



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

January 12, 2020

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Join us at the Holiday Inn Riverview, Elmira for St. Mary Our Mother School's 2020 E\$CAPE: Big Money Raffle and Trivia by TORGO Entertainment on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$25 each or \$40 for a pair and includes admission, buffet dinner by Anthony's Restaurant and trivia by TORGO Entertainment.

In addition to the Big Money Raffle and Trivia, the evening will also feature a live auction, penny raffle and St. Mary Our Mother School Art Auction! Unable to attend and still want to support the event? Purchase a Big Money Progressive Raffle ticket for \$100.00 each. Only 400 tickets will be sold! If we reach our goal of selling 350 Big Money raffle tickets, the top payout will be \$10,000! A total of 4 monetary prizes will be awarded. Big Money raffle ticket purchasers need not be present to win. Tickets for the Big Money raffle and 2020 E\$cape may be purchased in the main office of the school between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Also, parents will be available after all weekend Masses to sell tickets during the month of January. Tickets may be purchased with cash or check. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to *be*. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters He sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "*This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.*" And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

©Liturgical Publications, Inc.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 13

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, January 14

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

5:00 PM Finance Council - rectory

7:00 PM RCIA - school

7:30 PM Wounded Healers - school

Thursday, January 16

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Saturday, January 18

9:30 AM Home Study group - school

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, January 19

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Peter & Paul

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - January 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Emory Bennett

Norma Carson

Caramel (Carrie) Crittenden

Therese DeSanto

Josephine Doherty

Mary Anne Poland

MEMORIALS

Votive Candle:

In memory of Debbie Coburn - Doug & Sandee Johnson

Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:

In memory of Raymond E. Benedict - wife, Mary Ellen

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Chapel Candle Flowers:

In memory of my husband, Hugh - Sandra Hunt

Happy New Year & thank you for the new year, God,

Jesus, Holy Mother, St. Joseph & all family members -

Suann Maio

Blessed Mother - Church:

In memory of past Knights of Columbus - Dale Stanton

Blessed Mother - Chapel:

In memory of Raymond E. Benedict - wife, Mary Ellen

FLOWER SIGN UPS

Thank you for your many flower donations. There are new forms posted on the bulletin board for upcoming weeks. Please consider a flower donation to commemorate special events in your life.

STEWARDSHIP

November 24, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$7,537.00

December 1, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$8,853.00

December 8, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$17,862.25

December 15, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$10,891.25

December 22, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$12,437.00

December 29, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$6,045.40

December 25, 2019

Christmas Offering:.....\$28,075.38

IN OUR PARISH

Social Ministry Thank You

The generosity of the people of St. Mary Our Mother Parish enabled us to provide baskets of food to individuals and families who requested assistance for their Christmas dinner and gifts for their children. During the month of October several kind and caring ladies of our parish helped our committee by meeting with families at the Horseheads Food Pantry every Tuesday and Thursday. One parishioner has helped us for many years by taking the family applications and developing a computer listing including family name, address, children and ages, etc.

Special thanks to all the dedicated coordinators who spoke with the families and put the tags on the tree for children's gifts, and to those parishioners who took tags for gifts or meat from the trees. They truly help the coordinators.

Generous individuals from our parish purchase five-pound bags of potatoes each year to add to the baskets. Parishioners donated cash, turkeys and other food items to fill the boxes. For this, we are very appreciative.

We appreciate those individuals who helped with compiling and organizing the many gifts under the trees Thursday evening and Friday. Thanks to the many hands who sorted all the donated food on Friday night, and those who packed the baskets on Saturday morning, Thank you to the gentleman who picked up the grocery carts from Jubilee on Friday and returned them on Monday. Thanks to the four families who picked up the turkeys at the grocery stores on Saturday morning and to the gentleman who organized the turkeys as they arrived. Also, we thank the parishioners who helped Saturday afternoon with the food and gift distribution.

We thank Jubilee, Minier's, Top's and Wegman's for providing us the opportunity to buy the meat at their store and save it in their freezers until it was picked up on Sunday.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for whatever you did to contribute to the success of this endeavor. It was a most successful Christmas season!

(In Our Parish continued on page 4...)

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, which brings the liturgical season of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany to a close. This time of year there is a sense of sadness when it comes to taking down the lights and seasonal decorations of Christmas. As the popular saying goes 'time marches on,' and our church's liturgical calendar unfolds into the fullness of time, but it is a bittersweet time to bid farewell to our Christmas experiences each year. There is also a sense of relief that after the Christmas season we are returning to some measure of normalcy to our daily routine. I hope you enjoyed a blessed and Merry Christmas! I wish to thank all who made Christmas 2019 at St. Mary Our Mother the beautiful, festive, and joyful experience that it was.

Because of the early bulletin deadlines throughout the month of December - last Sunday's bulletin went to press on December 20th - we are including the vital statistics from those weeks and Christmas in today's bulletin. Our five Christmas Masses drew nearly 2,100 people. Many of our parishioners and visitors expressed their appreciation and admiration for the prayerful and reverent manner in which our liturgies are celebrated at St. Mary Our Mother, especially during the Christmas season. Many expressed their appreciation of the warm welcome they received when joining us for worship. A special word of thanks to our ministers of hospitality, our ushers, and to all for extending a warm welcome to all!

