



# 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.



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September 1, 2019

## 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 [smomfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformation@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 call the school office at 739-9157 with any questions.



Our **Adult Choir** will begin rehearsals next **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.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Wednesday, September 4**

6:30 PM Social Ministry committee - rectory

**Friday, September 6**

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration - chapel

**Saturday, September 7**

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

**Sunday, September 8**

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

6:30 PM Confirmation Parent/Candidate meeting - school

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

**SUNDAY - September 8, 2019****23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

**IN OUR PARISH****Thinking of Becoming Catholic?**

If you (or someone you know) are not Catholic and are curious about the Catholic faith, or if you are a baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, we invite you to come to our RCIA sessions. This set of sessions will help to learn what Catholics believe and prepare you to receive the sacraments of the Catholic faith.

These sessions are held in St. Mary Our Mother School and will begin on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and will meet on every Tuesday in accordance with the Horseheads school calendar. For youth, ages 8 through middle school age, they are from 3:45-5:00 pm. For high schoolers and adults, the session will be held from 7:00-8:30 pm.

If you have questions, are in need of more information, or wish to register, please contact Liz Berliner, RCIA facilitator, at 796-9702.

**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.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Millie Ziminski

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:**

*In memory of deceased members of Josef Rogers family - Palladino family*

**Votive Candle:**

*In loving memory of our friend, "Big Tom" Cincebox - Joyce & Dick*

**Eucharistic Hosts:**

*In memory of Dorothy Palladino Rickard - brother & sisters*

**FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:**

*(2) Have a blessed birthday, Deloris Sherwood - Lois Frederick*

**Chapel candle flowers:**

*In loving memory of dad, Robert Mix - JoAnne Belloma*

*In loving memory of sister, Mary Lou Havens -- JoAnne Belloma*

**Blessed Mother - Church:**

*In celebration of Dee Sherwood - the Alsworth family*

**Blessed Mother - Chapel:**

*In thanksgiving - Deloris Sherwood*

**Credence Table (table behind the altar):**

*Happy birthday, JoAnne Belloma - Dolores Mix*

**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!

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:00 p.m. this coming **Friday, September 6th.**

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Another Labor Day is upon us! For many, this weekend signals the end of summer activities. With schools opening this week, many summer vacations are winding down, and autumn not too far away, it is time to savor the Labor Day weekend. Many families and groups of friends have a Labor Day gathering as a signal that another summer season is coming to an end. With this in mind, we need to stop and appreciate the meaning of this civil holiday.

When America was founded, most of the people were either farmers, men of the sea, or involved in some related fields. As people moved inland, and with people becoming more aware of how enormous America really was, it was natural for people to choose other professions - even that of the discernor. As the railroad developed, mining of the many natural resources of our country became a way of life and help build the country. As technology was refined, labor took on a new face. The more traditional modes of work remained, but the American thirst for innovation became prominent.

Labor became organized; unions found their niche in society; and there was greater emphasis on the dignity of the working person, not just the one who owned the company. Labor Day developed as a way of showcasing the backbreaking labor that made America strong, independent, self-sufficient, and a provider for the world. The early Labor Day parades were made up of the common Joe who went to work, took pride in what he did, was paid a fair wage, and reminded the country of her pride in her citizens. Such parades were not to highlight the politicians or those involved in local government, but to highlight those who went to work day after day.

At times, there is a tendency to forget about these basic qualities of our day-to-day lives. For example, we may go to a store to purchase a certain item, and never stop to think about how that item came to be - who worked to make sure that the store shelves are filled. With the continuing struggling economy, we hear of layoffs, businesses closing, production reductions, and more people out of work. We tend to highlight our laborers when things are not going well and take them for granted when everything runs smoothly.

Our country continues to depend on those who go to work daily. It may be in hospitals, in stores or businesses, in restaurants, in factories, in schools, in research laboratories, on university and college campuses, in cemeteries, on public projects, at secretarial and custodial care activities. Whenever labor happens, American citizens are there making it happen. This weekend is for you! While it has become a national holiday where we rest from our labors, we do so to appreciate those who do labor. Dignity is an important quality that everyone is entitled to - Labor Day is a reminder of that dignity.

God has given each of us certain gifts and talents.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Monday, September 2 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - their family

**Tuesday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

6:45 AM Charly Graves - his wife, Jan

**Wednesday, September 4 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Fr. Mac - the Castle family

10:00 AM (Maple Creek) Special Intention

**Thursday, September 5 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Ann Ponzi - Theresa Serdinow

**Friday, September 6 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Lillian Henry - St. Mary Our Mother Social Ministry committee

**Saturday, September 7 - Weekday**

5:00 PM Sue Beering - her family

**Sunday, September 8 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Lillian Henry - Sharyn & Dennis Taets

10:30 AM Leon, Sophie & Andrew Jurusik - Mike Jurusik

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

God has also given us the opportunity to improve and refine those gifts and talents. We have mentors to assist us in this process, with the hope that one day we might become mentors ourselves.

We need to ask ourselves whether we are indeed using the gifts and talents God has given us in such a way that they are at the service of others and helping us improve our lives. We also need to refine our life experience as we continue to grow.

As you enjoy this Labor Day weekend, take a moment and appreciate all that you have that is the product of another's labor. Pause and offer a prayer for our nation's foundation of strength - the American worker. And remember to appreciate who you are, and who, with the help of God, you might become!

Have an enjoyable Labor Day weekend. See you in church!

Fr. L.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

The Horseheads Food Pantry has two co-directors, Kathy McNulty and Janice Kinney, who have been doing this for many years. Monetary donations may 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 potatoes for the month of September. 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

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After the recent introduction in the U.S. Congress of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, Bishop Frank Dewane (Venice, FL), Chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, welcomed the legislation as an important step forward in addressing climate change. He states, *“this bipartisan bill is a hopeful sign that, more and more, climate change is beginning to be seen as a crucial moral issue; one that concerns all people. If enacted, this proposal is expected to result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. At a time when the dangerous effects of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent, the need for legislative solutions like this is more urgent than ever.”*

**EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP**

I love the verse in Sirach where it says, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion**

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion begins on **September 15th**.

An orientation meeting for both parent and child, is scheduled for September 15th at 12:30 p.m. in the church. If you have a child at least 7 years old who has completed at least one full year of religious education (either in a parish program or at a catholic school) and is enrolled in a religion program this year, please contact the Faith Formation office for a registration form that must be completed and returned to our office before the meeting. Also, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is needed before starting the process.

Contact the Faith Formation office by phone at 607-739-8214 or email at [smomfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformation@gmail.com).

**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.

**Returnable Bottles and Cans**

Have you had 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 Horseheads Food Pantry. 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.

**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.

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