

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

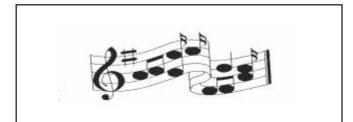
MISSION STATEMENT

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

August 18, 2019



Our Adult Choir will begin rehearsals Sunday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All adults and students in high school or older are invited to join. The Adult Choir sings at all 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses from September through mid-June and the special liturgies of Christmas and Holy Week. New members are always welcome!

The Adult Choir will begin singing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass next **Sunday, September 8th.** Please arrive by 9:45 a.m.

Our **Children's Choir** rehearsals begin on **Thursday, September 12th** from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. in the church. All students in grades 2 - 6 are invited to join. Sign up forms are at the back of the church and may be returned through the collection basket or directly to the parish or school offices. The Children's Choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass every first weekend of the month throughout the school year. They also sing at Lessons and Carols, the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass, and Palm and Easter Sundays.

The **Youth Choir** - singers from grades 7-12 are invited to join. Rehearsals begin **Sunday, September 15th** at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Cathy Peckham if you are interested.

The Resurrection Choir provides music for all our funeral liturgies. If you are interested in joining, please contact Cathy Peckham at 739-3817.

New cantors and instrumentalists are encouraged to share their talents. Please contact Cathy Peckham at 739-3817.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL 15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration has begun for the 15th annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic. The Captain & Crew tournament will be held on **Sunday, September 29th** (12:30 p.m. shot-gun start) at the Elmira Country Club. This is one of our biggest fund-raisers of the year, and we invite our school, parish and community partners to help by supporting this event. The day consists of an 18-hole round of golf, a delicious dinner, along with a 50/50 and prize raffle.

Even if you are not a golfer, we invite you to join us for the post-golf dinner and raffles. Sponsors and golfers are asked to submit a registration form, along with payment, to the school office at 811 Westlake Street, Horseheads, NY 14845. Checks should be made payable to *St. Mary Our Mother School*. Registration forms ae located on the table opposite the church bulletin board or at the school office. Please call the school office at 739-9157 with any questions.



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2019/2020 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel Saturday, 3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church Sunday, 5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Anna Albanese Kwadwo Boateng Ann Marie Barnic Angelo Tesoriero

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr & family

Votive Candle:

In memory of Katie Mandeville - Cathy & David Peckham **Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her children & grandchildren

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Main Altar Arrangement: (2) In loving memory of Judi Lynch – her husband, Ben Chapel candle flowers: In memory of Raymond E. Benedict – his wife, Mary Ellen For our friend, Bill Dominikoski – your 6:45 AM Mass family Blessed Mother – Church:

Happy birthday sister, Kathy Morehouse -- Joanne Belloma

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

In memory of Ross F. Quatrano – Mary Anne Quatrano-Holleran

Credence Table (table behind the altar):

In loving memory of my husband, Larry Borum, happy birthday – Joanne and family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - August 25, 201921st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEFirst Reading:Isaiah 66:18-21Second Reading:Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13Gospel:Luke 13:22-30

July 7, 2019	
Sunday Offering:	\$10,327.07
	July 14, 2019
Sunday Offering:	\$11,110.60
Sunday Offering:	July 21, 2019 \$8,615.40
	July 28, 2019
Sunday Offering:	\$7,482.50
	August 4, 2019
Sunday Offering:	\$11,935.00
	August 11, 2019
Sunday Offering:	\$9,325.82

STEWARDSHIP

IN OUR PARISH

Where Does Our Donated Food Go?

In the vestibule of our Church, there is a food cart to collect donations of food for those in need. All food goes to the Horseheads Food Pantry which is located in the Horseheads Presbyterian Church Annex. This pantry began back in 1982 and was originally located in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the Village of Horseheads. Several years ago it moved and became housed in its present location. The pantry is supported by seven Christian churches: Breesport Methodist, Community Wesleyan, First United Methodist, Horseheads Presbyterian, Pine Valley Methodist, St. Mary Our Mother Catholic and St. Matthew's Episcopal churches.

The pantry serves the families of the Horseheads school district, Elmira Heights, and the outlying rural areas such as Erin, Breesport and Montour Falls. Its clients are generally able to receive food once a month, but are able to receive more often in emergency or extenuating circumstances. Most of the food given out is food that is donated through voluntary collections at each of the churches, and occasionally by other organizations. Some other food items needed, but not necessarily donated, can be bought from the Food Bank by the pantry with donated funds. It is also through this pantry that we at St. Mary Our Mother obtain access to the families and individuals whom we serve through our Christmas Basket program.

The Horseheads Food Pantry has two co-directors, Kathy McNulty and Janice Kinney, who have been doing this for many years. Monetary donations can be brought or sent to the Horseheads Food Pantry at Horseheads Presbyterian Church, 2943 Westinghouse Road, Horseheads. If you encounter people in need of help, please share this information with them. The pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2:00 p.m. Also, remember, you are welcome to visit the pantry and look around during these hours. We thank our parishioners who have been supporting the pantry with their donations of food and funds.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I am sure that many of you have heard the phrase "Common sense is not all that common." Recently, a friend shared with me the following article, which was printed in the London Times. I hope you enjoy it. It is entitled, *"The Obituary of the late Mr. Common Sense"*.

Today, we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come out of the rain;

s: Knowing when to come out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge.) His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; a teen suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Tylenol, sun lotion, or a band-aid to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to recognize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little on her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by his five stepchildren: I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, I'm A Victim, and Pay Me For Doing Nothing.

