

# 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 **November 8, 2026**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026**

## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

**Tuesday, November 10** | 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation Classes

**Wednesday, November 11** | **Veterans Day**
parish offices closed

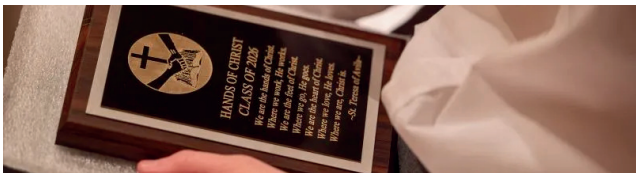
**Thursday, November 12** | 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, November 14 |** OCIA/C & Adult Bible Study

**Next Sunday, November 15 |** Coffee Hour after 10:30 Mass

## RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** | 3:30 pm in the church




## HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2027

Do you know a high school senior who lives out Christ's love through service to their church, home, school, and community? The Hands of Christ Recognition is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, honors high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" to those around them. Honorees will be recognized at one of several diocesan ceremonies in 2027. The critera:

- Consistently demonstrates a Christian altitude by word and example
- Is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community
- Is a positive role model for peers and younger children
- Is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form, including the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and high school along with examples of the above-mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor.
**All nominations are due in the parish office by January 1, 2027**

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 8. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Spring and summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th through November 1st.
Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be REMOVED by November 5th.
Thank you.



## IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



*Bruce Bloomer*
*Lou Andrus*
*Larry Cecce*
*Sue Ann Rathbun*
*Milton Simpson*

## ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

Main altar arrangement for November 8-14 have been donated in loving memory of Marlene Fiorini by Ryan and Tara Marzec



## SHARE YOUR VOICE THIS CHRISTMAS!

As we prepare for the Christmas season, we invite you to share your musical gifts at St. Mary Our Mother! We are looking for singers to join our Choir and participate in our annual Lessons & Carols as well as Christmas Mass. Whether you're a familiar face in our regular Adult Choir or a new voice looking to get involved, you are welcome!
Rehearsals: Every Thursday, starting at 7:00 p.m., in the church
We also have our special Children's & Youth Choir/Orchestra and are looking for young parishioners to help lead our Christmas Eve Manger Blessing at the Children's Christmas Mass on December 24 at 3:00 PM!
Rehearsals will be scheduled most Tuesdays leading to Christmas.
→ Interested?
Adults: Contact Cathy Peckham at 739-3817 or see Cathy at the organ after Mass for more information.
Youth & Children: Contact Lily Barr at 739-8214 or Lily.Barr@dor.org for more information and to sign-up!



## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

November traditionally is the month when we remember our faithful departed. Our Church has long set aside this period of time to join with those who mourn and to rejoice in the deep faith that calls us to see beyond time and space and realize the existence of life after death. For all in the northeastern part of our country, it is a time of year of dying —it is dark in the morning and dark approaches late in the afternoon. It is a time of year when trees lose their leaves, summer flowers are gone, and, other than the winter snow, the earth seems to be at rest. There is almost a natural call to reflect on dying and rising.

Occasionally when in the presence of a person who is about to pass, I will hear the person verbalize about a person they look forward to seeing or an adventure they believe they are beginning. Sometimes they have had visions of what is ahead and they anxiously look to embrace it. At times, there is an anomaly, the family weeping the anticipated death, and the dying person anticipating the future. Very often, we draw strength from those who are leaving us, or who have left us. Perhaps they will say or do something which helps us to move to the next step. As people of faith, we don't often think of how dynamic our faith is and how it does move us even when we believe we cannot be moved. November invites us to be part of the process and simply not a bystander.

When I listen to eulogies at funerals, rarely do I hear about business achievements, bank or investment accounts, buildings or politics. What I hear is about a person's character, relationships, lessons learned, examples given, and perhaps the most important, the virtue of love. The speaker will give witness to those intangible aspects of human life that somehow the deceased made tangible and real. The eulogy speaks of the interweaving of human life and the very real fact that most of those qualities extend beyond death. While these may be reflections of the past, they speak of living today and the promise of experiencing them again in the presence of God. Such eulogies remind us of life after death and that mourning is real and also about healing.

