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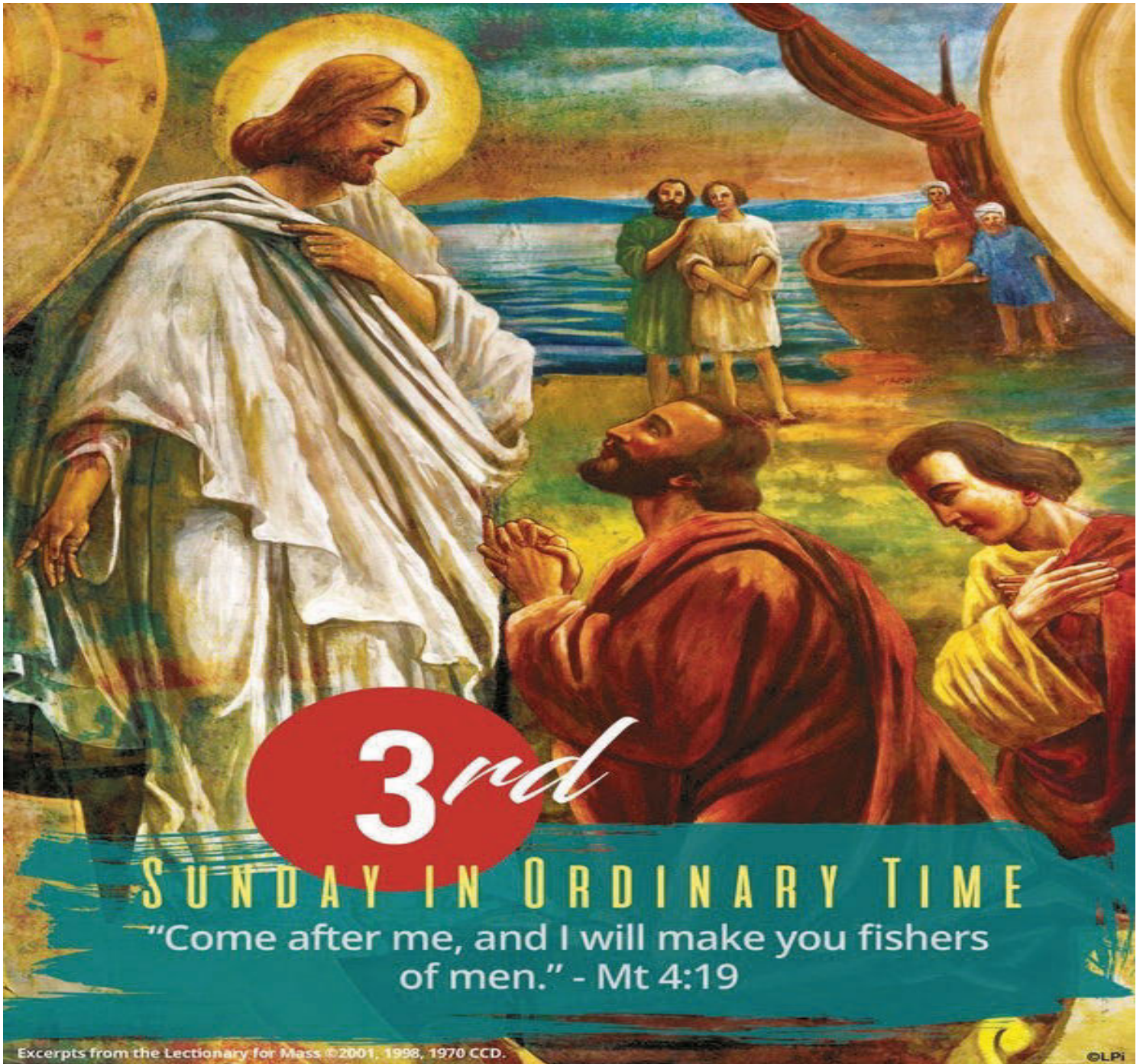
MISSION STATEMENT

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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January 22, 2023



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, January 24

3:45 p.m.—Religious Education—school

Saturday, January 28

3:30 p.m. —Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week Begins

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Sharon O’Brien
Jim Ormiston
Dennis Savino



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 occasions.

