



# 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.



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November 7, 2021

## 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 2022 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;*
- ~ *has been actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;*
- ~ *has been a positive role model for peers and younger children;*
- ~ *is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother parish and attends Mass regularly;*
- ~ *is currently a high school senior.*

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 the examples of the above mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. All nominations are due in the parish office by **November 22, 2021**.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now past CMA donors have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

## CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CASE) MANDATORY TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In March 2021, the Diocese of Rochester updated its *Volunteer Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Policy* to include ALL volunteers, not just those who work with children or vulnerable adults. The training is offered in an easy to use online program. Volunteers will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and complete a background check prior to starting your volunteer service.

This mandatory CASE training must be renewed every three years (volunteers over 70 years of age who have previously completed CASE training are only required to complete the background check and Code of Conduct forms).

With the new policy, all **ushers, cantors, lectors, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, Faith Formation and youth group volunteers** are required to be CASE trained.

Volunteers can access the training at <https://www.dor.training> or by contacting the Faith Formation office at 739-8214 (Barbara Matterazzo or Maribeth Leipold) for information or assistance.

Since this training is mandatory, if a person does not complete it, unfortunately, he/she can no longer volunteer.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers and sincerely hope that you are looking forward to continuing your volunteer service/ministry to our parish.



**VETERANS DAY**  
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**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - November 14, 2021****33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Lazzaris & Fae family - Franca & George***Votive Candle:***In memory of Bob Reimsnyder - sister, Nancy Kosalek***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In memory of Catherine & John Ciprich - their family***IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jeffrey Belanger            Angeline Decker  
 Daniel Mandell, Sr.        Thomas Przymusik  
 Joanne Sindelar

**FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangement:***In loving memory of Madalyn & Robert Rohde - their family***Blessed Mother - Church:***In loving memory of deceased family members - Bill & Patti Rosettie***IN OUR PARISH****Social Ministry Thanksgiving & Christmas 2021**

Due to the continuing covid-19 pandemic, our Social Ministry Committee feels it is best for our parish to work through the Horseheads Food Pantry in providing assistance to needy families during the holiday season. The pantry already has safety precautions in place for food distribution to the needy. For Thanksgiving, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier will be supplying the Horseheads Food Pantry with turkeys and food to complete the holiday meal for the less fortunate families in our area. They are asking that we continue our food donations, as usual with an emphasis on canned vegetables, such as corn and beans.

At this time, plans for Christmas have not been finalized. The Food Pantry is considering hams for each family. There are several ways we, as a parish, can help with this. We will update you on specifics as soon as a plan is formalized. We are grateful to the many caring people in our parish who have supported our Christmas Basket program in the past. We hope that we can continue to depend on your generosity for our revised plans for the upcoming holiday season.

**Church Christmas Decorations**

Would you like to see our Church beautifully decorated for the Christmas Masses?

If you would like to have flowers at the Church to remember a loved one or for a special occasion, please call the parish office at 739-3817 with your intentions. All flowers for Christmas must be ordered by **December 8th**.

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

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)

**Psalm:**

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) or: Alleluia

**Second Reading:**

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

**Gospel:**

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of November 7, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
 Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44  
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10  
 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1  
 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk  
 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130,  
 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-  
 37  
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-  
 43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8  
 Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb  
 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

**Observances for the week of November 7, 2021**

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National  
 Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight  
 Saving Time Ends  
 Monday:  
 Tuesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
 Wednesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of  
 the Church  
 Thursday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans  
 Day  
 Friday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
 Saturday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
 Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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 to move to 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 the promise of experiencing them again in the presence of God. Such eulogies remind us of life after death and that mourning is real and is 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 experiencing 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.

