



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
(607) 739-3817

October 11, 2026



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Monday, October 12 | *Parish Offices Closed*

Tuesday, October 13 | Tuesday Program

Thursday, October 15 | Adult Choir Rehearsal - church

Saturday, October 17 | First Penance Retreat & Youth Group

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, October 17 | 3:30 pm in the church

Sunday, October 18 | Second Collection for World Mission Sunday
Donuts & Coffee at 11:30

THE WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting will be offered on **Tuesday, October 13, 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."

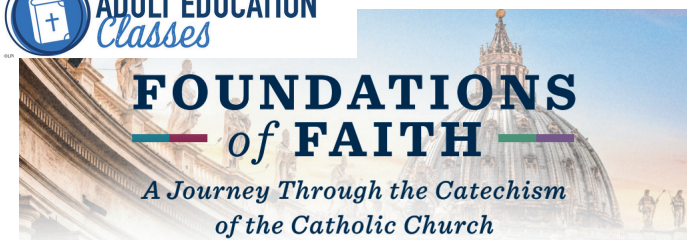
Christine Lloyd, 607-796-2795

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment Weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. The next Weekend is planned for **November 20-22, 2026** at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. Register on line at wwme.org. There is a \$100 Application Fee. For Information contact Mike & Kathy Williams, MikeandKathyw@gmail.com Or call 585-872-5432 or 585-217-3899.



ADULT EDUCATION
Classes



Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with Foundations of Faith: *A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Open for all adults in our parish who would like to learn more about the foundations of our faith!

October Classes:

→ Join us for Foundations of Faith & OCIA on **Saturday, October 10 & October 24 at 6:00 in O'Brien Hall.**

For more information, contact Lily Barr, lily.barr@dor.org

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Dominic Sgro

Rex Gurnsey

Lawrence E. Schaller

EXPLORE NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL



GRADES 7-12 OPEN HOUSE



It may seem early to be thinking about next school year but now is a great time to explore your options. Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12, invites prospective students and their families to an **Open House on Wednesday, November 4, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Please note, check-in for the evening begins at 5:45 pm. Come discover what makes Notre Dame a special place to learn and grow, with opportunities in academics, athletics, the arts, and a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Meet our faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, and learn more about our welcoming community and college-preparatory education rooted in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy.

- RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSFallOpenHouse26>

Notre Dame is located at 1400 Maple Avenue in Elmira. A busing option to ND is often available. To determine eligibility, contact the transportation office of your home school district.

Questions? Contact Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, at 607-734-2267.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

For over forty years, there has been an annual campaign seeking financial support for the many ministries and outreach services of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, known commonly as the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This appeal supports the ongoing work of ministry in all parishes of the diocese.

The theme of this year's appeal is "All Things New: Embracing Our Mission in Christ." The Catholic Ministries Appeal encourages us once again to be supportive of the valuable ministries and services offered to our entire diocesan family. All registered parishioners should have received a letter concerning the CMA within the last week. I hope you will read this letter and prayerfully consider a financial gift to help our parish reach our parish goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our parish goal for this year is \$97,000.00, which is a slight reduction from last year's appeal. Last year your generosity helped us reach our parish goal. I hope I can count on your generous spirit in reaching this year's goal.

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your gift is joined with thousands of others to enable our Diocesan Church to:

Support ministries that reach out with the hands and heart of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned.

Ensure we can help struggling families find their way through economic crisis and back to stability.

Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people annually.

Fund ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith and teach values that will carry them into adulthood.

Help support the funding for the education of candidates for the priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Prepare engaged couples for God-centered marriages rooted in the Catholic faith.

Educate and prepare those who wish to become Catholic for the fullness of life in the Roman Catholic Church through the OCIA process, formerly known as RCIA.

Help us promote Catholic values about the sanctity of life and make our voice heard in society.

Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection to the Church.

Provide important service to your parish that it would find difficult to afford on its own.

Further information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal can be accessed at the diocesan website, www.dor.org, and follow the link concerning the CMA. If you did not receive information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal through the mail, additional information and envelopes are available in the church vestibule. With the participation of all parishioners, we can make our parish goal.

