



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

November 17, 2019

OUR CMA CAMPAIGN PRAYER

O God, our loving Creator and
Giver of all good gifts,
bless our parish, strengthen our faith
and grant us the spirit of Christian
Stewardship so that we
may give generously of our time,
talent and treasure to the
building of Your Kingdom here in our
church and throughout the world.

We pray for your help in
achieving success in this
campaign so that we can
help others
throughout our diocese.

This we ask through
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit One God,
now and forever.

Amen

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On **December 8th**, our Parish Life Committee will hold a *"Breakfast with Santa"*, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited. Bring your family, your wish lists for Santa and your cameras. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee/tea/milk. The cost of the breakfast is \$5.00 for adults; \$12.00 for families. In keeping with the Advent season and the Christmas spirit, we ask that each person bring a non-perishable food item for our parish Social Ministry Committee's Christmas basket efforts. This has been a wonderful event for our parish in past years, so you won't want to miss it! If you are interested in volunteering to help with "Breakfast with Santa", please contact Wilma Sullivan at 731-8085.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This weekend, **November 16th & 17th**, we will have an opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. This communal anointing is intended for all those who are in need of the healing touch of God's grace and the comforting presence of God's spirit as they face illness of any kind.

The prayer of the church during the Anointing of the Sick is for comfort, relief, and where possible, healing. The anointing always offers the deeper healing of God's love to our hearts. The anointing also invites us to be open to the possibility of physical, emotional, and mental healing as well.

Those who have difficulty in walking are encouraged to sit in the Narthex area of the church, in our church's "accessible-seating" area. You may also choose to sit in one of the front pews of the church.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The 29th annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at the **First United Methodist Church** of Horseheads on Sunday, **December 1st at 5:00 p.m.** The church address is 1034 West Broad Street. Once again our choirs and guests from other churches will be joining forces to present a wonderful evening of song, carols and readings. This service is guaranteed to put your heart and soul in the right place for Christmas. Mark your calendars and plan to spend time reveling in the joy of the Advent/Christmas season.

UNITED WAY

Please remember to "write in" St. Mary Our Mother School on your United Way pledge card. Many of our parents (and grandparents) do remember us each year with a write in pledge. However, other United Way donors don't even realize that St. Mary Our Mother School is a write-in option. If you have any questions, please call the school at 739-9157.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, November 18

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - school

Tuesday, November 19

3:45 PM Religious Education - school
 3:45 PM RCIA - school
 6:00 PM Quilter's prayer group - school
 6:30 PM First Reconciliation celebration - church

Thursday, November 21

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Friday, November 22

9:30 AM Ladies Prayer group - rectory

Saturday, November 23

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, November 24

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

STEWARDSHIP

October 6, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$11,549.50

October 13, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$9,185.23

October 20, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$8,838.45

October 27, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$9,427.00

November 3, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$11,477.48

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - November 24, 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
 Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
 Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Bridget Kathleen (Gedatus) Tierno
 Mary Woodard

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Main Altar Arrangement:

(2) *In memory of Katherine and William Callahan –
 Barbara and Milton Simpson*

Chapel candle flowers:

*In loving memory of Mom and Mike – Joyce Murray
 In loving memory of my mom, Terry – Skip Root*

Blessed Mother – Church:

In thanksgiving for family – Mary Anne Quatrano- Holleran

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

*In loving memory of Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma,
 Teresa Mallette – Linda Gardner and family*

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Sign-up sheets for Christmas flower memorials are posted on the church bulletin board and will be available through **December 1st**.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donation for the week is as follows:

- Sanctuary candle \$10.00
- Icon candle \$10.00
- Sacramental wine \$15.00
- Eucharistic bread (hosts) \$10.00

IN OUR PARISH

Bake Sale

Our Parish Life committee is holding a bake sale after all Masses next **Saturday, November 23rd** and **Sunday, November 24th**. The proceeds of this sale will benefit our school. If you would like to help by baking, please bring your baked goods to the back of the church before any Mass next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Hands of Christ 2020

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior of the Class of 2020 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

- Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude 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 Parish.*

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. These registration forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. The date nominations are due in the parish office is **November 25th**.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The annual Catholic Ministries Appeal is well underway! I hope all parishioners will join me in offering a financial gift to this year's appeal. These donations fund the day-to-day operations of the Diocese of Rochester. Without such generosity, the diocese could not continue to support our parishes, including St. Mary Our Mother, and fulfill our mission.