The month of November ends with Thanksgiving. It is a holiday when we are invited not only to be grateful for what we have but also to anticipate what will be. As we gather at our homes and tables, we pray for one another, remember the past, but also dream for the future. And what comes immediately

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, November 8 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Albert Keagle - his family

**Tuesday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

6:45 AM Catherine & John Ciprich - their family

**Wednesday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

6:45 AM Greg Shultz - the Fairbrother family

**Thursday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

6:45 AM William Thomas - Raymond Wawrzusin

**Friday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**

6:45 AM No Mass

**Saturday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

5:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving on the 50th wedding anniversary of Sandee & Doug Johnson

**Sunday, November 14 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

10:30 AM Dawn E. Reagan

after Thanksgiving - the season of Advent - the sacred time of a new beginning, anticipated confirmation of hope, and dreaming of the Second Coming. November is a dynamic month filled with all kinds of human emotions. It is a time to reach into our hearts and remember to be grateful, shed an occasional tear, laugh a lot, dream and remember that we are children of an everlasting God.

Have a great week! Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of October 29th, **111 families** have contributed **\$29,687.00** toward our parish goal of **\$106,251.00**. We thank those who have given generously to the CMA and ask that all who have not yet given to this appeal to prayerfully consider doing so. Please consider all the ways God has blessed you and your family and how the Church has brought joy and goodness in our lives. The CMA is one way we can give back to God for the many blessings God has shared with us.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**Updated Covid-19 Protocol**

Due to the Covid-19 cases in our area, we are exercising extra caution to keep our parishioners safe, especially those who are not vaccinated. **Until further notice, masks are required whenever you are in a church building, including when attending Mass.** This applies to everyone old enough to safely wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. We are not at this time implementing any additional registration, social distancing, nor extra sanitizing procedures.

One half of the church seating will continue to be "open seating" with all rows open. The other half will be blocked off at every other row, for those more comfortable with social distancing. When you enter a pew row, please move to the furthest open seating area, so that others can fill in the row behind you. Thank you.

**Prayers and Squares Quilting Group**

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available for anyone who is ill. We are no longer able to distribute them at the end of Mass. If you know anyone who would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact 738-3699 (Maribeth) or 731-8085 (Wilma) to make arrangements to stop at the parish office for your quilt.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group**

The Wounded Healer's Bereavement Support Group will meet by Zoom on **November 9th** at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be: "Gratitude for the Loved One Missed, for the Cherished Memories, and for the Love and Support of All Who Help Us Put One Foot in Front of the Other." All are welcome. If you would like to be present google [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), go to "join meeting" and use meeting ID #811 6957 3946. If you are early, you will enter a virtual waiting room and Chris Lloyd will invite everyone in at 7:30. You can listen, you can share, you can be sensitive to your own needs. We have been there, wounded by death, and we see healing in the very act of helping.

**Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Fitness Services**

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**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 stuffing mix, corn, peas, gravy or cake mix for the month of November. 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!

*Today we celebrate the 100th birthday of our friend,  
Joseph Along.*

*Congratulations, Joe!*

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration

from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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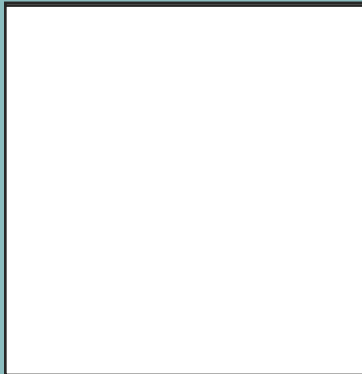


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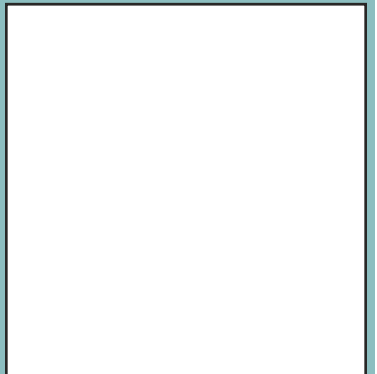
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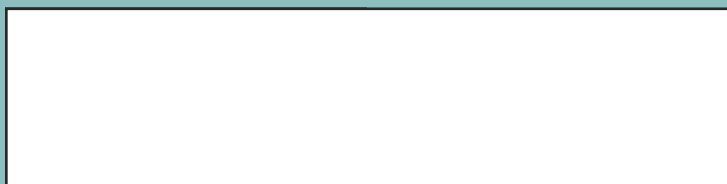
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