



# 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  
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July 18, 2021

## 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 school year 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.



## COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the collection for the church in Central and Eastern Europe. The monies collected will help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - July 25, 2021****17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6  
 Gospel: John 6:1-15

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Earl Bush	Albert Cecce
Sidney Graubard	George Gresock
Gloria Hultz	Robert Ievers
Ann Lant	Barbara Masny
Miranda Novitsky	Richard H. Smith, Sr.
John Viele	

**MEMORIALS****Votive Candle:**

*In loving memory of George Gresock - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo*

**FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangement:**

*In loving memory of deceased family members - Anne Haner-Uncapher*

**IN OUR PARISH****Prayers and Squares Quilting Group**

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available to give to someone who is ill. We will no longer be distributing them at the end of Mass. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact 738-3699 (Maribeth) or 731-8085 (Wilma) to make arrangements to pick up a quilt from the parish office.

**Flower Sign Ups**

Please call the parish office if you would like to honor special events in your life with a floral arrangement in our Church or Chapel. Flowers are available for the main altar, the chapel, the Blessed Mother in the chapel and the Blessed Mother in Church.

**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.

**SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

**Psalm:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

**Second Reading:**

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

**Gospel:**

When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of July 18, 2021**

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34  
 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50  
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9  
 Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23  
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30  
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

**Observances for the week of July 18, 2021**

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday:  
 Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
 Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
 Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene  
 Friday: St. Bridget, Religious  
 Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest; BVM  
 Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

There is a familiar saying: "The devil is in the details". We can have some wonderful plans, but in order to be accomplished, there needs to be a plan - in detail.

**Pope Francis I** recently reminded us that Jesus was very concerned about the details:

*The "small detail" of the sheep that were missing.*

*The "small detail" of the wine that was running out.*

*The "small detail" of the widow who offered two coins.*

*The "small detail" of not forgiving a small debt after being forgiven a large debt.*

*The "small detail" of having spare oil in the lamps in case the bridegroom is delayed.*

*The "small detail" of having a small fire prepared and a fish on the grill as he was waiting for the disciples to return in the early hours of the morning.*

*The "small detail" of asking Peter, when so many important things were happening. If he truly loved him as a friend.*

*The "small detail" of not refusing to heal wounds.*

As Christians, we are called to follow Jesus who told us the greatest commandment was to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. But there are details to that as well. The "small detail" of loving God all the time, even when things don't necessarily go smoothly and we experience a challenging environment. The "small detail" of one person who is a constant aggravation and seems best loved when they are far away.

May we always remember the "details" God offers us. *"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have called you, and you are mine."*

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

Fr. L.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Monday, July 19 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Mills family - family

**Tuesday, July 20 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Florence & Carmello Ruocco - Marianne & Bob Kosty

**Wednesday, July 21 - Weekday**

6:45 AM John Pirozzolo - Mary Navone & the Rossi family

**Thursday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene**

6:45 AM Celine Louisnathan - Bob & Judi Pichette

**Friday, July 23 - Weekday**

6:45 AM No Mass

**Saturday, July 24 - Weekday**

5:00 PM MaryAnne Poland - Walter & the Scarselletta family

**Sunday, July 25 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Gene Harrison - Dobek family

10:30 AM Catherine Mandell - her family

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED**

**Returnable Bottles and Cans**

Are you planning 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 forwarded 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.

**Altar Memorials**

Our altar memorials continue to be a special way to honor those who have gone before us and those intentions we wish to remember for both the living and the deceased.

The weekly donation for these memorials remains the same as in the past:

- Sacramental Wine: \$15.00
- Eucharist Hosts: \$10.00
- Sanctuary Candle: \$10.00
- Icon Candle: \$10.00

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Mass of Recognition**

You are cordially invited to a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony on **Sunday, August 29th** at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615. All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please registering online at <https://conta.cc/3vjYs7x> or email [Donald.smith@dor.org](mailto:Donald.smith@dor.org).

**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 desperate need of all food items and especially ask for rice or pasta for the month of July, although all canned goods are always needed. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

**Blood Donor Shortage**

Before you dive into your summer plans, can you help us create a summer full of life to make sure the blood supply doesn't take a dip?

The Red Cross asks those who are healthy to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. Donations help ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. We can't do it without you.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS for information on local blood drives.

**NYS Legislator on Parole**

Elders in the NYS prison system are denied parole again and again, even after being incarcerated for decades. Releasing them to their families would not only save millions of tax dollars, it would give them the opportunity to serve their communities.

There's still time to convince the legislative leaders to call for a vote on the two bills we're supporting:

**Fair and Timely Parole (S.1415/A.4231)  
Elder Parole (S.15/A.3475)**

Please take a minute to call Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie at 518-455-3791 and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Cousins at 518-455-2715. Ask that they allow these bills to come to the floor. Now is the 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. 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. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

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- St. Mary Our Mother School**
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- School Web Site..... www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
- E-mail..... smomfaithformation@gmail.com

**EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP**

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine Him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see Him on His boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break. He is God, but He was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave Him alone. They were hungry for Him. They needed what He could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**ANGLES**

**Question:**

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

**Answer:**

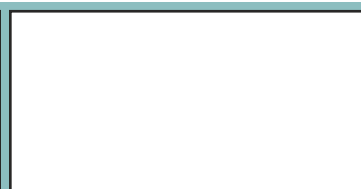
As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

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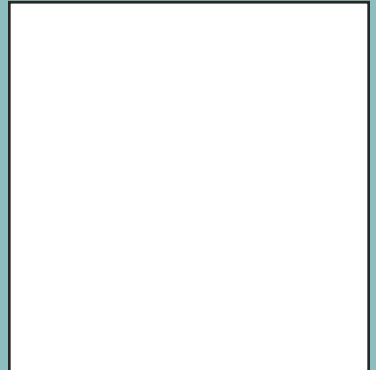
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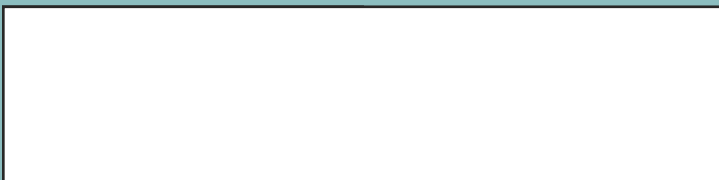
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