Today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of the new life given to all of us through the Sacrament of Baptism, a bond that unites us as God's chosen and holy people. That bond and relationship began for us on the day of our baptism, when we were cleansed of sin, given the new life in Christ, and welcomed into the Church. As children of God through baptism, we are called to embrace a life-giving and life-long relationship with Christ. It is a relationship which invites us to continually grow in our Christian faith.

Today's feast also invites us to reflect on the call of God in our lives, and how best to respond to that call. The beginning of a new year and decade finds many making some New Year's (and New Decade!) resolutions, taking the time to reassess and recommit ourselves to God's call. The following are a few suggestions you might consider as resolutions or opportunities for this new year and decade:

Prayer: *Nothing is more important than nurturing a closer relationship with God. Take some time each day to listen to the voice of God.*

Family: *How often in our busy lives does time with family get neglected? Resolve to find (or create) a special time with each family member each week. Make sure family meals are celebrated frequently. The ideal would be, every day plan a special family outing or once or twice a month, and attend Mass together. Resolve that when your spouse or child speaks, you look at them and truly listen.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, January 13 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Bridget Tierno - Larry & Patty Sherwood

Tuesday, January 14 - Weekday

6:45 AM Mary Woodard - 6:45 Mass friends

Wednesday, January 15 - Weekday

6:45 AM Theresa Olson - Baccile family

10:30 AM (Courtyard) Special Intention

Thursday, January 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

Friday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

6:45 AM Mary Ann Blum - Donna Berry

Saturday, January 18 - Weekday

5:00 PM James Nenni - Beering family

Sunday, January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Raymond Sherwood - the Alsworth's

10:30 AM Edward J. Linsler

5:00 PM Regional Mass - Ss. Peter & Paul

Health: *Without good health, we lack energy to serve the Lord well. Resolve to make that doctor or dentist appointment. Make one healthy change in your eating habits. Moderate your consumption of alcohol, and add a few minutes to exercise to your daily routine.*

Possessions: *Want less, live more simply. Challenge yourself to sacrifice something you like but that you know another person needs more than you do. Access your clothing closet and drawers and donate clothing that you have not worn since the beginning of the millennium.*

Parish: *Offer your service to a liturgical ministry or another parish ministry for the new year. We are always in need of more volunteers in the parish,. You enrich the parish and your parish experience when you become involved.*

These are a few resolutions for you to consider for the new year. Have a great week, and stay warm. See you in church!

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Parish Calendars

The parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2020 parish calendars. Thank you!

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

REGIONAL EVENTS

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its Annual Memorial Service this **Tuesday, January 14, 2020** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. Please feel free to bring pictures of your loved ones to this service. There is *no charge* for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

March for Life

It's not too late! Travel by bus to Washington, DC for the **January 18th** March For Life. Cost is \$60.00; scholarships are available. School kids, 4th grade and up to adults are welcome. Don't miss it. Call Steve at 739-9282 for further information or to reserve your seat, or to sponsor a rider.

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 soups for the month of January. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

Notre Dame High School Open House

Notre Dame High school, grades 7-12 will hold an open house on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020**. The evening will begin with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. with campus tours to follow. Prospective students are invited to tour the school, meet current students, and engage with the faculty and administration. Notre Dame is a college preparatory school rich in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and academic excellence. Additionally, Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program along with many opportunities to participate in the performing visual and language arts. Notre Dame is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira and is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2020/2021 school year. For further information, visit www.notredamehighschool.com or call 607-734-2267, ext. 9.

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

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, He transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

©Liturgical Publications, Inc.

ELCOR
Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
The region's largest provider of
 Long Term Care • Short Term Rehabilitation
 Alzheimer's/Dementia Care
 Adult Day Health Care
 48 Colonial Drive, Horseheads
 607-739-3654

WOODBROOK
A Tradition of Quality Assisted Living
 Woodbrook Assisted Living Residence
 ~ Elmira ~
 Phone: 607-734-7741 • www.woodbrookhome.com

HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY
 With a home security system monitored by ADT professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As an added benefit, installing a Security System may qualify you for a Homeowner's Insurance discount.
CALL NOW! 1-888-862-6429
 HOME SECURITY TEAM
 ADT AUTHORIZED DEALER

UPGRADE TO A VIBRANT ad
 Contact us for details
800-477-4574

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

Alsworth Capital Management, LLC
 Investment Management • Financial Planning • Tax Planning
 Insurance Planning • Estate Planning
 (607) 973-2665 • www.AlsworthCapital.com
 Shane Alsworth
 Jacqueline Alsworth

See What's in Store!
 JEWELRY • ROSARIES • BOOKS AND MORE
www.parishstore.com

IGNIC PIZZA
Italian Family Restaurant
 Village Plaza • Horseheads, NY • 796-2677
 Minier's Plaza • Big Flats, NY • 562-7000
 Arnot Mall Food Court • Horseheads, NY • 739-4641

