

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

December 22, 2019



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S/EPIPHANY

CHRISTMAS MASSES Tuesday, December 24, 2019 3:00 p.m. - Christmas Family Mass 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass 10:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Choral Concert 11:00 p.m. - Christmas Mass during the Night

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Mass 11:00 a.m. - Christmas Mass Blessing of Christmas gifts at each morning Mass

Weekend of December 28/29 Regular Weekend Schedule No Saturday Reconciliation

Masses - Mary, Mother of God

5:00 p.m. - Tuesday, December 31st 9:00 a.m. - Wednesday, January 1st

Weekend of January 4/5 Regular weekend schedule

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 29 5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Peter & Paul

MEMORIALS

Advent Candles:

In loving memory of Ann Ponzi - her husband, Phil & family

Sanctuary Candle:

In memory of Mary Woodard - her friends, Joyce & Dick Votive Candle:

In loving memory of my Dad - Franca Lazzaris

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Main Altar Arrangement: In loving memory of parents, Mary and Danny Jenkins – Gail M. Lampman In thanksgiving – King and Teresa Fitzpatrick Chapel flowers: (2) In memory of our son, Phillip – Richard and Maryanne Amisano Blessed Mother – Church: In memory of John and Jean Brazell – Judy Hambruch Blessed Mother – Chapel: For the deceased members of our family – Bill and Pam Kiefer

SCRIPTURE READINGS SUNDAY - December 29, 2019 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Second Reading: Gospel:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 g: Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dawn Andrewlavage Debbie Coburn Diane Orner Dorothy Black John Corsaro

IN OUR PARISH Oplatki

Oplatki (Christmas wafers) are available on the table across from the church bulletin board. A free will offering is appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS Returnable Bottles and Cans

Are you having a holiday party and wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Our Religious Education Department will take them off your hands. Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the Horseheads Food Pantry. You may 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.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent and Merry Christmas! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a blessed and Merry Christmas! I feel blessed in my ministry as your pastor and join you in thanking God for the many ways we are blessed as the parish community of St. Mary Our Mother.

I extend to all an invitation to our Christmas liturgies. These liturgies invite you to listen to the story of our salvation. The Christmas message is the story of God's unconditional love for us. As His disciples, we are called to fill this world with the many other stories that mirror and give witness to God's love for us. This is the meaning and the wonder of the Incarnation.

I hope you enjoy the following as we approach Christmas.

FAMILY OF THE SEASON

Our feature family this month is from out of town, Joseph, Mary and Jesus of Nazareth. These three have really seen the countryside. Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the famous census, because Bethlehem is Joseph's family hometown. I think Mary mentioned being from Judea, some town outside Jerusalem, where they visited her elderly parents on their way to Bethlehem. She said that she was very happy they made that visit because shortly after Jesus was born, this little family fled to Egypt as migrants due to the developing violence in Bethlehem. In Egypt, Joseph immediately set up shop as a carpenter. While the Egyptians were very good in stone, Joseph's woodworking skills became very popular. A few years later, they moved to Nazareth in Galilee where they settled down. Looking back, they describe their years together in Nazareth as especially happy and blessed. Mary keeps very busy at home. In her youth, she was a poet and songster. With a little urging even today, she can fill a room with the 'Magnificat." Though her door is always open and neighbors regularly drop in to share with her, she says she always has time (I questioned "Makes time?" but she corrects "has time") for prayer. She said prayer is what keeps her going, welcoming, loving, peaceful and that just as neighbors like to chat with her and her family, she, Joseph, and Jesus really enjoy, and even prize their regular conversations with God.

Joseph is a fine carpenter which he attributes not to special talent but to practice and pride in his work. He said he has been encouraged to expand and market his business, but he is happy with who he is, with what he is doing, and that his family is wealthy in love. Although he looks pretty robust, doctors have told him he probably will not see his son into adulthood.

