



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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July 5, 2026

The Church reminds us, with a firm yet humble voice,
that true fulfilment is not achieved by eliminating
weakness but through harmonious growth.

It is found where *Freedom*
&
Responsibility are intertwined
with mutual care and true solidarity, and where
progress is measured by the dignity of each
person and the good of all peoples

Pope Leo XIV
Magnifica Humanitas, 12

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Tuesday: *Vacation Bible School*

Wednesday: *Vacation Bible School*

Thursday: *Vacation Bible School*

Friday: *Vacation Bible School*

Saturday: *Vacation Bible School*

Next Sunday: *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mission Speaker & Collection at All Masses

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church

UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY 7TH - 11TH

Vacation Bible School | Go Forth!

Come Join us from 5:00-7:00 pm in an adventure around the World! Open for rising K-6th graders & 7th-12th as Youth Leaders, teams will compete in games while exploring our faith in different cultures.

- **Sign ups close on Monday!**

JULY 14TH AT 7:00

Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group | meeting

Meeting is in-person at St. Mary our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads NY. Use the door of the school across from the playground. Meeting ends when there is still light for those who don't drive at night. 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 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

NOW HIRING: FINANCE & OPERATIONS MANAGER

St. Mary Our Mother Parish & School (Horseheads) and Ss. Isidore and Maria Torribia Parish (Addison) are seeking a full-time Finance & Operations Manager to provide financial, administrative, and operational support to our parish communities.

This position oversees accounting coordination, payroll support, facilities and office operations, volunteer coordination, and parish administrative functions while working closely with the Pastors and Regional Finance Director.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business, or related field preferred (Associate degree with relevant experience considered). Strong organizational, communication, and computer skills required. Experience in accounting, office management, nonprofit administration, or parish operations is preferred.

- **To apply,** please submit a resume to Amy.Finnerty@dor.org.

PARISH OFFERINGS & MEMORIALS



IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Cody Harris

ALTAR FLOWERS

The main altar flowers for July 5-11 have been donated in loving memory of Mario and Carlos Botero by the Enright Family.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL

A representative of the **Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary** will be with us on the weekend of **July 11th and 12th, 2026**. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community working in nine countries of Africa, and in Brazil. They serve in all forms of education, medical work, pastoral work, community development and agriculture and assisting trafficked women, internally displaced families and the homeless. They are a strictly missionary group with no institutions in the United States or Canada, so therefore rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the society for the propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people here to support their sisters on mission. The Sisters ask for your prayers of support as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. You will be remembered in their daily prayer. If you would like to read more about them, their website is: www.mshr.org



MISSIONARY SISTERS
of the **Holy Rosary**

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM, COMMUNION, OR CONFIRMATION?

OR CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Children, Teens, and Adults (OCIA) is a class designed to help with the process of becoming a Catholic. Classes begin in September and are open to anyone of any faith background to explore the Catholic Faith or work towards receiving the sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Interested in learning more about OCIA or registering?

Reach out to:

Lily.Barr@dor.org or 607-739-8214

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This weekend, we are celebrating as a nation the 250th anniversary of the ratification of the Declaration of Independence. Each July 4th, we have the opportunity to remember and be grateful for the many freedoms we enjoy in this country, freedoms to do what we want when we want, freedoms that we sometimes take for granted. We also need to remember this week that no freedom can be assured without sacrifice, without truth and decency, without honor, honesty, and integrity.

When I think of the July 4th holiday, I am filled with gratitude, which I believe we all share. We were born in a country that is a republic, one that enjoys freedom and recognizes the dignity of all people. Our children have the freedom to dream, as we continue to dream, regardless of our age. If our young people work hard and develop their talents, the possibilities are endless! We need to be grateful to God for helping to create a nation that enjoys all that America has to offer. We are also grateful for the creative, imaginative, and sometimes daring people who push the limits and help us grow. We also need to be grateful that God has given us opportunities not only to develop our talents, but to encourage others to do so as well. Those who have recently graduated from our various institutions of higher education have a bright future ahead of them as a result of what they have learned and experienced thus far in their young lives.

The July 4th holiday also serves as a reminder of how God's overall plan continues to unfold for every human being. From its first reference in scripture to the writings of modern-day theologians and spiritual writers, we hear of people who "walk by faith." These are people who are open to the surprises that God has planned for them. We believe that God has a plan; on the other hand, we don't know exactly what that plan is. If we believe that God exists, believe in the plan of God, and are open to our part of "the" plan, then we can't help but be amazed at how faithfully God cares for us.

There is always a sense of excitement associated with Independence Day. Every day, we have reminders, sometimes major, more often of the subtle variety, that God chooses to work with us and not separate from us. It was God who gave our ancestors the opportunity to immigrate to this great country, to establish roots and a future here. God gave them the fortitude to help create and build this nation. This did not come without great sacrifice on the part of all. Ours is a nation that has not only survived, but also grown, become prosperous, and we are the first country to offer assistance to those when tragedy strikes, either at home or abroad. People of the world have come to look to the people of the United States as an example of how people should live. There is a sense of excitement to know that we are a part of this great democratic nation where each citizen can be a part, however great or small.