As we journey through these November days, the Church invites us to remember our loved ones who have passed. It is important to remember because we are people of memory. There is always a certain sadness when we experience death, as well as an occasional wish to have our loved ones come back to us. However, we are reminded that God gives us real time in our world to live our life, and has given eternal time to those who have left us. We are a faith people believing in life after death and reuniting with loved ones and friends. All is not lost, everything can be gained.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, November 9 - Dedication of Lateran Basilica**
6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor**
6:45 a.m. - Special Intention of Kavita Samaroo

**Wednesday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours**
6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

**Thursday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**
6:45 a.m. - Teri Guardi - Bob

**Friday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**
6:45 a.m. - Deceased members of Madison & Healy families - Pat Madison

**Saturday, November 14**
5:00 p.m. - Suzanne Kordyl - Mom, Jack, Chris & family

**Sunday, November 15 - Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. - Ann & Lloyd Phillips - Johnson family
10:30 a.m. - James Bramble - Bramble family

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED:

The month of November ends with Thanksgiving. It is a holiday when we are invited not only to be grateful for what we have but also to anticipate what will be. As we gather at our homes and tables, we pray for one another, remember the past, but also dream for the future. And what comes immediately after Thanksgiving—the season of Advent. The sacred time of a new beginning, anticipated confirmation of hope, and dreaming of the Second Coming. November is a dynamic month filled with all kinds of human emotions. It is a time to reach into our hearts and remember to be grateful, shed an occasional tear, laugh a lot, dream, and remember that we are children of an ever-lasting God.

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

Fr. L.

## BLESSING FOR VETERANS

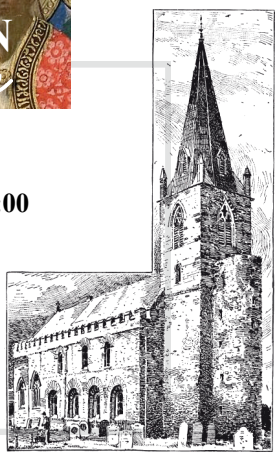
O God,
Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country.
Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs:
physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support.

Amen.






**11-8 Confirmation Class & Litany of the Saints**
**11-10 Tuesday Program**
**11-14 OCIA/OCIC & Adult Faith Formation at 6:00**
**11-15 Coffee Hour**
**11-17 Tuesday Program**
**11-21 Youth Group**
**11-26 Thanksgiving**
**11-29 Advent**



# COFFEE & DONUT HOUR



## November 15, 2026

### O'BRIEN HALL

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

St. Mary our Mother Faith Formation

## 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!
→ Join us for Foundations of Faith & OCIA on **Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 in O'Brien Hall.**
***Open to all!***
For more information, contact Lily Barr, lily.barr@dor.org




## REGISTRATION IS ALWAYS OPEN!

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

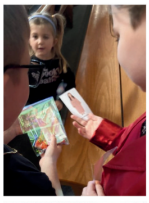
## All Hallow's Eve Fun!

Our Tuesday Program had a great time going 'souling' for treats! We had such a wonderful mixture of fun costumes and saints joining us to learn about the Catholic roots of Halloween!
All you Holy Men and Women, Pray for Us!











## MINISTERIAL STAFF

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**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
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# ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

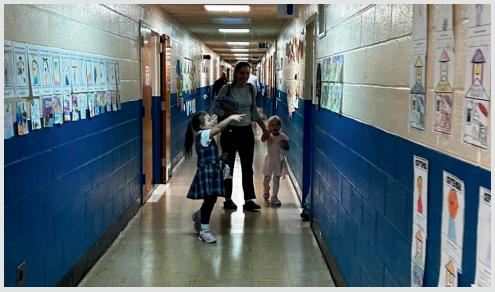
## *Parent-Teacher Conferences*

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to come together as a school community for Parent-Teacher Conferences on Friday, November 20th. These meetings provide a special time for teachers and families to celebrate each student's growth, share successes, and discuss ways to continue supporting their learning journey. Partnership between home and school is such a vital part of our students' success, and we deeply appreciate the care, time, and dedication of our parents and guardians. These conferences are not just about academics—they are about nurturing the whole child and strengthening the connections that make our school community so special. We are grateful for the partnership between families and our school staff, which allows our students to grow spiritually, academically, and personally. Parent Teacher Conferences provide a meaningful opportunity to strengthen these connections and celebrate the successes of our students.

Blessings,

*Mrs. Heather Bill*

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School



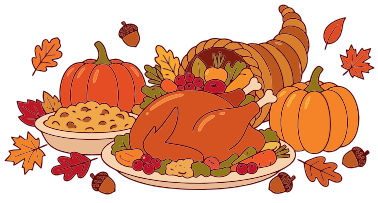



## PANTRY REQUESTS FOR THANKSGIVING

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, the Horseheads Food Pantry is requesting donations of these traditional Thanksgiving foods.

- Canned meats
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- Stuffing mixes
- Gravy packets
- Jiffy cornbread mixes
- Pie crust mix
- Canned pie filling (apple, pumpkin)
- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Boxed cereals

The pantry Staff hopes to be able to supply each family that comes in within the next month with these popular Thanksgiving foods. Can you donate one or more of these? Please bring them to the church , and place them in the pantry cart in the vestibule. Your continued support of the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated.



## THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

**Matthew 25:1-13**

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

— Father John Muir

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