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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 31, 2026



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not  
perish but might have eternal life.” - Jn 3:16

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Thursday, May 28**

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

**Saturday, May 30**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—Church

**Wounded Healers**

The WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meeting will be offered on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM, 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

**Stewardship**

Weekly Contribution for week ending 5/24/2026  
Total.....\$ **Unavailable due to Memorial Day Holiday**

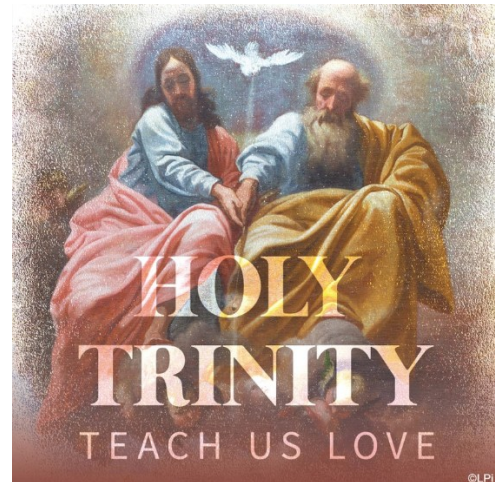
**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Joseph L. Sindelar  
Thomas Smetanka  
Elizabeth Menarchick

**Altar Flowers**

Our sincerest apology, the main altar flowers for May 24-30, 2026 were donated in memory of **Angie Barbito** by her loving family.

The main altar flowers for May 31-June 6, 2026 have been donated in memory of all **Kordyl & Woodard** families by Evelyn Kordyl & family.



**Celebrate Your Marriage**

*Most Rev. John S. Bonnici  
Bishop of Rochester*

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

\_\_\_\_\_ JUNE \_\_\_\_\_  
**SUNDAY      14      11:15 AM**  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2026 \_\_\_\_\_

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
296 Flower City Park  
Rochester, NY 14615

*All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.*

*Please help us plan by emailing  
donald.smith@dor.org*

**Venturing Outward in Love:  
Acting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation,  
Delixi Te**

Pope Leo focuses on the poor, on the millions living lives unworthy of their intrinsic human dignity because of global economic systems perpetuated by the wealthy and powerful. He decries the gap between the rich and poor, the staggering inequality that shields the wealthy from even noticing the conditions of life faced by the poor, the growth of a wealthy elite living in a bubble of comfort and luxury...almost in another world compared to ordinary people. Pope Leo calls us to unite our love and care for the earth with love for the poor. Living Faith: Learn about the global trash/waste crisis...where does our trash end up? (hint: often in oceans and in poor countries) Decide to reduce, reuse, recycle more to reduce your own trash.

\* From reflection by Daniel P. Scheid, Professor of Moral Theology at Boston College.

### PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Due to Memorial Day holiday weekend and an early bulletin deadline, I am writing this column on May 19th. As of today, we are looking forward to Pentecost Sunday, the Memorial holiday weekend, as well as the beginning of the month of June. By the time you read this, the holiday weekend and the month of May will be in it's final day, we have concluded the Easter season liturgically, and will have returned to Ordinary Time, and the month of June will be upon us!

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Most Holy Trinity**. This feast celebrates our belief that God is a "triune" of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In faith, we believe that these persons are distinct from each other and yet united in one God; they are equal and eternal. We know about the natures of God only because God has revealed it to us. Even though it has been revealed, it is still a mystery beyond our understanding. Today's feast celebrates the fact that our triune God loves us and has invited us into the relationship shared by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This Trinitarian greeting is often spoken by the priest presider as we begin the celebration of the Eucharist when he says "*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*"

The month of June always marks a "winding down" of many of our normal parish activities which occupy our attention for most of the year. This month is also a time when our schools and students are readying themselves for final examinations, graduations, and school recess for the summer. I would like to give you an update on some "statistics" concerning St. Mary Our Mother School. As of May 19, our student enrollment is 117, with a projected enrollment of 133 students for the 2026-2027 school year. We will say "farewell" to 8 of our 6th grade students at their **6th Grade Celebration on Wednesday, June 17th, at 6:30 p.m.**

People often pose the question: "*Why do families choose to send their children to a Catholic School?*" The following are some random answers:

*I believe Catholic Schools educate the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.*

*I want to help carry on the faith and feel that the Catholic School environment will team well with my efforts at home.*

*I want my child to have the opportunity to pray during school hours, especially in times of troubling and frightening world events.*