This holiday also gives us an opportunity to remember the past and to give thanks and our admiration to the leaders who have fashioned and led this nation for the past 236 years. We honor and remember

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 6 -St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
6:45 A.M. - Our Faithful Departed

Tuesday, July 7- Weekday
6:45 A.M. - Marilyn Corcoran - Becky & Bob Corcoran

Wednesday, July 8 - Weekday
6:45 A.M. - Our Faithful Departed

Thursday, July 9- St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
6:45 A.M. -Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 10- Weekday
6:45 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Curtin Family- Family

Saturday, July 11- St. Benedict, Abbot
5:00 P.M. - Pat Marks & Jim Marks - Jane & Joe Gallagher

Sunday, July 12 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. - Allan B. Caldwell

10:30 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Mills Family- Family

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED...

the heroism of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that our nation enjoys the freedom that we have. July 4 also gives us an opportunity to remember those who serve us today in all areas of government- national, state, and local levels- as well as those who serve in the military, police, firefighters, and first responders. These people work selflessly to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

Each Fourth of July, we have an opportunity to remember our history and to celebrate the lives we live as people of the United States, lives in which we enjoy many freedoms. Have an enjoyable Fourth of July. May God continue to bless the United States of America!

Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

THIS WEEK COLLECTION

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This week we are collecting funds that supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations of church properties, and seminary formation. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this week.

- You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ceec

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

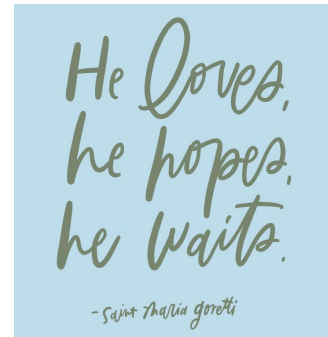
At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— Father John Muir

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.



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 to take action today.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Peter T. Singano, in Residence
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Mrs. Adriana Enright, School Secretary
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WANT TO SIGN UP?

- Scan the QR Code below to Register
- Find our Webpage at stmaryourmother.com to see more information & Register Link
- Or call (607) 739-8214



JULY 7-11

5:00-7:00 PM

PACK YOUR BAGS, IT'S TIME TO

GO FORTH!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer, children are invited on a **faith-filled** journey around the world.

Each day, we'll visit a new country to learn how people across the globe live out their faith through saints, traditions, and celebrations.

TRAVEL

Explore new country and its Faith traditions

SAINTS

Learn about inspiring saints from around the world

CRAFTS

Hands-on crafts and team-building activities

GAMES

Interactive games, and free time outdoors

DINNER

Food will be provided each evening inspired by the country of the day

SIGN UP NOW

Register to Attend or Volunteer

GRAND FINALE!

We will end our week together with Saturday Mass, where students will take an active role leading the congregation and celebrating our faith together

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ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

Reflecting on a Wonderful School Year

Our 6th grade students have truly excelled this past year! I am proud to recognize the following

student for earning top honors:

- Overall highest students average – **Bryce Bill** (97%) and **Andrew Hoover** (97%)
- Highest average in Religion – **Bryce Bill** (98.50%)
- Highest average in English/Language Arts – **Bryce Bill** (97.75%)
- Highest average in Mathematics – **Andrew Hoover** (100%)
- Highest average in Social Studies – **Bryce Bill** (97.75%)
- Highest average in Science – **Andrew Hoover** (98.00%)

The NYS Triple “C” Awards (Commitment, Character, Courage) were awarded to **Scarlett**

Eberlin and **Josh Bouzi**.

The Office of the State Comptroller of New York, Thomas P. DiNapoli, Award in recognition of hard work, dedication and success for academic excellence and civic commitment was awarded to **Bryce Bill** and **Christine Katerji**.

Presidential Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence was awarded to **Bryce Bill**, **Andrew Hoover**, **Christine Katerji**, **Scarlett Eberlin**, and **Arya Ripley**.

Father Thomas F. Brennan Award presented to a Saint Mary Our Mother School graduating

student who displays outstanding aptitude and effort in English Language Arts and intends to continue their pursuit of Catholic education was awarded to **Bryce Bill** and **Ella Collins**.

The Legacy Award in recognition of students who have attended St. Mary Our Mother School from Pre-K3 through Sixth grade was awarded to **Bryce Bill** and **Scarlett Eberlin**.

This award recognizes a student who brings imagination, originality, and a unique perspective to everything they do. Through their creativity, curiosity, and willingness to think outside the box, they inspire those around them and add something special to our school community. This awarded to **Joshua Marcelle**.

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to all of the students on their individual achievements.

They move on with our prayers for continued success as they enter the next phase of their lives.

Blessings always,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother Schoo



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Is summer on your mind yet? Looking for ways to keep your kids active, engaged, and having fun? Notre Dame has something for everyone! Our exciting lineup of Summer Academies includes: Cooking 101, Just Desserts, Teen Trailblazers, Build It. Code It. Drive It!, Craft-It-With-Cricut, Not Your Average Art Camp, Sweet Feet Hiking & Nature Photography Camp, Summer Seminar on the Performing Arts, and Advanced Musical Theater Review. We're also offering Athletic Camps, including our popular Crusader Soccer Camp led by Boys Varsity Head Coach Gavin Harrington, and a Tennis Camp directed by Varsity Head Coach Erik Romminger.

- Learn more at: notredamehighschool.com.
- Register today: <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSSummer2026>

Join us for a fun and enriching summer at Notre Dame! All programs will be held at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. For questions, please contact Michelle Barkley at 607-734- 2267.

THIS PAST WEEK AT ST. MARY OUR MOTHER PARISH



6TH GRADE VS STAFF KICKBALL



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