

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

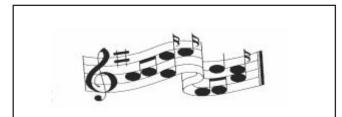
MISSION STATEMENT

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

September 8, 2019



Our Adult Choir will begin rehearsals today, 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.

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 <u>smomfaithformation@gmail.com</u>.



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
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5:00 PM	Mary Queen of Peace - chapel
5:00 PM	Parish Life committee - rectory

Tuesday, September 10

5:00 PM Finance Council - rectory 7:30 PM Wounded Healers - school

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 PM Parish Pastoral Council - rectory

6:00 PM Parent information night - school

Thursday, September 12

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Saturday, September 14

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, September 15

12:30 PM First Reconciliation parent/candidate meeting - church
5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

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- 5:00 PM Regional Mass St. Patrick
- 6:00 PM Confirmation candidate meeting school
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle & Votive Candle & Eucharisti Hosts & Sacramental Wine:

In loving memory of Loretta Meade - her sons, Alan and Sheldon

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Main Altar Arrangement: In thanksgiving - Jeff & Hanne O'Donnell

Chapel Candle Flowers:

In memory of deceased family members of Gresock family - George & Ann Gresock

Blessed Mother – Church:

Special Intention - Joy Anderson

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

In thanksgiving - Franca & George Lazzaris

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 15, 2019

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading: Evodus 32:7-11 13-14

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Second Reading:	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel:	Luke 15:1-32

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 17th 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.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This past Wednesday, **St. Mary Our Mother School** opened its doors for the 61st consecutive year. St. Mary Our Mother School welcomed its first students in September, 1959, with an enrollment of 125 students in grades one, two, and three, with a faculty of six Sisters of St. Joseph. A few years later saw the expansion of the school to twice its size due to increasing numbers of students and expanded the number of grades to encompass students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

For the 2019/2020 school year, we have enrolled 127 students in pre-k through grade 6. We are blessed with a dedicated staff, and are proud of the steadfast commitment each teacher, teaching assistant and support staff has to ensuring the success of every student.

The faculty and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School include:

Mrs. Jean Yorio	principal
Mrs. Kelley Roe	assistant principal, AIS
·	teacher
Mrs. Kim Roemmelt	administrative assistant
Mrs. Jill Knuth	pre-k3 teacher
Mrs. Robyn Stowell	teaching assistant
Mrs. Patricia Madison	pre-k4 teacher
Mrs. Sally Heffner	teaching assistant
Mrs. Sandra Hoyt	kindergarten
Mrs. Karen White	1st grade teacher
Mrs. Angela Langendorfe	r 2nd grade teacher
Mrs. Jean Yorio	3rd grade teacher
Mrs. Heather Bill	4th grade teacher
Mrs. Lindsay Clearwater	5th grade teacher
Ms. Colleen Donovan	6th grade teacher
Mrs. Adriana Enright	teaching assistant
Mrs. Susan Nagle	technology teacher/
	coordinator
Mrs. Barbara O'Brien	art teacher/library
Mr. Tom Ketchum	physical education
	teacher
Mrs. Mary Owen	school nurse
Mr. Todd Stewart	maintenance
Ms. Jenna Crandall	maintenance

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of St. Mary Our Mother School, I offer my thanks to you - the people of St. Mary Our Mother - for your continued interest and faithful support of our parish school. May all who make St. Mary Our Mother School what it is - a faith filled education - enjoy a grace filled year!

Have a great week. See you in church!

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:45 AM Dr. Blanche Borzell - Spaulding family

- Tuesday, September 10 Weekday
- 6:45 AM Sam Aloi Jane Gallagher
- Wednesday, September 11 Weekday
- 6:45 AM Milton Mendonca Richard & Mary Helen Hall & family
- 10:30 AM (Courtyard) Special Intention
- Thursday, September 12 Weekday
- 6:45 AM Ken Mills Pat Perkins

Friday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom. Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Mary Ann Andrade - Don & Jan Temple Saturday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy

Cross

5:00 PM Marian Kwasnowski - Barbara & Bob Van Burger

Sunday, September 15 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Roy Farr - his loving family

10:30 AM Mark Milford - Al Mallette & Linda Gardner & family

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ.

This is the "why" of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 Westinghouse Presbyterian Church. 2943 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

Caring for God's Creation

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."

PRAYER FOR PEACE

I think we all remember where we were on 9/11. We saw the tower fall and we saw the selfless first responders run toward the falling towers and debris without concern for their well-being, but for that of the fallen men and women. This is the model of patriotism, and why we now celebrate Patriot Day. Let us pray...

O God of selfless love, we are a blest people to have a God like you. You instill your love for us into the hearts of your human creatures. Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge You, Your love for us still shines through. We ask Your blessing upon all first responders today and ask You to protect them and their families. Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds, which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism. We ask all this in Your peace.

Amen.

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
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Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner, RCIA Coordinator
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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.

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.

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 <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.



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