Jesus, their son, is a fine young man. His parents say He is the joy of their life - though He has caused them worry too, like the three days He was lost in Jerusalem. Jesus has a special presence, a warmth, a confidence, a joy, a compassion that He seems utterly willing to share with everyone. Of course, if you spend any time with Joseph and Mary, you quickly see where He gets if from.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 23 - Late Advent Weekday

6:45 AM Laura Spaulding - Spaulding family

Tuesday, December 24 - Late Advent Weekday 6:45 AM No Mass

- 3:00 PM
- People of St. Mary Our Mother 5:00 PM People of St. Mary Our Mother
- People of St. Mary Our Mother 11:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord
- 9:00 AM People of St. Mary Our Mother
- 11:00 AM People of St. Mary Our Mother
- Thursday, December 26 St. Stephen, the First Martyr 6:45 AM No Mass
- Friday, December 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist 6:45 AM Helen & Joseph Faltisco - Mary Suffern
- Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- 5:00 PM Rev. Robert MacNamara (Fr. Mac) - Joyce & Dick

Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 8:30 AM Special Intention - Mary Navone
- Murl & Mary Eaton their family 10:30 AM
- 5:00 PM Regional Mass - St.Patrick

Jesus is a friendly young man, easy to smile, easy with compliments, easy to be with. He seems genuinely interested in whomever is talking with Him. People seem to love just walking around town with Him. Joseph, Mary and Jesus of Nazareth are our feature family this month. Invite them over soon.

On behalf of the entire staff of St. Mary Our Mother parish and school, I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

Fr. L.

CHRISTMAS DINNER PRAYER

Loving God and Father of us all, we joyfully celebrate the birth of your Son, the eternal Word who came to dwell with us and is born this day of the Virgin Mary. May the meal we share on this great feast satisfy us not only with the good food you give us, but also grace us with the fullness of your love, which you bestowed on our human nature when your Son took on our very flesh. May we come to share completely in your divine life through the coming of your Son among us. May His self-giving love be made manifest in our hearts so that the joy of our Christmas feast may extend beyond our family and home to touch the lives of others with the love that makes this day holy and makes us all children of one family in You Amen.

Mary Seasonal Shrine

- In memory of Kathryn and Alfred Miller by Nancy Miller
- In memory of the Wheaton and Martin families by Nancy Miller
- In memory of our mothers, Donna and Mildred by Carin and Greg Rouleau
- In memory of Red and Ann O'Donnell by Jeff and Hanne O'Donnell
- Happy Thanksgiving God and all people by Suann Maio
- In memory of Robert and Natalie Hambruch by Judy and David Hambruch

In thanksgiving by Richard and Maryanne Amisano In memory of Georgine Rohrer by Kathy Lovell



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Chapel Arrangements In memory of Ann and Howard Minchin by Jackie and Warren Conklin In memory of Warren and Florence Conklin by Jackie and Warren Conklin

Blessed Mother (Church) Many blessings by the Leipold family

Blessed Mother (Chapel) In thanksgiving by Anita Osborn

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

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Evergreen wreaths

- Merry Christmas, Dee! by her sister, Lois
- In loving memory of Dan Woodard by his wife, Peggy
- In memory of Wanda and Edward D. Gustina by Ann Brouse
- In memory of Edward J. Gustina by Ann Brouse In memory of the deceased members of the Kosty
- and Ruocco families by Bob and Marianne Kosty In memory of the deceased members of the
- Frankie/Tenny families by Helen Tenny
- In memory of deceased family members by Ann LeMark
- In memory of George and Johanna Fyffe by Pam and Steve Strollo
- In loving memory of Martyn, Les and Bob Reimsnyder by Nancy Kosalek
- In memory of Raymond by Deloris Sherwood
- In loving memory of Robert Mix & Mary Lou Mix Havens - Dolores Mix
- In loving memory of my wife, Judi Lynch Ben Lynch
- In loving memory of Judi Lynch Dave & Julie Lynch Raymond and sons
- For many blessings received Liz & John Kennedy
- In loving memory of Judi Lynch Mike & Karla Lynch
- In loving memory of Tess Danaher the Wicks family
- In loving memory of Betty Wicks the Wicks family
- In loving memory of Judi Lynch Brian & Deb Lynch & daughters
- In loving memory of Judi Lynch Darby & Quay Thompson
- Special Intention King & Teresa Fitzpatrick
- In loving memory of deceased members of Coddington and Gough families - John & Ellie Gough

