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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

November 15, 2020

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- SUN 11/15** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
- MON 11/16** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
- TUE 11/17** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
- WED 11/18** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
- THR 11/19** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
- FRI 11/20** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
- SAT 11/21** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
- SUN 11/22** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Wednesday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- Saturday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God have given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.



Where
charity
is not found,
God cannot dwell.

— ST. ALBERT THE GREAT —

INTRODUCTORY RITES



Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Or: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act (A)

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Penitential Act (B)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: **For we have sinned against you.**

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Dialogue at the Gospel

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Or: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Or: **Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon/Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

CONCLUDING RITES



Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

November traditionally is the month when we remember our faithful departed. Our Church has long set aside this period of time to join with those who mourn and to rejoice in the deep faith that calls us to see beyond time and space and realize the existence of life after death. For all in the northeastern part of our country, it is a time of year of dying — it is dark in the morning and dark approaches late in the afternoon. It is a time of year when trees lose their leaves, summer flowers are gone, and other than the winter snow, the earth seems to be at rest. There is almost a natural call to reflect on dying and rising.

Occasionally when in the presence of a person who is about to pass, I will hear the person verbalize about a person they look forward to seeing or an adventure they believe they are beginning. Sometimes they have had visions of what is ahead and they anxiously look to embrace it. At times, there is an anomaly, the family weeping the anticipated death, and the dying person anticipating the future. Very often, we draw strength from those who are leaving us, or who have left us. Perhaps they will say or do something which helps us move on the next step. As people of faith, we don't often think of how dynamic our faith is and how it does move us even when we believe we cannot be moved. November invites us to be part of the process and simply not a bystander.

When I listen to eulogies at funerals, rarely do I hear about business achievements, bank or investment accounts, buildings or politics. What I hear is about a person's character, relationships, lessons learned, examples given, and perhaps the most important, the virtue of love. The speaker will give witness to those intangible aspects of human life that somehow the deceased made tangible and real. The eulogy speaks of the interweaving of human life and the very real fact that most of those qualities extend beyond death. While these may be reflections of the past, they speak of living today and promise of experiencing them again in the presence of God. Such eulogies remind us of life after death and that mourning is really also about healing.

As we journey through these November days, the Church invites us to remember our loved ones who have passed. It is important to remember because we are people of memory. There is always a certain sadness when we experience death, as well as an occasional wish to have our loved ones come back to us. However, we are reminded that God gives us real time in our world to live our life, and has given eternal time to those who have left us. We are a faith people believing in life after death and reuniting with loved ones and friends. All is not lost; everything can be gained.

It is hard to believe that next week we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Although we have been told that the holiday will indeed look different this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is an opportunity to be grateful for the blessings we have.

However you find yourself celebrating Thanksgiving this year, it is an opportunity to express thanks, to pray for one another, remember the past, and to dream for the future.

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tax Advantaged Donation Strategies

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

If you are over age 72 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. This is a nice tax benefit that allows you to reduce your taxable income for charitable giving, regardless of whether you are otherwise eligible to deduct charitable contributions on your tax return. To use the QCD election, you will need to sign a form provided by your IRA account custodian. On the form you will elect to make the payment payable directly to "St. Mary Our Mother" and you will enter the address as: 816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY 14845.

If 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 stocks, bonds, mutual funds or exchange traded funds (ETF) positions that have appreciated in value directly to our investment account. We can sell the positions 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 tax 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.

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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Roy Tenny - Happy Birthday - his wife, Helen

Tuesday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

6:45 AM Deceased Curtin family - their family

Wednesday, November 18 - Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased Lazzaris family - Franca and George Lazzaris

Thursday, November 19 - Weekday

6:45 AM Norbert Schneider - Anne & Joe Welch

Friday, November 20 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, November 21 - Weekday

5:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving on the 50th wedding anniversary of Jeanne & Ray Carney

Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King

8:30 AM Mike Bonsignore - Diane Dominikoski

10:30 AM Chester Wawrzusin - Raymond Wawrzusin

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Robert Brown	Leo Bush
Patricia Ann Collins	Karen Palmer
Patricia Stowell	Jon Teeter
Alex Trebek	

MEMORIALS:

Sacramental Wines and Eucharistic Hosts:

In loving memory of our parents, Sue and Sam Kucko, on their wedding anniversary by their children.

Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament:

In memory of Karen Palmer by the Farr and Hoyt families

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2021

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. These registration forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor and then the nominee will be contacted for further information. The nominations are due in the parish office by December 18, 2020.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS

As we are all aware, the parish is unable to have printed materials available in the Church during these months of a pandemic.

The "*Word Among Us*," "*Today's Missal*," and "*The Little Blue Book*" for Advent and Christmas 2020 have arrived at the parish office.

If you would like to have copies of these booklets, please call the parish office at 739-3817 to make arrangements....always remembering that masks are required when stopping at the office.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Would you like to see our Church beautifully decorated for the Christmas Masses — even though we might not all be able to be present?

If you would like to have a poinsettia or a wreath or other flowers at the Church to remember a loved one or for a special occasion, please call the parish office (739-3817) with your intentions.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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REGIONAL EVENTS

Notre Dame High School Virtual Turkey Day 5K

Notre Dame High School, in partnership with Elmira Savings Bank, is pleased to announce we WILL be holding the 8th annual Turkey Day 5K. This year's event will be held virtually, from Thanksgiving Day, through Saturday, November 28. Gather your family and run, walk, wobble or trot your favorite 5K route as part of your Thanksgiving!

Register today and all proceeds will benefit Notre Dame High School. To register for the event, please visit notredamehighschool.com or call 607-734-2267.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. Blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives. The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for Covid-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this coronavirus.

How can you help? Please call 1-800-REDCROSS or contact redcross.org for information.

Live Stream Masses

Please check our parish website for a listing of Masses: www.St.MaryOurMother.com. There are also resources available at the diocesan website: dor.org.

Explanation of the Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an *Act of Spiritual Communion*, which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him" at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

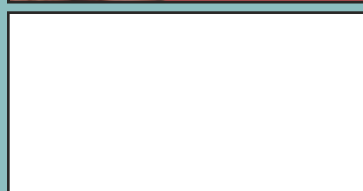
Prayer for Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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