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

We are in the process of updating the names of those who have served as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist prior to Covid-19. If you have previously served as a Eucharistic Minister, either in church or to nursing and private homes, and wish to resume this ministry, please contact the parish office at 607-739-3817.



2023 CALENDARS:

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

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WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023:

- Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023:

- Sunday:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Thursday:** Saints Timothy and Titus
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

In today’s gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us His way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace His teaching. Good stewards of Jesus’ teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open and resistant to the gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. *What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God’s glory to others?*



PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE:

With only 22 days into 2023, I don’t think it is too late to offer a new year’s resolution for your consideration. It is called “On Line Giving,” or “Electronic-Giving,” or simply “E-Giving,” and members of our Finance Council have fully endorsed this method for parish financial contributions and support. Electronic Giving is an easy, safe, and secure way for you to provide consistent financial support for St. Mary Our Mother, and the various ministries of our parish, school and outreach initiatives. Since we began to offer this option to our parish members, more and more parishioners have begun using this effective and efficient method of making contributions to St. Mary Our Mother, just as one would do for other recurring payments like your utility or mortgage payments. You also choose to make contributions to any or all of the special collections—Christmas and Easter, for example—that are taken up throughout the year. And although there have been a few technological “glitches” to our program, our electronic giving program is up and running!

What are the benefits of “On-Line “ giving? parishioner benefits include:

- You never have to bring checks or cash to Mass*
- Eliminates risk of lost checks*
- Reduction of bank costs*
- One monthly transaction or record*
- No envelopes to worry about*
- Easy to read statements sent for tax planning*
- No cost to participate*
- Easy, flexible, with funds transferred on the date you set*
- Safe, secure, and confidential*

- On-Line Giving parish benefits include:
- Reduced money handling, more secure
 - Reduced cost of printing and mailing of envelopes
 - Simplified and accurate accounting
 - More consistency of contributions from month to month, even during vacation times
 - Saving on bank processing fees
 - Accurate revenue forecasting and budget planning

You can always make changes or stop electronic transfers by contacting our parish business manager. You can also change the amount of your contribution at any time.

A word of thanks to those who use Electronic-Giving for your support of St. Mary Our Mother. To participate in this convenient, simple, and secure method of supporting our parish, please contact Ms. Terri Orbin, our business manager, at the parish office. She will be happy to assist you.

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

Fr. L

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday,** 6:45 A.M. **January 23—Weekday**
Faithful Departed
- Tuesday,** 6:45 A.M. **January 24—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor**
Mary Amisano—her husband, Guy
- Wednesday,** 6:45 A.M. **January 25—Conversion of St Paul**
Intentions of Adele Lanahan—Marcel Lanahan family
- Thursday,** 6:45 A.M. **January 26—Saints Timothy & Titus**
Robert Rohde—Bob and Judi Pichette
- Friday,** 6:45 A.M. **January 27—Weekday**
Stephen O’Mara—Jackie and Warren Conklin
- Saturday,** 5:00 P.M. **January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor**
Mass of Thanksgiving on the 55th wedding anniversary of Marianne and Bob Kosty
- Sunday,** 8:30 A.M. **January 29, 4th Sunday-Ordinary Time**
10:30 A.M. Donald Donovan—Cecelia Pesoli
Mary Ann Poland and Agnes Amisano Donovan—Adele Lanahan

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” Peter, Andrew, James, and John’s lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business, fishing on the Sea of Galilee, when Jesus approached them and said, “Come after Me.” And that’s just what they did. “At once they left their nets and followed Him.” Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that He would make them “fishers of men.” Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ Himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about Him, and completely trustworthy. Other wise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to His call.

