



# 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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October 30, 2022



## **31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Tuesday, November 1**

3:45 p.m.-Religious Education— school

**Thursday, November 3**

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

**Saturday, November 5**

3:30 p.m.- Sacrament of Penance

## FLOWER MEMORIALS:



The main altar flowers for the week of October 30th have been donated in loving memory of Tess and Bill Danaher by their family.

The Sanctuary candle and the icon candle for the week of October 30-November 5, 2022, have been donated in loving memory of Tom Jansen by his sisters, Mary Beth and Debbie.

## IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Patricia Redmond Clark  
Paul Ohliger



## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:

*"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear."*

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated next **Sunday, November 6th**, 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.



## FALL BACK TO STANDARD TIME

Please remember we return to Standard Time next **Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.** Be sure to set your clocks **back one hour** before retiring next Saturday evening.

## WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2022

**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

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Wednesday:** Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 6:1-8

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2022

**Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

**Monday:** All Hallow's Eve

**Tuesday:** All Saints

**Wednesday:** All Souls' Day

**Thursday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious

**Friday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**Saturday:**

**Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

## Hands of Christ Award 2023

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition instrument to assist parishes in affirming high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior from the class of 2023 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

- Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;
- Is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;
- Is a positive role model for peers and younger children
- Is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother.

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form, including the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and high school along with examples of the above mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler as pastor. All nominations are due in the parish office by **November 15, 2022**.

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It is hard to believe that Tuesday of this week begins the month of November. November is a month when we are invited to “remember,” beginning with **All Saints Day**, followed by **All Souls Day** on Wednesday. November 11th is **Veteran's Day**, a time to remember all our veterans who have served our nation so faithfully. Later this month we celebrate **Thanksgiving Day** which gives us an opportunity to gather with family and friends to offer thanks for all we have. November invites us to remember the past and live for the future, even as we live in these challenging times.

A popular song that our children often sing on **All Saints Day** is entitled “**Sing a Song to the Saints.**” The song mentions a number of the more popular saints of our faith tradition by name, with a refrain inviting us to “sing a song to the saints.” All Saints Day is a time to honor the women and men whose lives were marked with holiness of knowing, loving, and serving God throughout their earthly life. This day reminds us that holiness is a virtue for all of us—not just those who have been formally recognized to be so by the Church, but all who have loved God's call the best we can.

Every year on All Saints Day, I recall the occasions when the Litany of Saints is sung and prayed during the Liturgy. At the Easter Vigil, we are invited to sing this litany just before the elect are baptized. For those in Holy Orders, the singing of this litany brings back memories of their ordination. Before the bishop imposes hands on the candidate, he lies prostrate on the floor of the church, while the congregation joins the saints in the Kingdom, praying for the soon-to-be-ordained. This litany calls out for assistance and guidance, reminding us that we are not only part of the church here on earth, but a heavenly church as well.

Wednesday, November 2nd, we commemorate the **Feast of All Souls**. While not a day when we are obliged to attend Mass, this day invites us to pray for all the faithful departed. It is a day to remember deceased family members and friends. I often think of all of the former priests, religious, and family members who sacrificed to build our church and campus, who prayed, built community here, and truly loved the people. Think of the many funerals we have celebrated here. How often have we remembered and called upon our ancestors in faith to help guide and be with us in the most challenging times? All Souls Day invites us to remember and pray for our departed loved ones, sad that they are no longer with us, but happy that they are with God in heaven.

**Veteran's Day** is Friday, November 11th. This day reminds us that on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the eleventh hour in 1918, the “war that was to end all wars,” World War I ended in Europe. Every year since, we have paused as a nation to remember. We remember those who sacrificed their lives in all our nation's wars so that we might be a free nation. We remember war stories we have heard and continue to pray for peace. We are indebted to every military person who willingly put others ahead of themselves in offering the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Veteran's Day is a day to remember the past so that we don't repeat it!