Recently, the Office of Stewardship and Communications forwarded the following article entitled, "*How and When Your CMA Gift is Used.*"

When your gift is received, we utilize it immediately for current operations. The CMA supports offices, personnel and ministries that provide assistance and resources to parishes, pastors, parish ministers, and Pastoral and Financial Councils through such offices as Safe Environment, Information Technology, Evangelization and Catechesis, Pastoral Services, Finance, Building/Property Management, Stewardship and Communications, the Tribunal, and Risk Management. In fact, the CMA funds nearly 60 percent of the current diocesan operating budget in seven key areas:

Serving the poor, the elderly and infirm through Catholic Charities;

providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes and institutions;

educating the young and young adults in the Catholic faith in our schools, parish religious education programs, and on college campuses;

funding the ministries of Bishop Matano, the New York State Catholic conference, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Vatican;

funding operations & support of the Pastoral Center, including maintenance and capital improvements;

supporting the fundraising efforts of the CMA campaign, such as the cost of mailings, gift and date processing and staffing;

a detailed allocations chart is available at www.dor.org/cma;

all funds raised in the CMA are used for programs, services and ministries. No CMA contributions are used in the settlement of legal cases;

May I ask that you make your pledge to the CMA as soon as possible. If all parishioners participate in this year's appeal, we can achieve our goal of \$122,209. Your gift can be paid in installments through May, 2020.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 18 - Weekday

6:45 AM Donald Curbeau - Donna & Carl Hammond

Tuesday, November 19 - Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of Fae & Puglisi families
- Franca & George Lazzaris

Wednesday, November 20 - Weekday

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

10:30 AM (Hickory Knoll) Special Intention

Thursday, November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Sergio Lazzaris - Don & Deb Thomson & family

Friday, November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

6:45 AM Chester Wawrzusin - Ray Wawrzusin

Saturday, November 23 - Weekday

5:00 PM Deceased members of the Curtin family - family

Sunday, November 24 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 AM Mass of thanksgiving on the 56th wedding anniversary of Pat & Ed Baker

10:30 AM Jasper Daly - his loving family

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

Additional pledge cards can be found in the vestibule. If you didn't receive a pledge card in the mail, please call the parish office, and we will mail a pledge card to you.

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

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Ladies' Prayer Group

Please join us every other Friday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the rectory meeting room (basement). Our next meeting is November 22nd.

The format includes prayer time, discussion relating to a specific topic, book, or article chosen by the group relevant to our faith.

Parishioners, new and longstanding, are welcome and encouraged to join us. If you would like further information, please contact Sue at 607-795-4230 or email susancites@stny.rr.com.

Advertising Sponsorships

We will be working on updating the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin this week. Please consider advertising in our bulletin.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please call 607-624-9580. Thank you in advance for your support, and please patronize our advertisers!

Cemetery News

Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Also, please clearly mark on the back of all decorations with the name of the deceased whose grave you are decorating, so that when the wind carries decorations away, we know where to replace them. The name you put on the reverse side should match the name on the gravestone. Thank you.

Christmas Food Baskets

In anticipation of the needs of families in our area, our Social Ministry Committee is collecting food during October, November and December for the Christmas food baskets. Only **food** items are needed and the following are staple items that we include in each box: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce/marinara, spaghetti or other pasta, tuna fish or canned meat, canned or dried soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, cake mixes, frosting, cookie and muffin mixes, jello or pudding, pancake mix, rice, dried potatoes, stuffing mix, baby food, baby cereal and baby drinks, and hot chocolate mix.

PLEASE - FOOD ONLY - NO COFFEE OR JUICE, NO PAPER PRODUCTS, CLEANERS OR TOILETRIES ARE NEEDED.

Your generous donations are appreciated and may be placed in the cart near the entrance of the church. Shopping lists are located on the table near the food cart to help when purchasing food items at the store.

Christmas Basket Dates

Following are the important dates to keep in mind for our Christmas Basket event:

Saturday & Sunday, November 16th & 17th -

Coordinators will be placing meat and gift tags on trees.

Thursday, December 12th - All gifts must be under the trees.

Friday, December 13th - Coordination of gifts under the trees by family number.

Friday, December 13th, 6:00 p.m. - Sort food

Saturday, December 14th, 8:00 a.m. - Pack food

Saturday, December 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Basket pickup (please note this is a change in date and time)

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**
- 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

FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

In addition to donating cash or checks, there are other tax beneficial ways that you can donate to St. Mary Our Mother School or Parish.

If you are over age 70-1/2 and you have an IRA retirement account, you may be eligible for a tax benefit called a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. This provision in the tax law allows you to make a distribution from your IRA directly to St. Mary Our Mother. Using the QCD option, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to charity and exclude the entire distribution from your gross income for tax purposes. In addition, the distribution can be counted toward your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) that must be withdrawn from your account anyway. This is a nice tax benefit that allows you to reduce your taxable income, regardless of whether you are otherwise eligible to deduct charitable contributions on your tax return. To use the QCD election you will just need to sign a form provided by your IRA account custodian.

In you have appreciated securities, you may be able to save money on capital gains taxes by donating shares to St. Mary Our Mother. You can transfer a stock, bond, mutual fund or exchange traded fund (ETF) position that has appreciated in value, directly to our investment account. We can sell the position for you and use the proceeds. We do not owe capital gains tax on the sale, since we are a qualified non-profit organization. In addition to avoiding capital gains on selling the position, you may also

be able to deduct the value of the security that you donate, as a charitable contribution.

If you hold the appreciated security in a brokerage account, your custodian can provide you with the forms to sign to make the transfer. Please call our parish office for any additional instructions at 607-739-3817.

If you have any questions, or need any clarification, please let us know. We will do everything we can to accommodate and make the donation as easy as possible.

Thank you for your gifts and for all your contributions to St. Mary Our Mother!

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