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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
(607) 739-3817

July 12, 2026



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group - school

Friday: Parish Offices Closed

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

Saturday| 3:30 pm in the church

TODAY

JULY 11 & 12: ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL

A representative of the **Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary** was at our church this weekend, **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.. If you would like to read more about them, their website is: www.mshr.org



MISSIONARY SISTERS
of the **Holy Rosary**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Johanna Gregory
Dr Joseph Navone
James Bramble
Jean Bilson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The main altar flowers for July 12-18 have been donated in loving memory of Ann Ponzi by her husband, Phil & Family.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word."

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Last weekend, our nation celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of our United States of America. Each year on July 4, we pause to remember our founding forefathers and the countless others down through the years who have given of themselves to ensure the many freedoms we enjoy in this country. It is also an opportunity to offer our gratitude as a nation to God for the many blessings we enjoy in this country. May we continue to remember and celebrate this special time in our nation's history in these days and weeks ahead.

The following quotes on patriotism celebrate our nation and love of country:

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country." **Benjamin Franklin**

"He who loves his country best is one who strives to make it best." **Robert Ingersoll**

"Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but striving that our country will be righteous as well as strong." **James Bryce**

"I believe in America because we have great dreams and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true." **Wendell L. Wilkie**

"Everywhere immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life." **President John F. Kennedy**

"There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence, and energy of her citizens cannot cure." **President, Dwight D Eisenhower**

"Our American values are not luxuries, but necessities, not the salt in our bread, but the bread itself. Our common vision of a free and just society is our greatest source of cohesion at home and strength abroad, greater than the bounty of our material blessings." **President Jimmy Carter**

"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." **President Ronald Reagan**

"America is known as a country that welcomes people to ensure; all kinds of people." **Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

"When you see wrong of inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on." **Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.**

"I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with their freedom." **Bob Dylan**

"Those who stand for nothing fall for everything." **Alexander Hamilton**

"America. It is the only place where miracles not only happen, but they happen all the time." **Thomas Wolfe**

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it." **Mark Twain**

"The fact is, with every friendship you make, and every bond of trust you establish, you are shaping the image of America projected to the rest of the world." **Michelle Obama**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 13

6:45 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Madison & Healy Families - Pat Madison

Tuesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha - Virgin

6:45 A.M. -Our Faithful Departed

Wednesday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure - Bishop/Doctor

6:45 A.M. - Teri Guardi - Bob

Thursday, July 16

6:45 A.M. - Ann Ponzi- Phil

Friday, July 17

6:45 A.M. - Sandee Johnson- Pat Madison

Saturday, July 18

5:00 P.M. - Christina O'Herron Regula - Mom

Sunday, July 19

8:30 A.M. - John Bennett - wife, Michele & Family

10:30 A.M. - In Celebration of our 50th Class Reunion-Horseheads Class of 1976

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED...

"Four things I have never regretted: First, my love of God; second, my love of my family, God has given me the best family anyone could ask for; Third, my love of this country, we live in the greatest country in the world; and fourth, I love the greatest sports organization in the world, the Dodgers!"

Tommy Lasorda

"My patriotic heartbeat, red, white, and blue." **Anonymous**

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

Fr. L.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES
WHERE HE IS LOVED,
WHERE HE IS INVITED,
WHERE HE IS EXPECTED.**

St. Bonaventure



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.

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.

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.

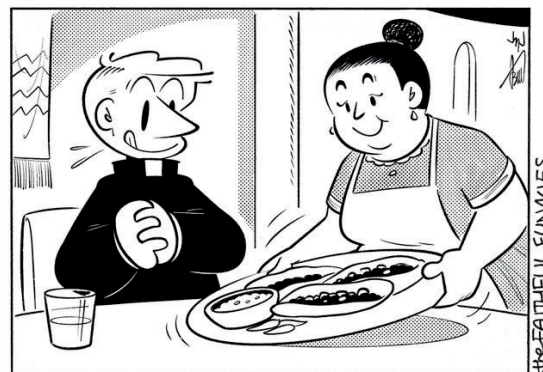
This position oversees accounting coordination, payroll support, facilities and office operations, volunteer coordination, and parish administrative functions while working closely with the Pastors and Regional Finance Director.

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.

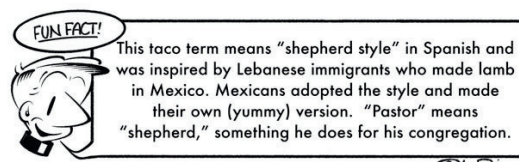
- **To apply**, please submit a resume to Amy.Finnerty@dor.org.



"What's a priest's favorite type of taco?"



"Tacos Al Pastor."



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
Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo, Parish Secretary
Ms. Wendy Slater, Office Assistant
Mr. Doug Johnson, Cemetery Manager
Mr. Roger Williams, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- 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.



ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

Celebrating the Success of Our 2026 Legacy Gala

We are overjoyed to share that the 2026 Legacy Gala, held on May 29th at the Elmira Country Club, was a beautiful and inspiring evening—one that truly celebrated the heart and spirit of our St. Mary Our Mother School community. From the vibrant energy in the room to the overwhelming generosity of our guests, the night was nothing short of extraordinary.

This unforgettable event would not have been possible without the remarkable leadership of our Gala Chair, Hannah Smalley. Hannah brought passion, creativity, and dedication to every step of the planning process. Her vision and tireless efforts created a joyful and purposeful evening rooted in love and community. We are incredibly grateful for her selfless service and deep commitment to our school.

We would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and leaders who helped make the Gala a true success:

Alanna Berry

Brandy Hoover

Anna Parmenter

Alison Salisbury

Trevor Smalley

Eileen Choi

Jill Knuth

Stacie Petko

John Savash

Brook Smith

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our families, parishioners, and community supporters, we are thrilled to share that this year's event was a tremendous success. These funds will directly support the daily operations of St. Mary Our Mother School, helping us continue to provide a nurturing environment grounded in faith, academic excellence, and love.

To everyone who donated a basket, created a classroom project, placed a bid, volunteered behind the scenes, or simply attended with a giving heart—thank you. Your belief in our mission strengthens our community and ensures a bright, faith-filled future for our students.

With deepest gratitude,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School



2026-2027 Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is pleased to share that **registration for the 2026-2027 school year is currently ongoing**. We welcome both new and returning families to explore all that St. Mary Our Mother School has to offer as part of our faith-filled, nurturing school community.

At St. Mary Our Mother School, **students in Pre-K 3 through Grade 6 are supported in an environment rooted in Catholic values, academic excellence, and a strong sense of community.**

Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to helping each child grow academically, spiritually, and socially through engaging instruction and meaningful learning experiences.

Families continue to choose St. Mary Our Mother School for its welcoming atmosphere, strong partnership between home and school, and commitment to educating the whole child. From daily classroom learning to school-wide traditions and service opportunities, students are given the foundation they need to succeed and thrive.

We encourage families interested in learning more about enrollment, tuition, or scheduling a visit to reach out to the school office.

For additional information, please contact the school office or email Heather Bill at Heather.Bill@dor.org.

We look forward to continuing to welcome new families into our St. Mary Our Mother School community for the 2026-2027 school year.

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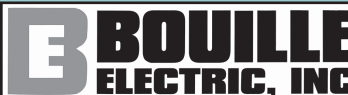


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