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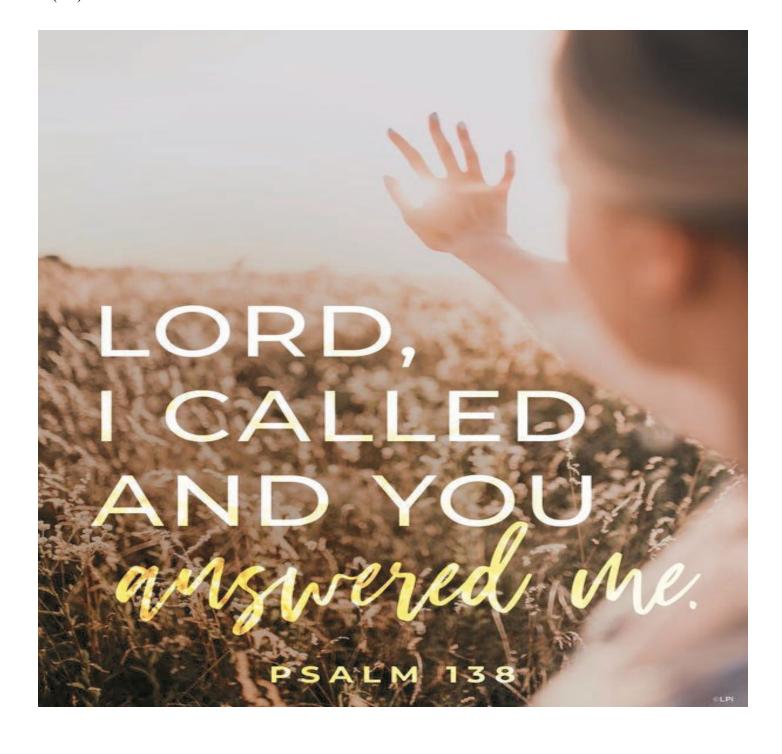
MISSION STATEMENT

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

July 24, 2022



WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Saturday, July 23, 2022

3:30 p.m.-Sacrament of Penance-Church

FLOWERS DONATIONS:



Our main altar arrangement for the week of July 24, 2022 has been donated in loving memory of our Mother, **Catherine Mandell** by her two sons, Mike and Rich.



IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mike Brito Barbara Ignaszewski Christopher Stedge Jackie Zeigler

WEEKLY COLLECTIONSs:

Weekend of July 9/10, 2022

\$5,853.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND EXCERPTS FOR JULY 24, 2022: 17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY:

First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

??? In his dialogue with the Lord, Abraham questions the idea of justice and divine retribution. What questions do you have for the Lord?

Psalm: 138: Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a] Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Col 2:12-14

He brought you to life along with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.

??? Paul encouraged the Gentile believers in the city of Colossae to understand that all who have faith in Jesus (Jews and Gentiles alike) share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. How do you help fellow Christians who feel disenfranchised?

Gospel: Lk 11:1-13

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;

seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

??? Jesus teaches His disciples to be persistent and bold in their prayers to the Father. How would you characterize your prayer life?

WEEKLY READINGS FOR JULY 25-JULY 30, 2022:

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,

6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt

13:36 -43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-

18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt

13:47 -53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-

34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,

14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022:

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel

Makhlūf, Priest

Monday: St. James, Apostle

Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: St. Martha

Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of t

he Church

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St.

Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

FOR YOUR REFLECTION:

The fact that there's a Highway to hell and only a Stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

Worry is a conversation with yourself about things you cannot change. Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.

Book suggestion: THE ROSARY: OUR WEAPON FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE by Johnnette S. Benkovic and Thomas K. Sullivan



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the **Second Vatican Council**. This council, which was a meeting of the world's bishops and representatives of the Orthodox, Protestant, and Anglican Churches, was convened by Saint Pope John XXIII, and opened on October 11, 1962. The council met four times from 1962 to 1965.

As the council was opened, the "Council Fathers," as they were called, stated in a "message to humanity, that this assembly, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, wishes to inquire how we ought to renew ourselves so that we might be found increasingly faithful to the gospel of Christ." One year later, as the council promulgated its first work, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, this intention came into sharper focus. The council was to "impart an ever-increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more closely to the needs of our age those institutions which are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call all humanity into the Church's fold."

The Second Vatican Council was unique for several reasons. Of the twenty councils the Church has held through the centuries, Vatican Council II was not responding to any theological crisis within the Church, such as the Protestant Reformation. Secondly, this council was the first council to call together the bishops of the entire world, not just the bishops from Europe and North America. Thirdly, it sought primarily to strengthen the pastoral position of the Church in relation to its members and the world.

