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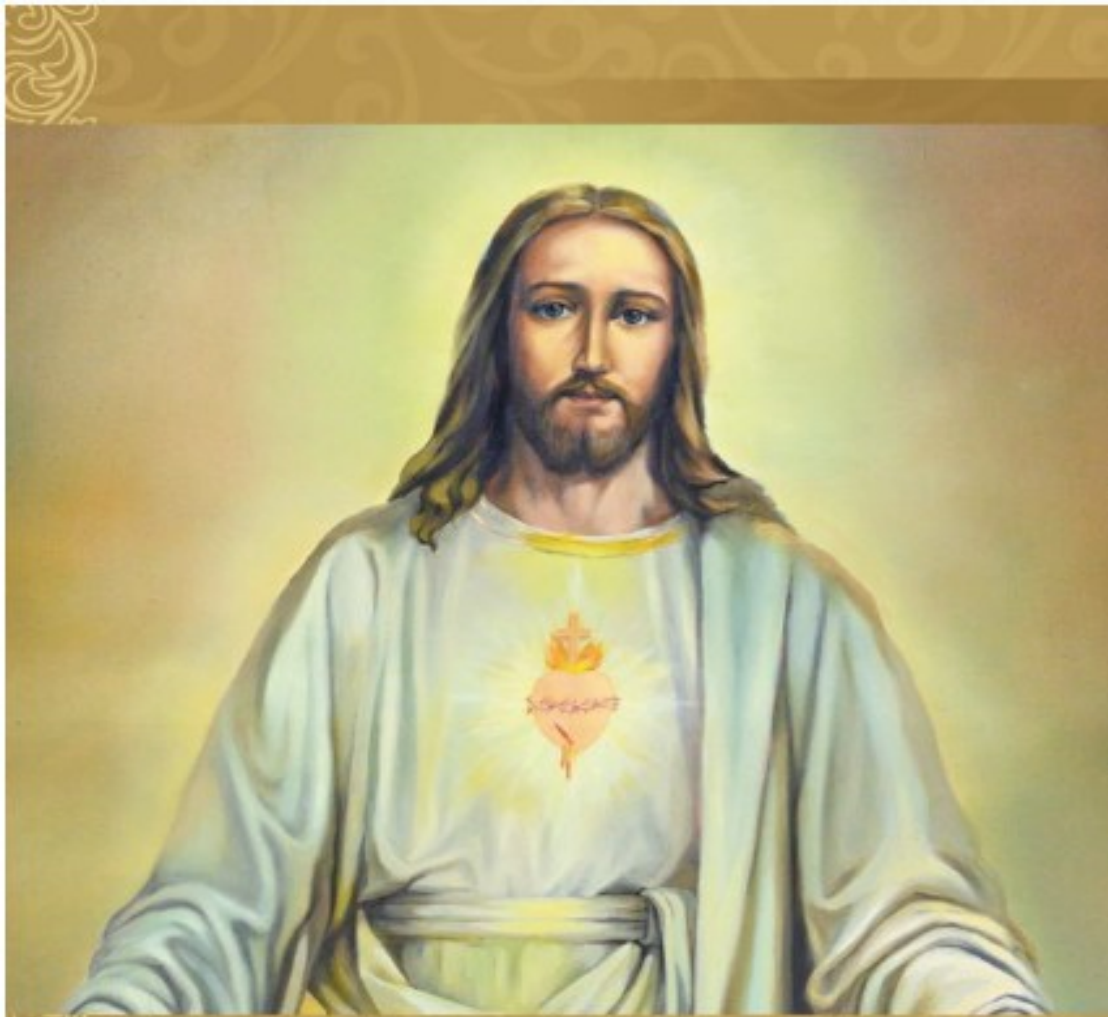
MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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May 3, 2026



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 4

10:00 a.m.—Catholic Charities People of Hope Mobile Museum—Westinghouse Road Parking Lot

Thursday, May 7

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal— Church

Saturday, May 9

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Hope is Coming: People of Hope Museum Coming to the Diocese of Rochester

Catholic Charities USA is launching an inspiring new initiative, *People of Hope*, a nationwide mobile storytelling exhibit debuting in spring 2026. Supported by a major grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the exhibit brings to life the real stories of volunteers, staff, and community members whose everyday acts of service reflect faith, compassion, and human connection. Through immersive audio and visual experiences, *People of Hope* celebrates how helping others transforms both those who serve and those they serve.

Housed inside a retrofitted tractor –trailer, the exhibit invites visitors to listen to powerful, professionally recorded stories and even record their own reflections on service, hope, and transformation. Research shows many people feel called to help but aren't sure how to begin. *People of Hope* bridges that gap by showing how meaningful, accessible, and fulfilling volunteering can be—and how service builds lasting relationships and stronger communities.