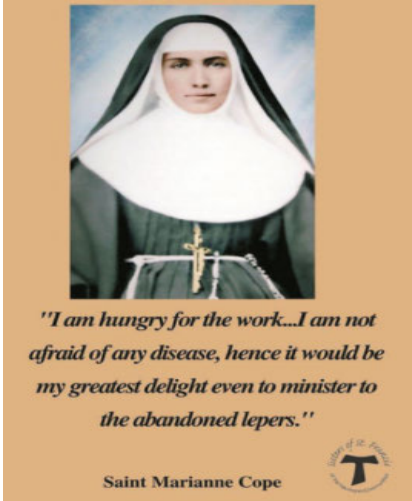
This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear His voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through His Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow Him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by His voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering Him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MOTHER MARIANNE COPE:



Barbara Koop, later Mother Marianne Cope, was born in Germany on January 23, 1838, and immigrated with her parents to New York when she was 2 years old. In August of 1862 she went to the sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York and took her vows the next year. Her early religious life saw her working as a teacher and administrator for local Catholic schools until she was called upon by the bishop to use her administrative skills as superior of St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She devoted herself to the care of the sick and infirm and the hospital flourished under her leadership. As the Provincial Mother of her order in Syracuse, Cope, along with six other sisters, answered a call made by the Hawaiian government to run the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on Oahu that served as a receiving station for people suspected of having leprosy.

Of the more than 50 religious communities in the United States and Canada who were asked by the government to help the suffering communities and hospitals for those with leprosy (Hansen’s disease) in Hawaii, Mother Marianne and her sisters were the only ones to answer the call. They immediately got to work transforming the hospital environment for those with leprosy and their families. Of this mission, she said — *“I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease, hence, it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned ‘lepers’.”*

In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters took on an even more challenging assignment and went to the Hawaiian island of Moloka’i, a leper colony, to open a new home devoted to the protection of girls and women with leprosy as well as to take charge of the home that her friend, Saint Damien de Veuster, had established for men and boys. She helped improve life on the island by introducing pride, cleanliness, and a little fun to the colony. She often provided bright scarves and dresses for the women she served and cheerfully carried out her mission until she died on August 9, 1918. While in service, she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government for her selfless love and care of those in need and she never contracted leprosy. She was canonized in 2012.



CHRISTMAS CARING PROJECT REPORT:

The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your tremendous support of our Christmas Caring Project. Your monetary donations for the Horseheads Food Pantry to purchase meat and fresh food for their clients totaled \$4,464.

Your donated food items overflowed the pantry cart each week in November and December. In addition, the students and staff of our school alone collected approximately 1100 items of those most needed by the pantry. In mid-December, our “giving trees” were stripped of 138 beautiful ornaments that were then given to the clients of the pantry. Our religious education students helped greatly to provide many of these special ornaments.

Thank you all for giving a helping hand and spreading joy and love to those of our neighbors most in need.

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JANUARY IS POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH IN THE UNITED STATES

Today, Chemung County has 11,136 of its current population of 80,273 people, living in poverty. This gives our county a poverty rate of 13.9% This is a poverty rate equal to the rate of poverty in NYS. It exceeds the national poverty rate, which stands at 12.8%. Of the 36,918 employed persons in Chemung County, 2,412 of them are living in poverty.

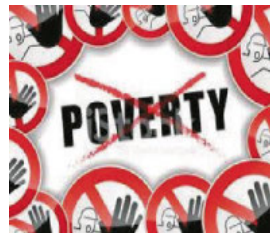
Your support of the Horseheads Food Pantry which serves the needy of Chemung County is a great way to help relieve poverty in our county. Your generous response, as a parish to the Christmas Caring Program, offered much needed assistance to the pantry in a time of critical need. Poverty does not fade away with the end of the holiday season; the need for support remains, especially during these cold winter months ahead. Please continue your generous food donations to the pantry cart in our church vestibule.

Secondly, and equally important is your advocacy and support of programs and legislation that address issues that have a disproportionate impact on those living in poverty. They are in the areas of health care, labor rights and wages, environmental safeguards, and housing.

Consider the words of Pope Francis addressing poverty:

“Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty: inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labor rights.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 116, quoting World Meeting for Popular Movements.




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