The Second Vatican Council produced sixteen documents which addressed a wide range of topics. Documents were produced which dealt with the liturgy, the Church, the Church in the Modern World, divine revelation, ecumenism, Catholic Eastern Churches, relation of the Church to non-Christian religions, religious liberty, the Church's missionary activity, Christian education, the pastoral office of bishops in the Church, the renewal of religious life, the apostolate of lay people, the ministry and life of the priest, the training of priests, and social communication.

The work of the Second Vatican Council has made a profound impact on the Church, whether the council is part of our memory or not. The work of the council has born the fruit of many changes in the life of the Church these past sixty years, it has inspired many creative and effective strategies in furthering the mission of Christ, as well as created much debate and controversy. However, the good work of the Second Vatican Council will continue to serve the Church well in many years to come.

It was just a few weeks ago that **Pope Francis I** encouraged all Catholics to review and reacquaint themselves with the documents and the Spirit promulgated by the Second Vatican Council. He reminded all Catholics that the vision of the council continues to be a work in progress. He urged Catholics to study and understand the reforms of the Second Vatican Council in order to grow closer to God through the liturgy of the Church. The Holy Father said "I simply want to invite"

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 25 - Weekday 6:45 AM Celine Louisnathan – Pauchard family Tuesday, May 26 - Weekday 6:45 AM Elizabeth and George Bartosch Wednesday, May 27 - Weekday 6:45 AM Deceased members of the Anderson and Gresock families—Ann Gresock Thursday, May 28 - Weekday 6:45 AM Mary Amisano – 6:45 Mass friends Friday, May 29 - Weekday 6:45 ÅM NO MASS Saturday, May 30 -5:00 PM Robert Roberti– sister Rita Sunday, May 31-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Walter Dobek—family 10:30 AM Ann Ponzi—Phil and family

Pastor's Perspective continued:

the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration."

The Second Vatican Council was a great event in the life of our modern Church. In remembering this monumental event, we might remember the words of **Saint Pope John XXIII** as he opened the Council with the following prayer:

Renew your wonders in our time,
O Divine Spirit, as though for a
new Pentecost, and grant that the
Holy Church, preserving unanimous
and continuous prayer, through Mary,
the mother of Jesus, and also
under the guidance of Saint Peter,
may increase the reign of the Divine
Savior, the reign of truth and justice,
the reign of love and peace.
AMEN.

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

Fr. L.

"SCAM" Notice:

There have been several recent e-mails received by both parishioners and friends of Father Linsler asking for financial assistance. Please be assured that all these messages are SCAMS! Father Chris would not contact you asking for money, gift cards, or any other kind of financial assistance. Please delete and disregard these SCAM messages.

LIVE THE LITURGY-INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is, "God".

God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP OUR FAMILY PRACTICE OUR FAITH EACH DAY?

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope. But the focus needs to be on who we are--God's people, in relationship with Him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.



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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IN OUR PARISH:

CARING PROJECT

Our parish of St. Mary Our Mother continues to provide food for our needy neighbors. One thing that we don't often think about is the continuing need for diapers As a parish, we are asking you to help. Might you be able to bring diapers —any size, but especially size 4/5, and any adult size diapers to the Church vestibule and place them in the food cart. All donations are very much appre-

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for the available Faith Formation Coordinator and Assistant positions. It is our hope to have a Coordinator and assistant in place soon. Registration forms for all the programs will be available in the vestibule of the church on the shelves beside the bulletin board.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER PARISH SCHOOL:

Registrations for St. Mary Our Mother School are being accepted for 2022-23 school year. 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: to provide a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records for the student and a completed parish commitment form verifying parish membership.

IN OUR REGION:



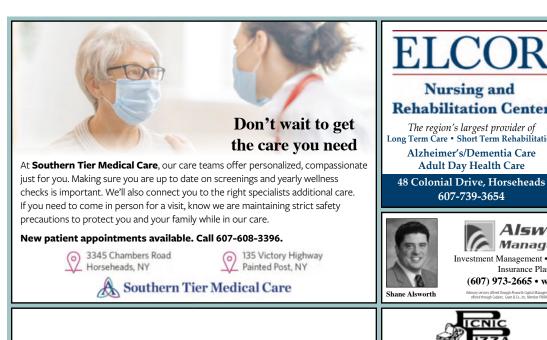
HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. 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!



The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. Blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives.









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