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 12

6:45 a.m. - Ann Ponzi - Phil

Tuesday, October 13

6:45 a.m. - Deceased members of the Madison & Healy families - family

Wednesday, October 14

6:45 a.m. - Mamie Woodward - sister Evelyn & family

Thursday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

6:45 a.m. - Living & Deceased members of 6:45 a.m. family

Friday, October 16

6:45 a.m. - Les Reimsnyder - daughter Nancy

Saturday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

5:00 p.m. - Sandee Johnson - Pat Madison

Sunday, October 18 - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Teri Guardi - Bob

10:30 a.m. - Janet Garlasco - Mom, Dad, brothers Frank, David & families



Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



Come pray with the relic of
Rochester's sixth bishop!

Locations & Dates

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Rochester

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. STEPHEN

Geneva

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Spencerport

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY

Geneseo

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOSEPH

Penfield

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER

Horseheads

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Ithaca

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, 7:00pm



REGISTRATION IS ALWAYS OPEN!

You are always welcome to join our programs!
Just scan the QR Code or contact our Faith Formation Office.



DID YOU KNOW?

The entire month of October is dedicated to the Rosary because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. It commemorates a historic 1571 naval victory where all of Europe prayed the Rosary for protection.

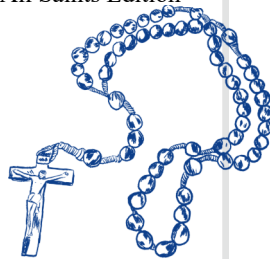
THE AT-HOME CHALLENGE:

Pray just one decade of the Rosary together as a family after dinner or on the drive to school each day. Focus on a different intention each night (e.g., world peace, our parish priests, or family members who are sick).



October Calendar

- 10-4 Faith Formation Meeting at 11:30
- 10-6 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-10 OCIA & OCIC Meeting 6-7:15
- 10-13 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-17 First Penance Retreat 1:30-6:00
- 10-17 Youth Group (Gr. 6-12) & Confirmation 6-7:30
- 10-18 Donuts & Coffee Hour 11:30 "Halloween & All Saints Edition"
- 10-20 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-23 First Penance Practice 4-5
- 10-24 OCIA & OCIC Meeting 6-7:15
- 10-25 Home Study Meeting 9:30-10:15
- 10-25 Rosary & Confirmation Class 11:30
- 10-27 Tuesday Program 4-5
- 10-31 Halloween



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers to help our parish grow! Current opportunities include:

- **5th Grade Catechist** for our Tuesday In-Person Faith Formation Program
- **Classroom Aides** for Tuesday In-Person Faith Formation (*No teaching experience needed!*)
- **Donuts & Coffee** Helpers to set-up and take down after the event!

Our parish needs you! No experience necessary!

If you'd like to share your time and talents, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Lily.Barr@dor.org.

HAHA! How long does it take to pray the Rosary?

A: Decades!

OPEN TO ALL IN OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR



October 18, 2026

O'BRIEN HALL

STOP IN AFTER 10:30 MASS FOR COFFEE,
DONUTS AND COMMUNITY



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. Amy Winkels, Business Manager
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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St Mary Our Mother School

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School WebSite: www.stmaryourmother.school

Faith Formation

816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214
E-mail: lily.barr@dor.org



ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

Diocese of Rochester

Catholic Schools Conference Day

Last Friday, October 9th, our classroom teachers and specials teachers traveled to Rochester to take part in the annual Diocese of Rochester Teacher Conference Day. This gathering brought together Catholic school educators from across the diocese for a full day of professional development, reflection, and fellowship. The day was filled with opportunities to learn from dynamic speakers, attend meaningful workshops, and share best practices with colleagues. Topics ranged from strengthening instructional practices and integrating faith into the classroom, to building a culture of respect and collaboration among students and staff. Equally valuable was the chance for our teachers to come together with fellow Catholic educators who share the same mission: to form and inspire students both academically and spiritually. The sense of community and shared purpose was uplifting and encouraging, reminding all of us that we are part of something much bigger—working together to build strong Catholic schools across the Diocese of Rochester. We are grateful to our teachers for their dedication, their willingness to grow as professionals, and their commitment to bringing back new ideas and energy to St. Mary Our Mother School. Days like this strengthen not only our teachers, but also the faith-filled education we provide to every child in our care.

With joy,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School



THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

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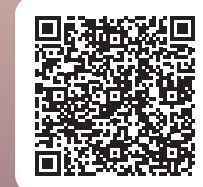
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