We are excited that *People of Hope* will visit our region as part of its national tour, stopping in Chemung County on May 4, at St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads, and Rochester on May 7, at St. Marianne Cope Parish at Guardian Angels Church. This is a free, family-friendly experience that offers a chance to reflect, listen, and add your own story to a growing national tapestry of hope.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for last Week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection.

Stewardship

Weekly Contribution for week ending 4/19/2026
Total.....\$7,472.83

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary Ann Coddington
Richard Hall

Main Altar Flowers

For May 3-9, 2026 have been donated in memory of *John Kordyl* on our wedding anniversary by his wife, Evie.

Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine

Eucharistic hosts and Sacramental wine for the week of May 3-9, 2026 have been donated in loving memory of the deceased Driscoll family members, by Bill & Judy Driscoll.



Annual Baby Shower –

Our Social Ministry Committee will once again be sponsoring their annual Baby Shower the weekends of May 9th and 10th and May 16th and 17th. Please bring new, unwrapped items to Mass and place them in the bassinet. Monetary donations may also be placed in the box provided.

Mosaic of the Southern Tier(formerly known as the Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center) provides a wide variety of services and material support to mothers-to-be, new mothers and their children.

This includes clothing, diapers and other items for children up to age 3. While items for infants are always appreciated, we have a special need for toddler clothing(up to 5T) and size 5, 6, diapers, pull-ups and wipes. Towels, blankets, crib sheets, burp cloths, and bibs are always needed, as well as diaper bags, bottles and sippy cups.

Your donations will be given to needy mothers-to-be, mothers, their infants and their toddlers through the work of Mosaic of the Southern Tier.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The Easter season is a time of new life and renewed commitment to our Catholic faith. The phrase "Easter sacraments" reminds us of the promise of the Risen Lord to be with us always, especially in the "breaking of bread." This weekend, our parish has the special honor of welcoming the extended families and friends of the 30 children who will celebrate their First Holy Communion. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday we invite these young children to the Lord's table for the first time. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors as well as our regular parishioners to St. Mary Our Mother this weekend.

These First Communion children, their parents and families have been preparing for this day for many months. By their faithful and regular participation at Sunday Mass, our parents have been teaching their children by good example what it means to be fed at the Lord's table when receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. We congratulate our parents on their on-going efforts of what they promised when their children were baptized; in being the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of the Catholic faith.

It is a wonderful moment in the life of every parish to witness our children coming forth and doing what our Lord has instructed us when receiving the Eucharist. Those of us who receive the Eucharist often can forget who we are receiving or take it for granted and allow it to become routine. Your fine example of participating in Mass and receiving Holy Communion each and every Sunday regularly and reverently serves as a "teachable moment" not only for our First Communion children, but for our entire parish family.

Parents and families have helped these children to understand what we believe about the Eucharist. Although the element of bread and wine appear unchanged in the action of the Sacred Liturgy through what we call "transubstantiation," these elements become the very Body and Blood of Christ. As we witness these children receiving Communion for the first time, today is a wonderful occasion for our entire parish to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ, and to assert our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Please join me in welcoming all who join us for this First Communion weekend. I also want to acknowledge and thank **Lily Barr**; our Faith Formation Coordinator for her dedication, enthusiasm, and wonderful leadership not only for our First Communion program but for all of our sacramental programs at St. Mary Our Mother. We also want to thank our catechists and aides: **Amy Barr, Ivy Barr, Willow Barr, Izabella Benett, Morgyn Bocko, Hazel Fuchs, Marlo Fuchs, Maggie Furstoss, Nora Furstoss, Tina Mitchell, Jean Oshetski**, as well as **Angela Langendorfer** from the faculty of St. Mary Our Mother School. We thank them for their assistance with our children and their families. We thank you, the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for your continued interest and support of these children and their families as they celebrate this

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	May 4 Frank Navone—his wife, Mary
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	May 5 Bernice & Louis Canali—Mary Canali
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	May 6 John Kordyl—his wife, Evie
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	May 7 Living & deceased members of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	May 8 Deceased members of the Mills family—family
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	May 9 For all Mothers—living & deceased
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter For all Mothers—living & deceased
10:30 A.M.	For all Mothers—living & deceased

Pastor's perspective Continued:

very special day! It is a wonderful day for our entire parish!

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

Fr. L.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate our thirty children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at St. Mary Our Mother. May our children continue to grow in their love for Jesus in the sacrament of Eucharist and receive our Lord each and every Sunday.

