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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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February 6, 2022

5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."
- Lk 5:5

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SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - February 13, 2022****SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
 Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Thomas (Tom) Jansen Francis Kajiru
 Julie Bennett McInerney Rita Pappalardo
 Maribel Sanchez Pastor Rhonda Spencer

MEMORIALS**Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of Lyn Nalbach - the Beering family***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***In loving memory of Aunt Loretta - all her nieces and nephews***IN OUR PARISH****St. Mary Our Mother School Registration**

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2022/2023 school year for grades pre-k3 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 \$150.00 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of January 28th, 250 families have contributed **\$79,124.00** which is 74% 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.

Parish Calendars

The parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2022 calendars. Until we are able to have printed materials back in the Church, these calendars are available at the parish office.

*(In Our Parish continued on page 4, column 1....)***SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of February 6, 2022**

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Observances for the week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 Monday:
 Tuesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 Wednesday:
 Thursday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
 Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Many of you have already heard that Pope Francis I has called for the entire Church to enter a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops from October, 2021 through October, 2023.

The theme for this unprecedented Synod is: **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.”** This Synod is unlike any other Synod in the history of the Church in that Pope Francis I is seeking the participation of every baptized Catholic across the whole world - young, old, marginalized, laity, consecrated religious, and the ordained.

This Synod will extend over a three year period beginning now with a local diocesan phase, and continuing with a Continental Phase in September, 2022, then culminating in October, 2023, with a Universal Phase when the bishops of the world will meet in Rome to review what the entire Church is thinking and living.

A Synod is a gathering of those “on the same path” for sharing, reflecting, and listening to each other to carry out our mission as Church. Since the beginning of the Church, Synods have been mainly gatherings of bishops, experts, and other invited delegates. Pope Francis I wants this Synod to be a “gathering” of the entire Church for we are all on the same paths.

The purpose of this Synod, unlike the fifteen Synods previously held, is not to produce documents but to *“plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust and relationships, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.”* (PD 32)

Every person is invited to provide input into this process from now until March 31, 2022. I will be talking more about the Synod in future bulletins. I also encourage you to visit the diocesan website, dor.org/synod, for further information. We also will try to place a link to the Synod on our parish website. Please give some consideration how you might like to participate in order to have your voice heard in this process. Together we are *“the Church listening to the will of God in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.”* (Pope Francis I)

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 7 - Weekday

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - Patty Burdulis

Tuesday, February 8 - Weekday

6:45 AM George Gresock - Knights of Columbus, Horseheads

Wednesday, February 9 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

6:45 AM Dick Burdulis - Mary Lou Tangorre

Friday, February 11 - Weekday

6:45 AM Robert Rohde - Dennis & Roseanne Gorman

Saturday, February 12 - Weekday

5:00 PM Dale A. Ruth - Barb & Russ Sleight

Sunday, February 13 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mary Kennedy - Ron & Louise Furstoss

10:30 AM John Miles - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

GOSPEL SYNODAL CONNECTIONS

Jesus said to Simon, *“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”* Simon said, *“Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”* When they had done this they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. (Lk 5:4-6) Pope Francis tells us that, “Synodality is more than just a word or a slogan. Synodality is an expression of the very nature of the Church - the process of discerning how the Spirit is moving us, so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world”

Let us use this synodal experience to reach out “again” in new ways as one Church to bring others to an encounter as we listen to their realities. To learn more and/or participate visit the webpage, www.dor.org/synod.



IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED....

E\$cape 2022

Fund raising is a critical aspect in the life of our school. Our fund-raising allows us to continue to provide the high quality, faith-based education that benefits all our students, as well as our parish and greater community. The costs involved in operating and maintaining our school continue to rise and fund-raising helps us to maintain a viable, sustainable and reliable program for all.

This year's E\$cape event will again be virtual. Students are working on Art Auction items, requests have been made of many businesses in the community that have helped us with this event in the past, along with some new businesses and organizations. The event will include an online auction, a scavenger hunt, as well as a Big Money Raffle. In addition, a few food trucks will be available for "take-out only" at St. Mary Our Mother School on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**, at the conclusion of the E\$cape 2022 event.

Tickets for the Big Money Raffle will begin on **Monday, February 7, 2022**. Please call St. Mary Our Mother School at 607-739-9157, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to purchase your ticket. Tickets cost \$100.00 each and the payout could be as high as \$10,000.00. The number of tickets sold for the raffle is limited to 400. The payout depends on how many tickets are sold.

If you know of a business that could help with this event, either as a sponsor or be willing to donate an item for the online auction, please call the school at 607-739-9157 or email smomescape@gmail.com. Further information will be shared about the online auction as March approaches; this information will also be available on St. Mary Our Mother School's Facebook page.

REGIONAL EVENTS

2022 Diocesan Public Policy Weekend - 2/12 & 2/13
Care for the Marginalized through an Equitable & Just NYS Budget

Next weekend is Diocesan Public Policy Weekend. We will have an opportunity to speak up for the babies/toddlers growing up in poverty in our community and for community mental/behavioral health services. Our message to the Governor and state leaders:

In order to be truly "New York Strong" we must first take care of those most vulnerable in our state. One way to do this is to create a budget that uses equity and justice as its guiding principles. There are many important initiatives that need to be supported, but two that we would like to advocate for are the closing of the NYS Child Tax Credit loophole so that it will cover those who are most vulnerable, children ages 0-4. The second issue we are raising up is our concern for the over 40% of New Yorkers who have reported struggles with their mental health during the pandemic, many of whom have not been able to receive the treatment they need due to lack of

providers. Many service providers are finding it extremely difficult to provide the critical services at current rates. Therefore, we are also petitioning for a 5.4% COLA and a \$500 million investment in workforce, service and support in the Executive Budget.

Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee is encouraging everyone to sign the petition calling for an Equitable and Just New York State Budget on **February 12/13 - Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend**. You can sign the petition online at <https://www.dor.org/petition/> or sign the copy that will be in your bulletin on February 5/6. Bring the signed petition to Mass on February 12/13 and deposit it in the basket provided on the table in the vestibule. Thank you for caring about babies and toddlers and vulnerable people in need of mental health services.

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- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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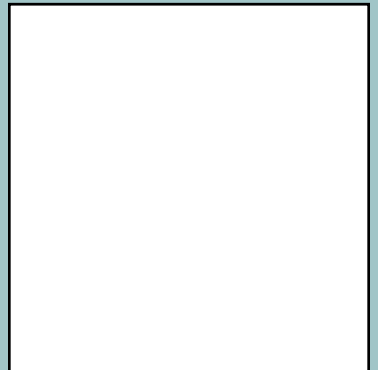

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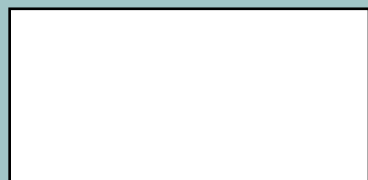
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