Poinsettias

- In loving memory of John Kordyl by his wife, Evelyn and family
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- In loving memory of Dan Woodard by his children
- In loving remembrance of Ann M. Kozlowski, wife and David M. Kozlowski, son by Ted Kozlowski
- In memory of Stephen Sr. and Genevieve Gronski by Ed and Marybeth Gronski
- In memory of Robert and Rilla Jenkins by Ed and Marybeth Gronski
- In memory of Florence Ruocco by Marianne Kosty
- In memory of Bernard and Florence Weigle by Patricia Weigle
- For deceased family and friends by Mary and Bob Kuhnel
- In memory of dear departed loved ones, and we miss you by Susie and John Alexander
- In loving memory of Richard Wing by Judy Wing
- In loving memory of Ron Furstoss by Jeannie Furstoss Frisk
- In loving memory of Constance Horton by Jeannie Furstoss Frisk

- In loving memory of Roger Horton by Jeannie Furstoss Frisk
- In loving memory of Mary Anne Kane by Killeen McCarthy and family
- In loving memory of Brendan McCarthy by Killeen McCarthy and family
- In loving memory of Lorraine and Stephen Kuratnick and Ulisse and Nellie Spaziani by Barbara and David Spaziani
- In memory of deceased family members by Joe and Euclida Jamison
- In loving memory of Mom and Mike by Joyce Murray In loving memory of my Mom and Dad by Skip Root
- For special family intentions by Irene and Norm Jarvis
- In memory of Helen M. and Edward J. Linsler by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Chris E. McClory by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Milton "Bud" Skeels by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Kathleen, Leonard and Jean McClory by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of J. Paul Linsler by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Billie and Donald McClory by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Eunice M. Linsler by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Stella and Chris McClory by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Mary and Edward Linsler by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Patricia McClory Clark by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Alice McClory Snyder by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Timothy McClory by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Dawn E. Reagan by Father Chris Linsler
- In memory of Andy by Dorothy Andrewlavage
- In memory of Ann by Jim Young
- In memory of Raymond and Helen Hower by their daughters
- In loving memory of Craig Gorman by Ann and the kids
- In loving memory of the Callahan family by Ann Gorman
- In loving memory of Mallare-Lapitan family by Rosa Lapitan
- In memory of Raymond Sherwood by the Alsworth family
- In memory of Stanley John Frederick by Deloris Sherwood
- In memory of the Passmore and Kadlec families by Vince and Judy Kadlec
- In memory of James Van Keuren by Theresa Van Keuren
- In loving memory of Philip Richmond this Christmas by his wife, Jackie

- In memory of Marguerite, Joseph and David Gwin by Sally Gwin
- In memory of Mary and Charles Ponzi by Cathy and David Peckham
- In memory of Lauren and Joyce Peckham by Cathy and David Peckham
- In memory of Theresa Fargo by Cathy and David Peckham
- In memory of Arvie, Inez and Kirstin Korstad by Cathy and David Peckham
- In thanksgiving for our children by Cathy and David Peckham
- In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Mathias Beering by Fran Beering
- In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Nenni by Fran Beering
- In memory of Rose Mary Beering by Fran Beering
- In memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran
- In memory of James Nenni by Fran Beering
- In memory of Raymond E. Benedict by his wife, Mary Ellen
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- Merry Christmas, John Connelly, Sr. by Virgina Connelly
- In loving memory of Francis and Loretta Meade by Alan Meade
- In loving memory of William and Almeda Mix by JoAnne Belloma, Kathy Morehouse and Barbara Mix
- In memory of deceased members of the Morales family by Tina Morales
- In memory of Chuck by Donna Berry
- In memory of Aldona Bankaitis by Ellen and Jonas Bankaitis
- In memory of Henrikas Bankaitis by Ellen and Jonas Bankaitis
- In memory of Donald Roshetko by Ellen and Jonas Bankaitis
- In thanksgiving by Chuck and Joan Ruhmel
- For my beloved deceased by Joan Mosher
- In thanksgiving for family by Barbara and Milton Simpson
- In memory of the Capozza and Bonsignore families by Mike and Ann Bonsignore
- In loving memory of my parents by Jacqueline Alsworth
- In memory of deceased family members of the Gresock and Anderson families by George and Ann Gresock
- In memory of deceased family members by Bill and Patti Rosettie
- In memory of our moms, Angie Pesoli and Mary McClure by Carol and Jim McClure
- In memory of deceased family members by Bill and Bobbie Conz
- With love and prayers for dad and grandpa, Bill Dominikoski by Rob, Chris and Kyle