The children receiving their First Holy Communion today include:

<i>Mary Amey</i>	<i>Emma Hastrich</i>
<i>Mary Berry</i>	<i>Vincent Hastrich</i>
<i>Emma Bill</i>	<i>Andrew Ignazewski</i>
<i>Maxwell Blackman</i>	<i>Madelyn Johnson</i>
<i>Anne Bocko</i>	<i>Nora Johnson</i>
<i>Hunter Campbell</i>	<i>Zoie Kaiser</i>
<i>Daniel Cloke</i>	<i>Russell Kujawski</i>
<i>Chloe Collins</i>	<i>Nico Lapuma</i>
<i>Viviana Columio</i>	<i>Stephen Martuscello</i>
<i>Regan Derr</i>	<i>Amada Marzec</i>
<i>Robert Eberlin III</i>	<i>Brayden McDermott</i>
<i>Fin Furstoss</i>	<i>Kennedy McGinnis</i>
<i>Landry Furstoss</i>	<i>Daniel Pronti</i>
<i>Thomas Graham</i>	<i>Rio Sweet</i>
<i>Leianna Harris</i>	<i>Jack Witt</i>

Congratulations and best wishes to our children, their parents, and families on this wonderful occasion!



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to twenty-two of our young people who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- Morgan Adams, Willow Barr, Isabella Bennett, Samantha Bonnell, Jack Brand, Jeff Cain, Gianna Capilli, Ali Carrier, Archer Choi, Michael Christmas, Rose Daly, Michael Gavin, Alivia Gowan, Alex Howard, Aeden Marrero, John Warren Oshetski, Evan Parker, Johnny Piet, Addie Pronti, Charlie Ruhmel, Lillian Shope, Joe Wood

The Confirmation liturgy was celebrated Tuesday evening, April 28th, at St. Mary's Church of All Saints Parish in Corning, with the Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester, presiding.

We as for your continued prayers of these young people.



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Book is open. There are many dates for both Sunday and Weekday Masses that are available to be scheduled. Please contact the parish office to schedule your Mass intentions for this year.

Wounded Healers

The Wounded Healers' bereavement support group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 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 with "shoulds." 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.

DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PERMANENT DIACONATE

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate. The diocese anticipates that the next formation class will begin in Fall 2027, with the application process beginning in early 2027.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Peter T. Singano, in Residence
Miss Lily Barr, Faith Formation Coordinator
Mrs. Cathy Peckham, Director of Music
Mrs. Heather Bill, School Principal
Mrs. Adriana Enright, School Secretary
Ms. Michelle Card, Business Manager
Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo, Parish Secretary
Ms. Wendy Slater, Office Assistant
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Ms. Jenna Crandall, Maintenance
Mr. Roger Williams, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti, Chairperson
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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:

Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4th – May 8th we pause to recognize the incredible dedication, compassion, and professionalism of the teachers and staff at St. Mary Our Mother School. Each day, our educators go above and beyond to create a nurturing environment where students grow academically, spiritually, and socially. They inspire curiosity, encourage kindness, and model the values of faith and service that are at the heart of our school community.

Our teachers are more than educators — they are mentors, role models, and champions for every child who walks through our doors. Whether they are guiding students through new learning, supporting them through challenges, or celebrating their successes, their commitment makes a lasting difference in the lives of our students and families.

We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and talented team. Please join me in thanking our teachers and staff for their hard work, passion, and unwavering commitment to Catholic education. Their impact reaches far beyond the classroom and helps shape the future of our community.

*Jill Knuth
Barbara O'Brien
Tom Ketchum
Katy Piet
Amy Winkels
Adriana Enright
Michelle Procopio
Julie Lawson
Stephanie Pelkey
Roger Williams*

*Colleen Meehan
Robyn Stowell
Sally Heffner
Michelle Steed
Sandra Hoyt
Jamie Lewis
Angela Langendorfer
Kelly Koehler
Jenna Crandall*

With gratitude,

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



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 after mass. You will be contacted.

NICKELS ADD UP

Your clean deposit cans and bottles are worth five cents each to the Horseheads Food Pantry when you drop them off at our parish office. If the office is closed, please leave the bag(s) on the front step under the overhang.

The pantry uses the money to purchase the needed items when food donations fall short. Social Ministry is collecting these deposit containers, redeeming them, and sending the money on to the Food Pantry. Consider joining the several families who have been doing this for years. It will give you a “feel good” feeling, knowing that you are helping out our neighbors in need.

Horseheads Food Pantry

The Horseheads Food Pantry is very grateful to the people of St. Mary Our Mother community for their long-standing, generous support of the pantry. Their current wish list is below:

- *Brownie mixes and cookie mixes*
- *Saltine or Ritz-style crackers*
- *Jiffy corn muffin mixes*
- *Family size bags or boxes containing individual bags of chips or pretzels*
- *Boxes of cereal*

And keep those deposit cans and bottles coming. Thank you so much.



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