



# 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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May 1, 2022



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - May 8, 2022****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30 (51)

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle***In memory of Matty Princiotto by Nancy & Gene Barcomb***IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

David Kirwin

David Serfas

Jean Ruland

Marilyn Stansfield

**STEWARDSHIP**Weekend of April 16/17 .....\$16,889  
(\$8,486 Easter)**IN OUR PARISH****Positions Available**

Currently, we are looking to fill two positions on our parish staff; the position of administrative assistant in our Faith Formation program, as well as the editor of our weekly bulletin.

These two positions are in addition to our need of a Coordinator of Faith Formation.

If you would be interested in any of these positions, or know someone who might be, please call the parish office. Thank you!

**CRS Lenten Rice Bowl**

Alleluia! Our Lenten Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Remember that CRS will use 75% of your donation to serve our global brothers and sisters while 25% will be sent to the Horseheads Food Pantry to assist the needy of our community.

**Building & Grounds Committee**

We are asking for knowledgeable parishioners to help form a Buildings & Grounds Committee to periodically review the maintenance and upkeep of the parish. The rectory building has significant roof damage that needs replacement, and the parking lots are long overdue for repair. As our buildings age, necessary repairs and remediation will need to be addressed. If you, or someone you know, can volunteer a modest amount of time to lend your expertise, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the parish office at 607-739-3817.

**3rd Sunday of Easter****SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

"We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)

**Psalm:**

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)  
Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:**

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." (Rev 5:12)

**Gospel:**

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER****Readings for the week of May 1, 2022**

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/  
Rv 5:11-14/

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**Observances for the week of May 01, 2022**

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

Monday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Wednesday:

Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The Easter season is a time of new life and renewed commitment to our Catholic faith. The phrase "Easter sacraments" reminds us of the promise of the Risen Lord to be with us always, especially in the "breaking of the bread." This weekend, our parish has the special honor of welcoming the extended families and friends of the 22 children who will celebrate their First Holy Communion. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday we invite these young children to the Lord's table for the first time. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors as well as our regular parishioners to St. Mary Our Mother this weekend.

These First Communion children, their parents and families have been preparing for this day for many months. By their faithful and regular participation at Sunday Mass, our parents have been teaching their children by good example what it means to be fed at the Lord's table when receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. We congratulate our parents on their on-going efforts of what they promised when their children were baptized; in being the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of the Catholic faith.

It is a wonderful moment in the life of every parish to witness our children coming forth and doing what our Lord has instructed us when receiving the Eucharist. Those of us who receive the Eucharist often can forget Who we are receiving or take it for granted and allow it to become routine. Your fine example of participating in Mass and receiving Holy Communion each and every Sunday regularly and reverently serves as a "teachable moment" not only for our First Communion children, but for our entire parish family.

Parents and families have helped these children to understand what we believe about the Eucharist. Although the elements of bread and wine appear unchanged in the action of the Sacred Liturgy through what we call "transubstantiation," these elements become the very Body and Blood of Christ. As we witness these children receiving Communion for the first time, today is a wonderful occasion for our entire parish to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ, and to assert our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Please join me in welcoming all who join us for this First Communion weekend. I also want to acknowledge and thank **Barbara Matterazzo**, our Faith Formation Coordinator for her dedication, enthusiasm, and wonderful leadership for not only our First Communion but for all our sacramental preparation programs at St. Mary Our Mother. We also thank our catechists and aides, **Amy Barr**, **Maribeth Leipold**, and **Jackie Conklin**, as well as **Angela Langendorfer** from the faculty of St. Mary Our Mother School. We thank them for their assistance with our children and their families.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop**

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Barosch

**Tuesday, May 3 - Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles**

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - Ann LeMark

**Wednesday, May 4 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Frank Navone - Mary & family

**Thursday, May 5 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM John Kordyl - wife, Evie

**Friday, May 6 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Pablo & Elisea Atienza - the Macapinlac family

**Saturday, May 7 - Easter Weekday**

5:00 PM For All Mothers

**Sunday, May 8 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM For All Mothers

10:30 AM For All Mothers

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE (continued)

We thank you, the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for your continued interest and support of these children and their families as we celebrate this very special day. Even as we continue to journey through these pandemic times, it is a great day for our parish!

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

Fr. L

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate our twenty-two children who are receiving their **First Holy Communion** at Saint Mary Our Mother. May our children continue to grow in their love for Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist, and receive our Lord each and every Sunday. Those children receiving their First Holy Communion include:

*Seth Abeyaratne*

*Spencer Bennett*

*Bryce Bill*

*Josh Bouzi*

*Anderson Choi*

*Scarlett Eberlin*

*Gabrielle English*

*Jack Hastrich*

*Christine Katerji*

*George Katerji*

*Adam Lanipao*

*Allistair Lanipao*

*Apollo Lanipao*

*Dennis Mata*

*Annie McKenzie*

*Alex Oshetski*

*Alexandria Regula*

*Kaiden Rijo*

*Avaya Schuchardt*

*Lailah Shope*

*Kyra Windelvoss*

*Josephine Zinni*

Congratulations and best wishes to our children, their parents and families on this wonderful occasion!



**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Care for God’s Creation**

**2022 Climate Change Lectures at Tanglewood Nature Center**

Tanglewood Nature Center staff will present a series of lectures on Climate Change on Saturdays in April, May, and June from 11 a.m. - 12 noon at the Center, 443 Coleman Avenue, Elmira. Lectures are 30-40 minutes with time for questions after. Increase your knowledge and get ideas on how you can make a difference. Free and open to the public.

- **April 30:** Fossil Fuels and Renewables presented by Sydney White
- **May 28:** Waste and Recycling presented by Ryan Donnelley
- **June 11:** Food and Climate presented by Elaine Smith

**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. 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!

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- 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. Heather Bill**, School Principal
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
- Ms. Terri Orbin**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
- Ms. Wendy Slater**, Office Assistant
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God’s image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God’s image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God’s agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God’s image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man “dies on the cross to cleanse God’s image, which is soiled in today’s humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful.” Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with “Christ’s light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved.” The resurrection calls us to be God’s microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, “do you love me?” We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God’s children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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