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>October 31, Weekday</b>
6:45 AM	Faithful departed
5:30 PM	Joan Mitchell—Ed and Mary Lee Fairbrother
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>November 1, ALL SAINTS</b>
6:45 AM	Brian Kasonic—Josephine Witzel
9:00 AM	6th grade students of St. Mary Our Mother School
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>November 2, All Souls' Day</b>
6:45 AM	Charly Graves—wife, Jan
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>November 3, Weekday</b>
6:45 AM	Mamie Woodward—sister, Evelyn and family
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>November 4, St. Charles Borromeo</b>
6:45 AM	Special intention of Nina Macapinlac—family
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>November 5, Weekday</b>
5:00 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving on the 60th wedding anniversary of Bob and Barb Vanburger
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>November 6, 2022, Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.</b>
8:30 AM	Teri Guardi—Bob
10:30 AM	MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Pastor's perspective continued:*

The month of November concludes with the celebration of **Thanksgiving Day**. Although we continue to navigate through challenging times, the American holiday of Thanksgiving remains a day to be grateful for God's continued blessings in our lives.

If you haven't done so, please make your pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal as soon as you can.

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

Fr. L

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus makes for an ideal stewardship reflection. So does today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Good stewards have faith in, and give thanks for, an almighty and powerful God who transcends the universe, but who gives personal attention to every human being.

God loves His creation, His people. He lives in them, and through His Holy Spirit, instills a fundamental goodness in them. Good stewards recognize this movement of the Spirit as a gift, and make efforts to cultivate this gift and grow in their faith.

Take time this week to stop and look around you, be aware of God's awe-inspiring reaction, and give thanks for God's loving care and concern for each of us.

## A little Christian Humor:

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

(because Noah was standing on the deck)

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

(Ruthless)





### CHRISTMAS CARING PROGRAM

Over the years, St. Mary Our Mother parish has reached out to help the needy of Horseheads and its many surrounding rural areas. We have done this in partnership with the Horseheads Food Pantry, which serves these families by providing food assistance. Parishioners have generously been supporting the pantry year-long by donating grocery items to the food cart and clean, empty deposit bottles and cans. Furthermore, 25% of the Rice Bowl proceeds that are returned by CRS are then given to help with the expenses of our local pantry.

As the Christmas season of giving and caring approaches, we, at St. Mary Our Mother, will be reaching out to the clients of the Food Pantry in **three** special ways.

- **Making a monetary donation so the pantry can supply meat and fresh food for the Christmas meal** and the holiday week. Envelopes will be provided for this purpose.
- **Increasing our donations of canned and dried food** to the vestibule food cart so the pantry clients have healthy and adequate food for the Christmas holidays.
- **Bringing a Christmas ornament that you offer to a needy family.** You will hang the ornament on our Christmas Caring Tree in the back of the church. The ornaments will be taken to the pantry so the families and children can pick an ornament for their tree as a reminder that we care for them.

This program will kick off on the weekend of November 19-20, when donation envelopes will be available in the vestibule and the Christmas Caring Tree will be standing proudly in the back of the church awaiting your ornaments. The program will conclude the weekend of December 10/11th.

The Social Ministry Committee invites and encourages all parishioners to participate in our Christmas Caring Program, in any one or more of the three ways listed above. So please be involved in spreading joy and showing love and concern for our neighbors in need.



### CIVILIZE IT: A Better Kind of Politics *Elections 2022 and Beyond*

Once more, I appeal for a renewed appreciation of politics as a ‘lofty vocation’ and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good.” (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti). When Pope Francis refers to a better kind of politics, he means those activities through which we bring the light of our faith to the public square in order to further integral human development, solidarity, justice and the common good. Participating in elections are important forms of political engagement, but just as important are ongoing activities such as involvement in city/town council or school board meetings, understanding what issues impact our neighborhoods, how poverty impacts our neighbors, how public funds are used, and advocating for positive change. These are all examples of what Pope Francis describes as “political charity”.

**Reflect:** *Take stock of your “political charity.”*

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF

**Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor  
**Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence  
**Mrs. Amanda Reeves**, Coordinator of Faith Formation  
**Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Assistant  
**Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music  
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#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.

Creamed corn spinach, asparagus, beets, canned potatoes, pork and beans, creamed soups of all kinds.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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.

## ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

In your current packet of envelopes, there is an All Souls Day envelope, on which you may write the names of your deceased loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the chapel altar during the month of November, and your intentions will be remembered in all liturgies during the month of November and throughout the year in Masses listed for "Our Faithful Departed."

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now past CMA donors have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church.

Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

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