



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

January 8, 2023



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, January 10:

3:45 p.m.—Religious Education—school
7:00 p.m.—Wounded Healers—school

Thursday, January 12:

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

Saturday, January 14:

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, January 15:

5:00 p.m.—Confirmation Classes—school

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Shella Graham
Anthony DeSocio, Sr.
Joseph Terpolilli
Patricia Howland
Ann Marie Whitney



MASS INTENTIONS:

Any one of our regular scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention—in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person’s recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

ALTAR MEMORIALS:

When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donations for the week are as follows:

Sanctuary candle	\$10.00
Icon candle	\$10.00
Sacramental wine	\$15:00
Eucharistic bread	\$10.00

QR CODE GIVING:

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READINGS FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1 -3/Jn 1:29-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANURARY 8, 2023.

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: Weekday-First week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Weekday
Thursday: Weekday
Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: Weekday
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



WOUNDED HEALERS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Wounded Healer’s Bereavement Support Group Meeting will be offered on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm, in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Use the door across from the playground after entering from Westlake Street. It will be our traditional memorial service, as we enter a new year and take time to remember our loved ones who have died. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; finding encouragement and insight from each other. We hope to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, “We see healing in the very act of helping.” **Please note: the time is 7:00 pm.**



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This weekend we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**. Today is a solemn celebration in which we acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come for all people. Just as the Magi from the East, led by a star, made their way in search of the truth that came from the Christ child, so people today follow the light of our world in search of the Word made Flesh.

This great mystery of the Incarnation invites us to continue in the way of Christ by the way we live, love, and care for all who share this world with us. We are challenged to be this light which helps lead others to Christ. This is not always an easy task. But the good news is that we do not take the initiative alone, we do so in the company of one another and always have the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I hope this Christmas season, which continues today and concludes with the Feast of our Lord's Baptism tomorrow, has been a time of grace and peace for you and your families. My sincere hope is that Christmas afforded you an opportunity to spend some quality time with family, friends, and loved ones, prayerfully remembering the wonderful gift of God's love we received on that first Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. As we begin 2023 together, may we be inspired by the saints of old as well as our modern day saints, who call us to live a life of holiness and grace. May 2023 find us willing to be Christ for others and to find Christ in others.

The beginning of a new year finds many people offering a few hope and resolutions for the coming year. Here are hopes that I have for our parish community as we begin 2023:

that all of us will know the mystery of God's love in our lives throughout 2023;

that we continue to be a warm and welcoming community for all, including those seeking to understand more about our Catholic faith;

that new parishioners will experience a sense of welcome, hospitality and friendship within our parish;

that those from our parish who have been absent from our community due to concerns related to Covid-19, may experience a welcome return as they join us for regular Sunday worship;

that our Social Ministry and outreach efforts for justice continue to define us as followers of Jesus to our local community and to the world;

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 AM	January 9, The Baptism of the Lord Donna Simons—Bob and Marianne Kosty
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	January 10, Weekday/First week in Ordinary Time Brian Kasonic—Tom and Carolyn Collins
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	January 11, Weekday Dick Burdulis—Joan Schlappi-Allen
Thursday, 6:45 AM	January 12, Weekday Debra Weiss—Donna and Diane
Friday, 6:45 AM	January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church The faithful departed
Saturday, 5:00 PM	January 14, Weekday Laureano Lapitan and Lourdes Sobremonte—Lapitan Family
Sunday, 8:30 AM	January 15, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Raymond Sherwood—Deloris and the Alsworth's
10:30 AM	Claire Navone Pitts—her family

Pastor's perspective continued:

that St. Mary Our Mother School continues to provide an excellent Catholic education for the children of our community, and that more parents will consider a Catholic School education for their children;

that the vibrancy of our Faith Formation programs continues to renew our commitment to life-long learning of our Catholic faith for families and people of all ages;

that our sacramental programs and celebrations serve as growth-filled opportunities of all candidates, families and our entire parish;

that we continue to adopt principles of good stewardship, generously sharing our time, talent, and treasure;

that we continue to offer healing and acceptance of any person desiring a return home to our church.

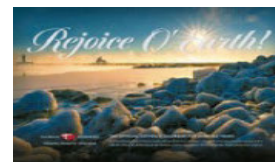
Just a few thoughts for us to consider as we begin 2023.

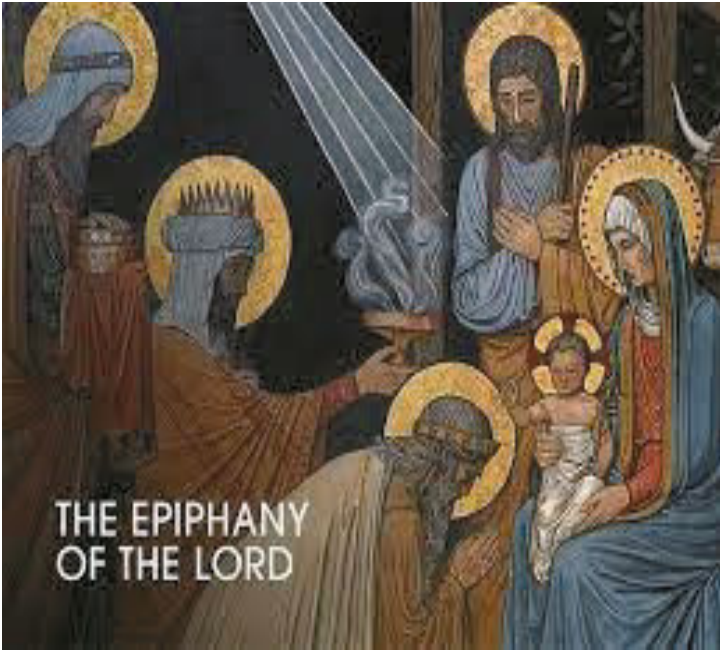
Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

2023 CALENDARS:

Our parish is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for the donation of our 2023 calendars. Thank you, Jim and Heather!





They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt. 2:1-0-11.

EPIPHANY

Showing the three fold mission of Jesus

The Feast of Epiphany which occurs on the Sunday after January 1st. in the United States and Canada celebrates the wonder of Jesus. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word Epiphania, which means “showing.”

Although generally associated with the account of the Magi’s search for the Christ child, the Epiphany is the second of four great manifestations of God in our midst. The first is Christmas, the third and fourth are the Baptism of our Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

God is revealed in the birth of Jesus, in the dove that hovers over Jesus at Baptism, and in the water turned to wine at the wedding feast. The symbols in these stories also show us the threefold mission of Jesus. As light to the nations, Jesus fulfills His **kingly** mission as He is honored by “wisemen” who come from faraway lands. When the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at His Baptism, Jesus is anointed for His **prophetic** mission. This occurs just before He begins His public ministry of proclaiming the good news to the poor. In performing His first miracle at the wedding feast, Jesus shares His **priestly** mission by showing His power to transform the hearts, minds, bodies, and souls of those who believe.



A HOUSE BLESSING DURING EPIPHANY

The family goes from room to room in the home and writes the following inscription with chalk above each door

20+C+B+M+23

The letters stand for the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means “May Christ bless this house.”

After the doors have been marked, together pray the following blessing:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concerns for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

A fun way to celebrate Epiphany is with a ‘Kings cake’. A bean or nut or a small figure of a baby is hidden in the cake before frosting it. The person who finds it is crowned Queen or King for the rest of the day.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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- Religious Education Office**
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FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS:

Adam and Eve—The first people to not read the “Apple” terms and conditions.

God recycles—He made you from dust.

Forgive your enemies—it messes with their heads.

Whoever stole our AC unit keep it—it’s hot where you are going!

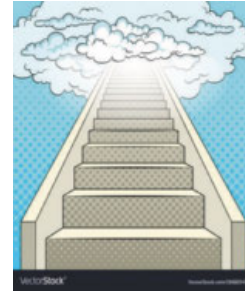
Staying in bed shouting OH GOD! doesn’t constitute going to church.

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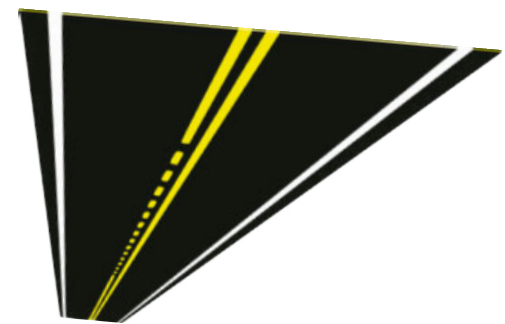
Remember in prayer those who are sick of our church and community.

The peace making meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to conflict.

Mass Cards: please place the donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want to be remembered.



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