear the person verbalize about a person they look forward to seeing or an adventure they believe they are beginning. Sometimes they have had visions of what is ahead and they anxiously look to embrace it. At times, there is an anomaly, the family weeping the anticipated death, and the dying person anticipating the future. Very often, we draw strength from those who are leaving us, or who have left us. Perhaps they will say or do something which helps us to move to the next step. As people of faith, we don't often think of how dynamic our faith is and how it does move us even when we believe we cannot be moved. November invites us to be part of the process and simply not a bystander.

When I listen to eulogies at funerals, rarely do I hear about business achievements, bank or investment accounts, buildings or politics. What I hear is about a person's character, relationships, lessons learned, examples given, and perhaps the most important, the virtue of love. The speaker will give witness to those intangible aspects of human life that somehow the deceased made tangible and real. The eulogy speaks of the interweaving of human life and the very real fact that most of those qualities extend beyond death. While these may be reflections of the past, they speak of living today and the promise of experiencing them again in the presence of God. Such eulogies remind us of life after death and that mourning is real about also healing.

As we journey through these November days, the Church invites us to remember our loved ones who have passed. It is important to remember because we are people of memory. There is always a certain sadness when we experience death, as well as an occasional wish to have our loved ones come back to us. However, we are reminded that God gives us real time in our world to live our life, and has given eternal time to those who have left us. We are a faith people believing in life after death and reuniting with loved ones and friends. All is not lost, everything can be gained.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	November 3—Weekday Faithful departed
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	November 4—St. Charles Borromeo Faithful Departed
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	November 5—Weekday Mamie Woodard—Peggy Woodard
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	November 6—Weekday Faithful departed
Friday, 6:45 A.M., 9:00 A.M	November 7—Weekday Living and deceased members of the 6:45 A.M. Mass family Carlos Botero—Faculty and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School.
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	November 8— Weekday Joseph Raymond Welch—Adele Lanahan
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	November 9— deceased Rossi & Navone family members—Mary Navone Joy Anderson—Judy Fink & family

Pastor's Perspective continued:

The month of November ends with Thanksgiving. It is a holiday when we are invited not only to be grateful for what we have but also to anticipate what will be. As we gather at our homes and tables, we pray for one another, remember the past, but also dream for the future. And what comes immediately after Thanksgiving—the season of Advent. The sacred time of a new beginning, anticipated confirmation of hope, and dreaming of the Second Coming. November is a dynamic month filled with all kinds of human emotions. It is a time to reach into our hearts and remember to be grateful, shed an occasional tear, laugh out loud, dream, and remember that we are children of an everlasting, merciful, and all loving God.

The annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal** continues. Many of our parishioners have already made their pledge to this year's appeal, and I thank you. If you have not yet made your gift to the CMA, please consider a gift to the appeal to support of our diocesan Church.

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

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12, is hosting an Open House this 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.

WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group Meeting will be offered on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Veteran's Day) at 7:00 P.M., in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Drive to the parking lot past the playground. 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, 607-796-2795

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

November 14-16 Men & Women Semi Silent Retreat, Friday @ 5:00 p.m. 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

December 1 & 15 Preparing the Way...Single Day in Silence and prayer Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. Hospitality and lunch 8:30 — 3:00 p.m. \$35.00, \$70.00 if you would like a bedroom for the day.

DAY OF RETREAT: "Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent meditations on the Virtue of Hope" with Deacon Ed Knauf. December 13th, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Fee: \$60.00

December 19th —Free Senior Luncheons

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

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

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2026

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition instrument to assist parishes in affirming high school seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior from the class of 2026 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

-Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;

-Is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;

-Is a positive role model for peers and younger children;

-Is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother.

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the form, including the nominee’s name, address, telephone number, and high school along with examples of the above mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. All nominations are due in the parish office by November 17th.

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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah A. Housel

585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555

OR BY E-MAIL TO

VICTIMS ASISTANCE@DOR.ORG

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do You Know Him, or Just Know About Him?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.

You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know Him, but they really do not belong to Him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all.

Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

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