*I consider the tuition costs as an investment in my child's future and all we want for that future. I often say to myself, "How can I afford not to send my child to a Catholic School?"*

*I appreciate the partnership that is in place for my child, with the school, teachers, and parents working*

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>June 1</b>
6:45 A.M.	Diane Lepkowski—Blauvelt family
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>June 2</b>
6:45 A.M.	Diane Lusk—Mary & Tom Sweet
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>June 3</b>
6:45 A.M.	Doroteo Mallare—the Lapitans
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>June 4</b>
6:45 A.M.	For our faithful departed
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>June 5</b>
6:45 A.M.	Linda Burke—Mary Lee & Ed Fairbrother
9:00 A.M.	For our School Families—Thank you all!
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>June 6</b>
5:00 P.M.	John Boulas—Wife, Donna & family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>June 7 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>
8:30 A.M.	Mary Amisano—Guy
10:30 A.M.	Mary Ogershok—Leonard Boulas

### Pastor's perspective Continued:

*together to help my child. When everything goes well, we celebrate together. When there is a problem, I do not face it alone. Everyone is there to work with my child and me.*

*I want my child to be in a safe, loving, nurturing and accepting environment where they feel welcomed regardless of their background and where they develop the skills necessary to be successful in all aspects of life.*

*I especially appreciate the tremendous support that St. Mary Our Mother School receives at the parish level, from the pastor, parish staff, and the entire parish community.*

*I think that Mrs. Bill and the teachers at St. Mary Our Mother School rock!*

Registration for St. Mary Our Mother School for the 2026-2027 academic year continues. If you are a parent interested in enrolling your child in September, or you know of a family of school aged children who might be interested in our school, please encourage them to call the school office for further information and a tour of our school. Our school principal, **Mrs. Heather Bill**, is always available to answer any school related questions you may have.

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

Fr. L.

## St. Mary Our Mother School

### Welcoming, Nurturing & Empowering



**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus Council #6158 are having a social meeting on Monday June 1st at Tanino’s Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. Hope to see there! Also, the Knights are always looking for new members. If you are a Catholic man in good standing and over 18 years old, consider joining our council. Visit the website KofC.org/Join Us for more information and to apply.



**The Gift of Not Understanding**

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining hypostasis, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: Any further than this, I dare not go.

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

**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](mailto: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
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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

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- School Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street .....(607)-739-8214

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:**

**Final All-School Mass**

St. Mary Our Mother School will celebrate our final All-School Mass of the year on **Friday, June 5th at 9:00 AM**. This special liturgy will be hosted by our Second Grade class, who recently celebrated the beautiful Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

During this Mass, our second-grade students will have the meaningful opportunity to receive the Eucharist for the first time in front of their entire school community. This is a significant milestone in their faith journey and a wonderful moment for our school family to witness and celebrate together.

At St. Mary Our Mother School, our All-School Masses are an important part of nurturing our Catholic identity and strengthening our sense of community. Coming together in prayer allows our students to grow spiritually while supporting and celebrating one another in their faith.

We are incredibly proud of our second-grade students and look forward to this joyful celebration. Families and parishioners are warmly invited to join us as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving to conclude another wonderful year at St. Mary Our Mother School.

Blessings,

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.

**Incredible Generosity:**

Your donation of \$4,776.80 for the Rice Bowl Lenten almsgiving project will be sent off to Catholic Relief Services to be used to support their programs that alleviate poverty and hunger, both globally and locally. This generous amount of \$4,776.80 that was donated by our parish & Catholic school, is an 18.3% **increase** over last year's Rice Bowl total. Remember that 25% of our donations will be used to support poverty and hunger in Chemung County.

Since the donations were tallied and sent off, a few stray donations have come in. So if your Rice Bowl is still at home and you wish to turn in a donation, please do so soon.

In the current national situation where there is a significant reduction or cancellation of funding to global and state agencies working to address poverty and hunger, your sacrifices mean more now than ever. Thank you so much for responding to Jesus' call to reach out to those in need through your Lenten sacrifices.

**Action Alert!**

The new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit would allow all taxpayers to receive a 100% federal tax credit, up to \$1,700, for donations that fund scholarships helping students with tuition, tutoring, and other education costs. If New York opts in, this program would bring millions of dollars in privately funded support to families, while allowing taxpayers to redirect a portion of their federal taxes to help students across the state, including our Catholic school families. Tell Gov. Hochul to opt in! Go to:

[www.bit.ly/federal-scholarship-credit](http://www.bit.ly/federal-scholarship-credit) to take action today.

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