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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
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October 23, 2022



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” - Lk 18:13

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WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, October 25

3:45 Faith Formation—school

Thursday, October 27

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Saturday, October 29

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance—church



MEMORIALS:

The main altar arrangement for the week of October 23 has been donated in loving memory of Laura Merritt from the Alsworths.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Kay Easton



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 6, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** During this liturgy, we remember all those who died from our parish since November, 2021 and will remember each of our departed brothers and sisters by name. If you have a family member or friend who has died during the past twelve months whose funeral was not from St. Mary Our Mother and you would like to have their name included during this Mass, please contact the parish office and we will include their names on the remembrance list. All are invited to come and share in this special time of remembering our faithful departed loved ones, and offer support for their families and friends.



All spring and summer decorations must be removed by November 1, 2022. All items remaining beyond Nov. 1, will be removed and discarded. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15, 2022 through March 1, 2023.

Readings for the week of October 23, 2022

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Observances for the week of October 23, 2022

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday, St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood

SUNDAY , Oct. 23, READING - EXCERPTS:

First Reading:

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. (Sir 35:21)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for His appearance. (2 Tm 4:8)

Gospel:

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Lk 18:14)

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

There is an interesting twist we find in today’s gospel when we hear Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is “praying to himself.” It doesn’t mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer’s intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself; he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God.

REFLECT: Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God’s unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

October is the month when we center our attention on the respect for all life, often times referred to as **Respect Life Month**. It is a time of year when we see significant changes in our weather as the summer activities come to an end and autumn activities begin. It is a time when we become aware of the “dying” of the earth as flowers go into their winter slumber, as the trees give up their colorful leaves, as we tend to remain indoors more often, and the cooler days reminds us that winter is not far off.

These seasonal changes invite us to explore our human changes. We become aware of the boundaries of life: living, dying, rising again. We become aware of how very precious each day of life is and how we should treasure each day that God gives us. We also become more aware of those who share life with us and how precious their life is to us and to the world.

Given this reality, we focus once again on the basic tenets of our faith: life begins with God and life ends according to God's plan. The Church teaches us that life begins at conception. As a mother cares for her infant in the womb, she is assisting God in the creative process not only giving birth to new life, but allowing herself to house life and nurture her developing child. We hear and see many debates these days which speak of life in the womb—what can be allowed and what must be forbidden; what can be legislated and what cannot be legislated. We see political debates from those seeking office who attempt to define the church's teaching. The teaching is rather simple—life begins at conception when God chooses to initiate the creation of a new child.

In the same vein, life continues until God determines when we should come home to heaven. This has become somewhat complicated with the advance of medicine and the development of technology and medications which can prolong and sustain life. At times, a family may face the question, “*are we sustaining life or simply keeping the body going?*” Families have to decide when enough is enough regarding treatments and medications. This is also a challenge because no one likes to let go of a loved one and no one likes to think that ‘they’ may have ended someone's life. Yet, deciding for comfort care, deciding this is enough pain, deciding that further treatment is not going to add to the quality of life, embracing the idea that it is time to let go and let God bring a loved one home—these are all quality decisions and actually embrace life and the preciousness with which we hold life.

It is easy to appreciate the preciousness of life when we hold a newborn infant in our arms, and experience how beautiful life is. Strangely enough, it is also easy to appreciate the preciousness of life when sitting at the bedside of a dying person, listening to their breathing, hearing their final words, saying silent prayer—there is a deep appreciation for all that sustains life. On a beautiful fall day, when we see the beautiful autumn colors, experience the crisp seasonal air, we can sense the wonders and value of human life.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday, October 24, Weekday**
6:45 AM Mary Amisano—6:45 Mass friends
- Tuesday, October 25, Weekday**
6:45 AM Helen Linsler—Ann LeMark
- Wednesday, October 26, Weekday**
6:45 AM Courtney Bola—Matt and Brittany Patterson
- Thursday, October 27, Weekday**
6:45 AM Mary Smart—the Leipold family
- Friday, October , Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**
6:45 AM Faithful departed
- Saturday, October 29, Weekday**
5:00 PM Michael Valentino— Joann and Steve Cowulich
- Sunday, October 30, 2022, Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM Tess and Bill Danaher—their children and grandchildren
10:30 AM Robert Semski—Rosa and Ray Giammichele

Pastor's Perspective continued:

It is more challenging to appreciate life when we are angry at another, when we have been hurt, when we are frightened or confused. We do not value life when we feel sad or depressed, lost and wonder where our friends are, and don't even value our own lives! Yet, the challenge is always and everywhere to realize that life is precious. Why? Life is a gift from God—and we cannot take that fact lightly. Life is entrusted to us and we need to be responsible for and never put it in jeopardy. Life is something to be experienced, enjoyed, and seen as a means of coming in touch with God. Life always evolves, grows, and surprises us—if we are not open to life, none of this can happen.

As we continue in this month of October, **Respect Life Month**, take a moment to appreciate the wonderful life God has given just to you! Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L



As of the weekend of Oct. 15-16, 60 families have contributed to this year's CMA campaign, pledging \$17,109.00 dollars. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



Today is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to All! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

A prayer for missionaries and mission:

God of every nation, you commissioned us at Pentecost to go and make disciples of all nations. When we take up our commission, we become missionaries of your Gospel. Bless all missionaries in our communities with your love that surpasses all understanding. Change hearts so that we become the missionaries you expect us to be. We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of the Gospel. Amen



Youth Group will meet this Sunday, October 23rd. from 5-7 p.m. in the Church. **Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation candidates *MUST attend***. Youth group is open to anyone in grades 8-12!

BIBLE TRIVIA FOR THE FAMILY:

1. What is the name of the sea where Jesus walked on water. See Matthew 14:22-36
2. True or false: Jesus said that all people who love and obey God are His true family. See Mark 3:34-35
3. Which member of the Jewish ruling council comes to ask Jesus questions at night? See John 3:1-2
4. True or False. Everywhere Jesus went, people loved Jesus and believed his messages. See John 1: 11-12 or Mark 5: 11-17
5. How many disciples did Jesus choose? See Luke 6:13.
Can you name them? See Luke 6:12-16
6. What did Mathew do for work before he followed Jesus?



CIVILIZE IT: A Better Kind of Politics...Elections 2022 and Beyond (Part 5)

Social love, Pope Francis says, has to be “accompanied by a commitment to the truth”, informed by both faith and reason. “We must learn how to unmask the various ways that the truth is manipulated, distorted, and concealed in public and private discourse” and to unmask media sources that are actually “powerful special interests that seek to tilt public opinion unfairly in their favor.” An important starting point in preparing our hearts for dialogue is to consider from what sources I get my information. Are these sources reputable and long-standing? Are they neutral and objective or connected with a particular political party or bias?

REFLECT: *How can I check claims that I hear against multiple sources to ensure the accuracy before I share that information with others and to avoid being manipulated myself?*

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THE FOOD PANTRY



Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry. Following is a list of canned items requested for the months of October-December.

Canned vegetables, especially:
 creamed corn, spinach, asparagus, beets,
 canned potatoes, pork and beans, creamed
 soups of all kinds.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA:

1. Sea of Galilee
2. True
3. Nicodemus
4. False, Jesus was rejected many times.
5. Jesus had 12 disciples.
The disciples were: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus.
6. Mathew was a dishonest tax collector.



RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS

Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the Horseheads Food Pantry. You can drop your returnable bottles and cans off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00-2:00 p.m.

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