



# 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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August 25, 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

Our Religious Education classes begin on the following dates:

**Tuesday Program** - September 17th at  
3:45 - 5:00 p.m. in the parish school

**Home Study** - Thursday, September 19th -  
kick-off meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Chapel

**Confirmation Classes** - Sunday,  
September 8th at 6:30 p.m. in O'Brien  
Hall (parent/candidate meeting)

To register, please complete a registration form. For questions, please contact Barbara Matterazzo at 739-8214 or [smomfaithformatoin@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformatoin@gmail.com).



## 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 are located on the table opposite the church bulletin board or at the school office. Please

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Monday, August 26**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

**Saturday, August 31**

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

**Sunday, September 1**

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Gary Lake

Keith Layton

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Theresa Bonsignore Knapp - Mike & Ann  
Bonsignore***Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of John & Stella (Mildred) Palladino - their  
children***Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Carmen Zito (on our wedding  
anniversary) - wife, Jennie***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***In memory of Florence Ruocco – Bob and Marianne Kosty  
In memory of Georgine Rohrer – Kathy Lovell***Chapel Candle Flowers:***(2) Happy birthday, Mom, Delores Mix – JoAnne Belloma***Blessed Mother – Church:***In celebration of family and friends – Tyler, Ellen and  
Harvey Kent***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***In celebration of family and friends – Tyler, Ellen and  
Harvey Kent***Credence Table (table behind the altar):***In loving memory of deceased members of the Anderson  
family – Ann and George Gresock***FLOWER DONATION SIGN-UPS**

Flowers in the Church and the chapel are always available to remember special people - living or deceased - or special times in our lives. Please check the forms on the church bulletin board. Thank you!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - September 1, 2019****22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

**IN OUR PARISH****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](mailto:eberliner43@gmail.com).

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

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

With the beginning of the 2019-20 school year only ten days away, I thought it appropriate to share with you various comments from families whose children either attend or have in the past attended St. Mary Our Mother School. Taking a cue from David Letterman, you might want to entitle the following as the:

**Top Ten Reasons Families Choose St. Mary Our Mother School**

*Higher standard for student achievement, rigorous curriculum, and a strong moral foundation rooted in faith.*

*Family feel and community*

*Kevin is an alumni of St. Mary Our Mother School and has strong relationships in the community from his experience at the school. Faith based and strong curriculum.*

*We wanted to choose a school that reflected our faith values- - academic excellence, faith-based community, and having God ever present in our lives.*

*Catholic students are given lessons that will give them a strong moral and ethical foundation to help them make the right decision during situations that are not clearly black and white. In essence, Catholic schools encourage each student to accept the challenges of being a better person in tomorrow's world. They do this by stressing the values of self-discipline and commitment.*

*The first time we walked through the door at St. Mary Our Mother School (looking for the right school for our children), it was like getting a big hug, and we knew this was the place. Seven years later we appreciate the family-like community and strong academics! So glad we are part of this school.*

*We love St. Mary Our Mother School because of the strong sense of community and excellent education. The teachers and staff are dedicated to providing the best education to each individual student - academically, socially, and spiritually.*

*Families at St. Mary Our Mother School have and strive for high academic standards, as well as similar values, morals, and ethics. Children are happy, loved, respected, and safe. You are not just part of a school, you are part of a greater family - God's family. The faculty and staff strive to raise children who will make a positive, impacting difference in the world.*

*We chose St. Mary Our Mother School for its friendly and caring atmosphere and focus on teaching core values*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Monday, August 26 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Dorisanne Reed - Jane Gallagher

**Tuesday, August 27 - St. Monica**

6:45 AM Gary Pfaff (Happy Anniversary) - Delores Brown

**Wednesday, August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

**Thursday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

**Friday, August 30 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Daniel Rogozinski - Mom

**Saturday, August 31 - Weekday**

5:00 PM Howard Coddington - his family

**Sunday, September 1 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - her family

10:30 AM Joseph LeMark - Barbara Perry & Carol Miller

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

*as well as academics. After we toured the school, we couldn't imagine sending our kindergartener at the time, anywhere else.*

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**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE (continued)**

*We chose St. Mary Our Mother School not only for the excellent faith-based academic foundation, but because we felt like part of a family the minute we walked through the door.*

Registration is still open for St. Mary Our Mother School for the 2019-2020 academic year. Please call the school office at 739-9157 for further information or to schedule a tour. Our school principal, **Mrs. Jean Yorio**, will answer any questions you may have.

Have a great week, and enjoy these August days. See you in church!

Fr. L.

**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 three-day 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 **Wednesday, August 28th** - noon until 6:00 p.m. at Horseheads Elks Lodge. Walk-ins are welcome! Can the Red Cross count on you to help?

**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.

**Prayer for Military**

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

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Horseheads Food Pantry**

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for canned salmon or fish for the month of August. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

**Caring for God's Creation**

The average U.S. worker uses about 500 throw-away cups per year. Please try to bring a reusable cup with you and please try to avoid foam cups. Coffee shops are often willing to fill your reusable cup rather than using a throw-away cup. *"Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change."* ~ Pope Francis

**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
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- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Parish Office**
- 816 West Broad Street ..... (607)-739-3817
- Fax ..... (607)-739-5628
- E-mail..... smomc@stny.rr.com
- Parish Web Site.....www.StMaryOurMother.com
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street ..... (607)-739-9157
- 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 <https://www.dor.org/protecting-our-children/newsletters/>. 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 [smomfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformation@gmail.com) 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

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**Food Bank of the Southern Tier**

St. Mary Our Mother Youth Group will be volunteering at the Food Bank this **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 [smomfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformation@gmail.com) with any questions.

We hope to see you there!

**REFLECTION**

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as He went and making His way to Jerusalem. Someone asked Him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." - Lk 13:22-24a

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