In memory of deceased family members by Ed and Cathy Jadoski Merry Christmas God and Holy Family and Mom and Dad by Suann Maio Merry Christmas, Mom! by Bob and Marianne Briggs In memory of Mary Woodard by Evelyn Kordyl and family In memory of deceased loved ones by Joe and Lucinda Sinkewicz In loving memory of deceased family members by Linda Gardner and family In thanks giving by Peter Park In loving memory of JoJo by Angelina Villegas and Richard and Roxann Margeson In thanksgiving by Wilma Sullivan In memory of deceased loved ones by Wilma Sullivan In memory of deceased Hagan and Madden family members by Karen and Mark Hagan In memory of Katherine and Walter by Mark Chorney For blessings by John and Ellie Gough For all our blessings by Jeff and Hanne O'Donnell In thanksgiving by Franca and George Lazzaris In thanks giving by Bob and Marianne Kosty In loving memory of deceased family members by Ginny Pansero In thanks giving by Patti and Tom Hinman In memory of John Symonds and Antoinette Clearwater by Judy Symonds In loving memory of deceased members of the Yorio and Clinger families by Jean and John Yorio In memory of William LoVecchio by Marietta LoVecchio and family In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Furstoss Sr. by Jeannette C. Furstoss In loving memory of Grace Kent and Patricia Kaiser by Walter and Diane Kent In thanks giving for family together at the holidays by Tyler, Ellen and Harvey Kent In loving memory of Dick Sullivan by his wife, Carol and family In loving memory of Anne and Charles Goodyear by their daughters Merry Christmas, Mom, Bill and Jerry – Love, Jennie Thanksgiving for Dad's good health by Joyce Murray Praying for Skip's healing by Joyce Murray For deceased family members by Vinnie and Beth Azzarelli In thanksgiving by John and Ann O'Mara In loving remembrance of our sister, JoAnn Ulatowski by Paul and Diane Blaszyk In loving remembrance of our brother-in-law, John Brandl In memory of our parents by Mike and Anita Hesser For all intentions by Mary and Jim Carr In memory of our parents by Rick and Cindy Annunziata In loving memory of Bill Cantando by his family

- Prayers for Paxton Swackhamer by friends at St. Mary Our Mother

JESSE TREE

Advent is a season of preparation before Christmas. The word Advent means "coming" and refers to the coming of Jesus. The season emphasizes a three fold coming, the coming in the flesh at Bethlehem, in grace through word and sacrament, and in glory in the day of judgment.

Many people go to great lengths to prepare for Christmas, yet fail to appreciate the true meaning of Advent. Advent, when properly observed, helps you realize more fully the coming of Christ and its meaning for you.

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and lasts to Christmas Eve. The lessons read in church each Sunday of the season picture some of the people and events that are significant in the heritage of Jesus.

The Jesse tree has the same purpose, but it expands it by presenting an appropriate story in picture for each day of the season. The Jesse tree is a small tree decorated with symbols portraying the spiritual heritage of Jesus. It is a kind of family tree that was suggested by Isaiah's prophet: "a shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1). Our Jesse tree is located in the seasonal shrine. Each day a different symbol of Jesus' heritage will be placed on the tree. We welcome you to step into the shrine and turn over the corresponding scripture for the fourth week.

> 4th Sunday in Advent, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Luke 1:5-25

Monday, Virgin Mary, Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, Magnificat, Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday, Birth of John the Baptizer, Luke 1:57-80

Thursday, Joseph the Nazareth, Matthew 1: 18-25

Christmas Eve, The Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-20 Christmas Day, Christ Our Lord, John 1: 1-18