GEORGE HOARE MEMORIAL CO
 Custom Designed Memorials Since 1889
 624 Franklin Street, Elmira
 (Located Outside St. Peter & Paul Cemetery)
 (607) 732-9273
 106 N. Franklin St., Watkins Glen • Arnot Mall, Horseheads
www.hoaremonuments.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact David Savich to place an ad today!
dsavich@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6384

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES
 • Full Time Position with Benefits
 • Sales Experience Preferred
 • Paid Training
 • Overnight Travel Required
 • Expense Reimbursement
 CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

'Serving Our Parish Faithfully'
Lynch Funeral Home Inc.
739-1301

318 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY
 Family Owned & Operated by: James J. Lynch II

James J. Lynch II & Heather Ann Lynch ~ Licensed Funeral Directors

739-0489

 COMMERCIAL ROOFING, CRANE SERVICE & SHEET METAL
 2054 Grand Central Ave., Horseheads, NY

TERRY ELECTRIC
 Fast Professional Service with Reasonable Rates
 Paul Terry - Over 30 Years Experience
 Residential or Commercial
 Quality Work • Fully Insured • Free Estimates
607-739-4484 • 607-857-5429

GEROULD'S
 PROFESSIONAL PHARMACIES, INC.
 "PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY SERVICE"
 130 S. Main St. • 733-6696
 215 Hoffman St. • 732-0597
 2887 Westinghouse Rd. • 796-2193
 98 W. Pulteney • 936-3233

Yee Olde
HICKORY HOUSE RESTAURANT
American, Chinese & Italian Cuisine
 New Hours: Open Monday-Saturday 4pm-11pm
739-2405 • 3543 Watkins Rd, Horseheads

BOUILLE
ELECTRIC, INC
 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS SINCE 1972
607-734-6106
www.bouilleelectric.com

Online Shopping
 for Catholic
 Gifts of Faith

www.parishstore.com

Jubilee foods
 OPEN 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
 Locally Owned &
 Operated by Tom Gaige
 2898 Westinghouse Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845
 (607) 796-2191 • Store Manager, Dave Marks

JAMES P. FERRATELLA ESQ.
PERSONAL INJURY & AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS
 Call For A FREE Consultation
 Evening & Weekend Appointments Available
www.jamesferratella.com | 739-7LAW (7529)
 2854 Westinghouse Rd., Suite A | Horseheads NY | 607-739-7529

BC
 Plumbing
 Heating
 Electric
 AC/R
www.bcinc.info **562-2023**

BONJOURS 607-739-5321
 ...Of Course!
 Wedding Gowns, Tuxedo & Prom Gowns
 Mother of the Bride/Groom Gowns
 819 South Main St. in Horseheads

This Space
 is Available

SULLIVAN'S
 FUNERAL HOME
607-739-2035
 Kevin R. Sullivan 365 E. Franklin St.
 Licensed Funeral Director Horseheads, NY

America's Choice in Homecare.

 Friendly Shopping
 Light Housekeeping
 Meal Preparation
 Friendly Companionship
 Flexible Hourly Care
 Hospice Care for Families
 Live-In Care
607.846.2370 www.visitingangels.com/horseheads

catholicmatch
 New York

CatholicMatch.com/NY

FAITHFULLY SERVING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

BARBER FUNERAL HOME
 413 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HORSEHEADS, NEW YORK 14845-2490
 (607) 739-4801 • INFO@BARBERFUNERALHOME.COM
 FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED FOR NEARLY
 100 YEARS OF COMFORT, CONCERN, & SERVICE

COMPLETE LAWN CARE
 COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
HORTON LANDSCAPING
 Maintenance Specialist
 Serving the Southern Tier For Two Generations
 TIMOTHY G. HORTON, OWNER
607-562-8231 • Big Flats, New York

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact David Savich to place an ad today!
dsavich@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6384

CORNING CATERING INC
 Formal & Informal Breakfasts, Luncheons & Dinners
 Cocktail Parties • Corporate Functions • Holiday Parties
 Baby & Bridal • Rehearsal Dinners • Wedding Receptions & More!
 We Also Specialize In Contract Service
 Corporate Cafeterias, Child Care Facilities, Campus Dining And Vending
corningcatering.com - 9620 Dry Run Rd., Painted Post, NY • 607-962-2106

4GETMENOTBOX

www.4getmenotbox.com

SPREAD THE WORD:
 A Thriving, Vibrant
 Community Matters

Support Our Advertisers!

YOUR TENDER LOVING CARE DELIVERED!
4getmenotbox@gmail.com
Year-Round Gift Service Delivered to your Loved Ones!

THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTER
 Diagnostic Testing / 1-1 Instruction
www.achievementcenter.info
607-739-3894

Grand Central Storage Inc.

SELF SERVE STORAGE
 • Individual Units • Various Sizes Available
 • Lighted & Secure • 24 Hour Access • 2 Locations
 2054 Grand Central Ave., Horseheads, NY • 607-796-5879

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
 MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM
\$29.95/MO
 BILLED QUARTERLY
 CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772 • WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

PARMENTER
 Tire, Auto and Truck Service • Toner Foremenators
www.parmenterinc.com

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY