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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 (607) 739-3817

May 8, 2022



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” - Jn 10:27-28b

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**Eucharistic Host and Sacramental Wine***In memory of Kate and Walt Enslin***IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**Joan Ruland Amiah Mustico
Gordon M. Mosher William A. Kaner**FLOWER DONATIONS:**

Main altar flowers have been donated in memory of John Kordyl on our wedding anniversary by his wife, Evie.

Blessed Mother—In memory of Sue Beering—Fran

IN OUR PARISH**Positions Available**

Currently, we are looking to fill two positions on our parish staff: a Coordinator of Faith Formation and an administrative assistant in our Faith Formation program. If you would be interested in either of these positions, or know someone who might be, please call the parish office. Thank you!

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/office 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.

4th 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 08, 2022**

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rev 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Observances for the week of May 08, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Mother's Day

Monday: Easter Weekday

Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Thursday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Friday: Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the parish of St. Mary Our Mother! We honor you today and offer our gratitude to God for you and the unconditional love you give to your children and to us. Our Sunday Masses this weekend are being offered for all mothers, living and deceased, of all our people. With the public conversation today about the role of women in the church, in religious circles, and society in general, we should never fail to appreciate the uniquely womanly role of motherhood.

Like many others who have lost their mothers this past year, this will be the fourth Mother's Day without my mother for my family. We will remember her fondly throughout the day. I would hope that if your mother is living, that you make the opportunity to speak to her, tell her you love her, and spend some quality time with her. If your mother has passed to the Kingdom, I hope you are blessed with fond memories of her. If you are a person whose mother did not meet your needs or expectations, offer a prayer for her today, and pray for the healing of your memories, acceptance of what cannot be changed, and a decision to thank God for your life and the mother who gave you that life.

Each year, Mother's Day falls during the Easter season. As we experience signs of Easter life, this weekend invites us to center on "Mother." One might say that a mother is the premier sign of Easter. She gives birth to human life to gain this title. Not only does she give birth, but she nurtures, encourages, cares and loves her children. Motherhood is not a 9 to 5 job—nor is it concluded when her child walks out of the house. Motherhood is a life-long process and, I believe, extends beyond the bounds of time and space to eternity. All that we envision in the life of a mother is envisioned in the life of an Easter person.

The following are from an article entitled **Words of Wisdom: My Mother taught me.....**

To appreciate a job well done: "If you are going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

Religion: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet!"

Time Travel: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."

Logic: "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

Foresight: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you get in an accident."

The science of osmosis: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

Contortionism: Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck?"

Genetics: "You're just like your father!"

Stamina: "You'll sit there until all the spinach is gone."

Weather: "Your room looks like a tornado went through it."

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 9 –Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday, May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster

6:45 AM Mary Amisano-6:45 Mass friends

Wednesday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful departed

Thursday, May 12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus

6:45 AM Cecelia Wawrzusin– Raymond

Friday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

6:45 AM George Gresock– 6:45 Mass friends

Saturday, May 14

5 :00 PM Frank Navone– family

Sunday, May 15 -

8:30 AM Terri Guardi-Bob

10:30 AM Henry Ryan-Jim & Mary Carr & family

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY

On next weekend, May 14th and 15th, we shall observe Diocesan Missions Sunday. Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of pilgrimage as Church. This is the message of the new evangelization.

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."

Or dedicated Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile have been on pilgrimage sharing their gift of faith and service to God's people.

We are called to help them next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

PASTORS PERSPECTIVE (continued)

Hypocrisy: "If I told you once, I told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

Envy: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have parents like you do."

Anticipation: "Just wait until you get home!"

Wisdom: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

Justice: "One day you will have kids and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Happy Mother's Day to our mothers! Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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!

Wounded Healers: The Wounded Healers will meet on **Tuesday, May 10, 2022** (the 2nd Tuesday of the month) **at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.** This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to find support and give support after the death of a loved one. If you would like to join us, go to www.Zoom.com and click join meeting. Use the meeting **ID#8159670092**. For those who have been attending, please note that this is a new number.) **Passcode:9rQMeh.** If you are a little early, you will be sent to a virtual waiting room and Chris Lloyd will admit participants at 7:30. If you have any difficulties with technology, call (607)-796-2795. Our motto remains, “We have been there, wounded by death, and we see healing in the very act of helping.”

**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 May and June from 11 am—12:00 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.

May 28: Waste and Recycling by Ryan Donnelley
June 11: Food and Climate by Eline Smith



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations and best wishes to the following young people who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation liturgy took place this past Thursday, May 5th at Most Holy Name of Jesus parish at the St. Mary Church location with Bishop Salvatore Matano presiding.

Those recently confirmed from St. Mary Our Mother include:

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| Jessica Als | Logan Meisner |
| Kirafiki Alsworth | Danika Morehouse |
| Adam Bailey | Colton Owen |
| Ian Balster | Drew Parsons |
| Michael Brink | Mel Peanasky |
| John Cain | Riley Murray |
| Lia Carrier | Allison Ruhmel |
| Carlo Cipolla | Annalee Ruhmel |
| Cecilia Cowen | Diego Savash -Acuna |
| Jack Fesetch | Miles Twomey |
| Wilson Foster | Megan Wolf |
| Olivia Gavin | Miles Woodhouse |
| Zachary Giammichele | Braden Woodworth |
| Nathan Johnson | |

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to these young people.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION-
4th Sunday of Easter

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that He is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is charged with the

mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal. We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day’s end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.




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