

# 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 (607) 739-3817

August 28, 2022

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# 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR:

# Saturday, August 28, 2022

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



#### **FLOWERS DONATIONS:**

The Main Altar arrangement for the week of August 28,th has been donated in loving memory of Richard Margeson by his wife, Roxann and family.

# IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jean Mott Michael Brookman Donna Simons





#### SCRIPTURE READINGS AND EXCERPTS FOR AUGUST 28, 2022, 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDI-NARY TIME:

#### **First Reading:**

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 7:18)

# Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)

#### **Second Reading:**

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. (Heb 12:22)

# Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

# WEEKLY READINGS FOR AUGUST 28, 2022, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Lk:14:1, 7- 14
- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/ Mk 6:17-29
- **Tuesday:** 1 Cor 210b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd, 14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk: 4:38-44
- **Thursday**: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/P 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/ Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/ Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk:14:25-33

#### **Observances for the week of August 28, 2022**

Sunday:	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Augustine,
	Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Monday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- Tuesday: Weekday
- Wednesday: Weekday
- Thursday: Weekday
- Friday: Weekday
- Saturday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church.
- Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **Gospel Meditation continued**

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance can we begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as His instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

#### **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

I hope everyone has enjoyed these weeks of summer. As we begin this final week of August and look forward to the Labor Day holiday next weekend, I thought I would share this bit of wisdom with you. They are entitled **"The Seven Ups,"** and I hope they will offer you a bit of enlightenment.

1. Wake Up! Decide to have a good day. "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

2. **Dress Up!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "*The Lord does not look at the things we look at. Human beings look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.*" (1 Samuel 16.7)

3. Shut Up! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth. There is a message here. God must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. *"He who guards his lips guards his soul."* (Proverbs 13:3)

4. Stand Up! ...for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good." (Galatians 6:9-10)

5. Look Up!...to the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

6. **Reach Up!** For something higher. "Trust *in the* Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

7. Lift Up!...your prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything "(Philippians 4:6)

A friend recently sent this article to me. This light hearted article is entitled "HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE WORLD TODAY."

Avoid riding in automobiles—they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents;

Do not stay home—17% of all accidents occur at home; Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks—14% of all accidents involve pedestrians;

Avoid traveling by air, rail, or over water—16% of all accidents involve these modes of travel;

Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospi tals. *Above all, avoid hospitals.* 

**But there is Good News!** You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all fatalities occur in church. These are usually related to an already existing physical condition. Therefore, simple logic tells us that the safest place to be at any given point in time is in church!

I understand that the percentage of deaths during Bible Study hour is even lower. So be sure to attend Mass regularly and read your Bible. It could save your life!

#### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, Aug 29-The Passion of St. John the Baptist.
- 6:45 AM Elizabeth and George Bartosch
- Tuesday, Aug. 30-Weekday
- 6:45 AM Henry Lopes—Mary Faltisco Suffern
- Wednesday, Aug. 31-Weekday

6:45 AM John Viele—Knights of Columbus

Thursday, Sept. 1-Weekday

6:45 AM Dennis Amisano—Guy Amisano

Friday, Sept. 2-Weekday

6:45 AM Keli Collins—Jo Witzel

- Saturday, Sept. 3
- 5:00 PM Joseph O'Rourke—John and Roseanne Tackett
- Sunday, Sept. 4, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:30 ÅM Teri Guardi —her husband Bob
- 10:30 AM Eddie Jadoski—his family

#### **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches, His hosts and their guests, on some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered "holy" and "unholy," rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn't invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn't reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate.

Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship.

This week let's reflect our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us?



STEWARDSHIP OFFERTORY: "JESUS PAID IT ALL". **REVIVAL IS IN THE AIR** 



# **ARE YOU READY?**

We often speak of "going to Mass" like the way we go to a concert, movie, or theater performance. Even though we know that the Eucharist is not a performance, it may be hard to put into words what we do at the Mass. And as long as we think of ourselves as going to Mass, we limit the ways the Eucharist may shape us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our role in the Eucharist is much more about participation than about watching. It's like the difference between watching a sporting match and actually playing the game. We are called to full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharist—we are to open our minds, hearts, and spirit, ready to be changed, to become more like Christ.

When we truly participate in the Eucharist, we allow Christ to speak to us, be joined in sacrifice, and be nourished in Holy Communion. We are drawn to communion with Christ and each other. Through this encounter with the Lord, we are renewed. We do not simply go to Mass. We take part. And our participation changes us for the better.

# **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE RIDDLE'S**

1. A boy was 15 in 1990, and in 1995 he turned 10. How is this possible?

2. What are Kong, Lear, and Nat Cole considered when addressed as 3?

- 3. What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?
- 4. What's got a face but not a person or an animal?

5. This may seem like a strange mix, but it's there for all to see, with parents, shepherds, and kings, some animals and a baby. What am I?

6. I kept them safe and showed the way. Once thrown down upon the ground, I came alive with a hissing sound. I hit the rock as he was told, and that was when the water flowed. What am I?

7. Which sharks do you find in Heaven?

8. What is, black-white, black-white, black-white, black-white, black-white, black-white?

# Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended.

And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima

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# **IN OUR PARISH:**

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York, every parish corporation is to have an annual meeting to supply information to the parish at large with regard to financial and legal issues. The annual parish meeting will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11th immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in church. At this meeting a summary of the 2021-2022 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for 2022-2023 fiscal year. In addition the chairperson of our Finance Council, **Mr. Shane Alsworth**, our Operations and Finance Manager, **Ms. Terri Orbin**, our Finance Director, **Mrs. Suzanne Krebs**, and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns.. All are encouraged to attend.

#### **CEMETERY NEWS:**

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary Our Mother cemetery. When in the cemetery, we ask that you please observe the 10mph speed limit. It is also important not to park on the grass, as many grave sites extend to the very edge of the road. The cemetery is a consecrated area. Reverence should be maintained at all times.

# PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILTING GROUP:

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available for parishioners who would like to give one to someone who is sick. If you wish to receive one of these for someone you know who would appreciate this kindness, please call the parish office for more information.



# Answers for the riddles on pg. 3

- 1. The boy lived before Christ. Therefore, in 1995 B.C. he was 10 years old, and in 1990 he turned 15.
- 2. We Three Kings
- 3. Flood lights
- 4. God
- 5. Nativity
- 6. Moses' staff
- 7. Angel Sharks
- 8. A nun falling down the stairs!





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