



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 15, 2022

5th Sunday OF EASTER



"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- Jn 13:34-35

SCRIPTURE READINGS
SUNDAY - May 15, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27
Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

MEMORIALS

Eucharist Hosts for the week of May 15-21 have been donated *in memory of Henry Ryan by Jim and Mary Carr.*

FLOWERS DONATIONS:

Main altar flowers have been donated in loving memory of Florence Ruocco and Catherine Kosty, by Bob and Marianne Kosty.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 23/24.....\$8742.00
Weekend of April 30/May 1.....10,058.25

IN OUR PARISH
Positions Available

Currently, we hope to fill two positions on our parish staff; the position of administrative assistant and Coordinator 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!

Memorial Day Ceremony:

The American Legion will conduct a ceremony in honor of all service men and women, on May 30th, at 10:15 a.m. in the south cemetery. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

5th Sunday of Easter/May 15, 2022

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 146)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” (Rev 21:4)

Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

WEEKLY READINGS week of May 15,

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-3

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

One of the marvelous traditions during the month of May is the May Crowning of Mary's statue in our church. This is done within the first Friday Mass, and involves members of each grade of our school, with the sixth grade students taking roles of leadership in the actual crowning of Mary. As I observed this year's crowning, I recalled an RCIA presentation I was giving some years ago, when the question was raised "**Who is Mary?**" My very short answer was "Mary was the Mother of Jesus." We know from scripture that Mary is that faithful, young woman who cooperated with God's plan, and gave birth to Jesus. Mary is mentioned quite often in the Gospel of Luke. Mary appears only a couple of times during Jesus' public life. For example, the marriage feast in Cana and again during Jesus' crucifixion, and lastly, she is found with the apostles on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit is given to them.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, Mary is understood to be much more than the Mother of Jesus. Because Jesus was both human and divine, Son of Man and Son of God, Mary became known as the "Mother of God" as well as the Mother of Jesus. This teaching about Mary became official in the fifth century. Secondly, because of Mary's pure birth, the Church taught that Mary was conceived without original sin, thus she was a worthy, sinless person from the very beginning of her life through who God could enter the world. This belief became an official teaching of the Church in 1854, though it was a commonly held belief by many for centuries. Third, because of Mary's devotion and faithfulness to Jesus throughout her life, the Church teaches that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven. This teaching is known as the Assumption of Mary, and solemnly declared so in 1950, again, having been held in the faith of the Church for many centuries. It was at the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), that Mary was declared as the "Mother of the Church." On a local historical note, it was in that year of 1965 that our parish's name and legal title was changed from "**St. Mary Church, Horseheads, New York,**" to that of the "**Church of St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, New York.**"

In the minds and hearts of Catholics in every generation, Mary has many other titles. Here are a few: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of nations and peoples throughout the world. The new Catholic Cathedral in Los Angeles bears the name of our Lady of the Angels. If you tour the National Shrine

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Dick Burdulis—Paul & Mary Jo Minch

Tuesday, May 17 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Dennis Graumann— 6:45 Mass friends

Wednesday, May 18 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM John Delgotto—Jerry Ann and Brian O'Donnell

Thursday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Joseph LeMark—Ann LeMark

Friday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

6:45 AM Loretta Deats—Jackie/Warren Conklin

Saturday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

5:00 PM Florence Ruocco—Bob/Marianne Kosty

Sunday, May 8 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Loretta Deats—Jackie/Warren Conklin

10:30 AM Eddie Judoski—Family

PASTORS PERSPECTIVE (*continued*)

of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., you will find our Lady of Sweden, Our Lady of Cuba, Our Lady Queen of Africa, and many other depictions of Mary, each looking like the people of each land. Devotional practices like the rosary, litanies to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and many prayers express our admiration and affection for Mary, call to mind her exemplary life of faith, express our needs, cares, and concerns, and asks for her intercession with her Son on our behalf.

There are many feast days throughout the Church's year of prayer to celebrate and honor the Blessed Mother. The month of May has been dedicated in a special way to pray to Mary and to reflecting on her life, her role in salvation history, and her compassion in understanding the joys and sorrows of our lives. Mary experienced many if not all joys and sorrows herself, and in her faith she is the model to all humanity in our faithfulness to her Son.

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



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!

PARISH SCHOOL EVENTS:

17th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic. Registration has begun. The Captain & Crew tournament will be held on Sunday, June 12th (10:00a.m) shot-gun start) at Willowcreek Golf Club. This is one of our biggest fund-raisers of the year, and we invite our school, parish and community partners to help by supporting this event. The day consists of an 18-hole round of golf, lunch at the turn, along with awards and dinner. Sponsors and golfers are asked to submit a registration form, along with payment, to the school office at 811 Westlake Street, Horseheads, NY, 14845. Checks should be made payable to St Mary Our Mother School. Registration forms can be found on the table outside of the sacristy or at the school office. Please call the office with any questions, 739-9157.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY:

Today is Diocesan Missions Sunday honoring the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile.

We are called to take part in the missionary work of the Church. We may not all have to move to another town or city to do so, but impelled by the Holy Spirit, each one of us is to move beyond our daily concerns, important as they are, to help others live in the faith that sustains us.

Bishop Salvatore Matano calls us to a responsible sharing in the missionary works of the Diocese of Rochester. No diocese is truly a diocese unless it extends beyond its own borders and allows itself to be touched by the presence of other churches.

May we share the gift of faith today, by helping our missionary friends with our prayers and a generous gift.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

**Our world is wrought with war and violence,
as brother turns on brother,
and the innocent awake to gunfire and bombs.**

**May Your compassion and healing
move hearts and bring a new day to Ukraine.**

**Fortify your children to resist aggression
and instead become instruments of peace.**

**We ask this in the name of the One
who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.**

AMEN

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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.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

In today's Gospel Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to His disciples. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those 'others' we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus' love command. How often do we heed Jesus' love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command?



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