Not many attended his funeral because so few knew he was gone. If you knew him, remember him, and what he taught. If not, just join the majority and do nothing.

Some interesting insights on "Common Sense"!

Have a great week. Take care of each other. See you in church!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 19 - Weekday

6:45 AM Special intention of Sheila Kingsley - her family

Tuesday, August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

- 6:45 AM Special intention of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family
- Wednesday, August 21 St. Pius X, Pope

6:45 AM Robert Sullivan - his friend, John Palladino Thursday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Martyn Reimsnyder - daughter, Nancy Friday, August 23 - Weekday

- 6:45 AM Anna Albanese Mauri family
- Saturday, August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle

5:00 PM Geraldine Miles - St. Mary Our Mother Lazarus Society

Sunday, August 25 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 AM Catherine Mandell her family
- 10:30 AM Ann Ponzi Karen O'Connor
- 5:00 PM Regional Mass St.Patrick

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Blood Emergency

You may have heard that the Red Cross is in an emergency appeal. The Red Cross has less than a threeday supply of most blood types and less than a two-day supply of type O blood. Donations are needed now to replenish the blood supply and YOU can help! The next blood drive is being held on Wednesday, August 28th -Noon until 6:00 p.m. at Horseheads Elks Lodge. Walkins are welcome! Can the Red Cross count on you to help?

Discover the Catholic Church

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic? Have you been baptized in another Christian tradition and now want to join the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic but did not follow up with celebrating the other sacraments, but now wish to enter into full membership in the Church? If so, our RCIA program is for you.

What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of learning what the Catholic Church believes and teaches, of growing in one's faith and relationship with God, and of discerning what it means to be a member of the Catholic faith community.

Who typically attends RCIA?

- Those who have never been baptized are interested in the Catholic faith.
- Baptized Christians who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and joining the Catholic Church.
- Those who were baptized Catholic but not fully catechized and not having received Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Non-Catholics married to Catholics and wanting to more fully understand the Catholic faith.

- What are the expectations of the program? ~ Weekly participation in a group or individually depending on your prior faith formation.
- Weekly participation at Sunday Mass and reflecting on the Sunday scriptures.
- Spending time with God in prayer and being open to the call of God in your life.

When are RCIA sessions held?

Our RCIA groups for the fall are now forming. Sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 17th and continue until the end of April. Classes for adults (ages fourteen and up) will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and classes for youth (ages 8 to 13) will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, to register for classes, or to just talk about the process needed for your situation, please contact Liz Berliner at home at 796-9702 or at eberliner43@gmail.com.

If you know anyone who might benefit from such a program, please share this information with them.

Praver for Military

We lift up in prayer each day those who are serving our country, especially those in harm's way.

Mass Intention

Would you like to offer a Mass intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for a living or deceased person or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intention(s). Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to schedule.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor Rev. Richard F. Kajiru, In Residence Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo, Coordinator of Faith Formation Mrs. Cathy Peckham, Director of Music Mrs. Jean Yorio, School Principal Mr. Richard O'Lenick, Business Manager Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner, RCIA Coordinator Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo, Parish Secretary Mrs. Jeanne Carney, Facilities Coordinator Mrs. Maribeth Leipold, Faith Formation Secretary Mrs. Amy Barr, Faith Formation Associate Mrs. Sue Wood, Bulletin Editor Mr. Doug Johnson, Cemetery Manager Mrs. Kim Roemmelt, School Secretary Ms. Jenna Crandall, Maintenance Mr. Todd Stewart, Maintenance **PASTORAL COUNCIL** Mr. Vincent Moschetti, Chairperson Mrs. Richelle Riina, Recording Secretary **CONTACT INFORMATION** Parish Office E-mail.....smomc@stny.rr.com Parish Web Sitewww.StMaryOurMother.com St. Mary Our Mother School E-mail.....smoms@dor.org School Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school **Religious Education Office** 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214 E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS Diocesan Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Newsletter

The summer quarterly diocesan CASE newsletter is available online at <u>https://www.dor.org/protecting-our-children/newsletters/</u>. There are also copies available in the vestibule of the church.

Confirmation Preparation

The Confirmation preparation process is a two-year program as determined by the Diocese of Rochester. If you have a student entering 8th grade or above in the fall who would like to begin their preparation for Confirmation, registration forms are available in the vestibule or contact the Faith Formation office at <u>smomfaithformation@gmail.com</u> or at 739-8214 to request a form.

Pre-registration is required. Registration forms can be emailed, mailed to St. Mary Our Mother, Faith Formation Office, 816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY 14845 or dropped off at the parish office.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

Are you planning a summer party? Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the poor. You can drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call Barbara at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

Religious Education Fall Registration

Plans for fall programs are being made and registrations are being accepted for the <u>Tuesday afternoon program (grades K-6), Home Study</u> (grades1-Jr. High), and <u>Tuesday Evening Jr. High</u>. Registration forms are available in the narthex or contact the Faith Formation Office at <u>smomfaithformation@gmail.com</u> or call 739-8214 if you would like further information.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS Food Bank of the Southern Tier

St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group will be volunteering at the Food Bank on **Thursday**, **August 29th** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to help sort and repack food and grocery items for distribution to neighbors in need throughout the Southern Tier. This event is open to all students entering 5th-12th grade.

If you would like to help, please register on the Food Bank website for the "St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group" time slot. Please feel free to call 739-8214 or email <u>smomfaithformation@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

We hope to see you there!



