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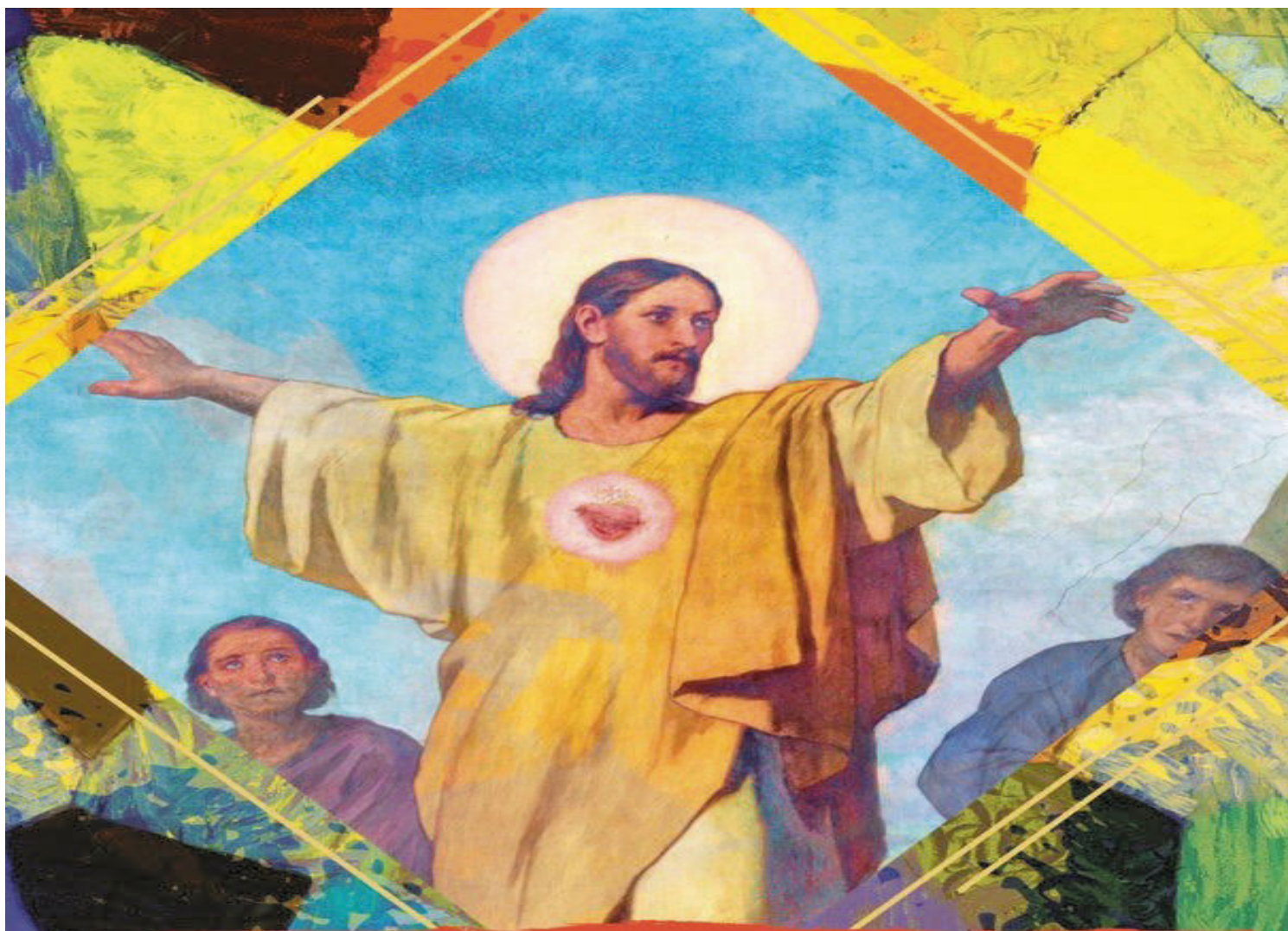
MISSION STATEMENT

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 29, 2023



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you and utter every kind of evil against
you falsely because of me.” - Mt 5:11

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Tuesday, January 31

3:45 p.m.—Religious Education—school

Saturday, February 4

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Wednesday, February 15

6:00 p.m.—School Open House

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Most Rev. Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Robert L. Clark

Richard Liotino



The Eucharistic Breads and Hosts for the week of January 29-February 4th, 2023 have been donated in memory of Bill Dominikoski—by Fran Beering

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.



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.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023:

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

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a/ Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk
2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor
2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF January 29

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate
Catholic Schools Week

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for
Consecrated Life

Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar,
Bishop

Saturday



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.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This coming week, St. Mary Our Mother School joins other 9:00 A.M. Most Rev. Matthew H Clark Catholic Schools throughout the nation in celebrating national Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is ***Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service***. This week is a time to reaffirm our support of Catholic academic development, to recognize parents for the commitment to Catholic School education, and to recognize our teachers, staff, and administration for their dedication and professionalism. It is a time to offer a word of gratitude to the people of St. Mary Our mother for their continued interest and support of our school as a "parish-based" school since 1959. I consider our school a vital part of our parish's responsibility in serving our children, the next generation of Catholics.

The Church as the primary teacher of our faith has the responsibility to its people that our faith life is not only preserved, but that people be given the opportunities for their faith life to be nourished and grow. From its founding days, Catholic Schools in the United States have provided a solid-based education where the truths of our Catholic faith are not only taught but lived. The challenge of every Catholic School today is to meet the needs of our young people who live in a society and world where cultural values are often contrary to the teachings of the Gospel.

St. Mary Our Mother School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many of the usual Catholic Schools Week activities, but we will be following the protocols that are in place to insure the health and safety of all students. If you know of a family with children, or you have friends who might consider a Catholic School education, please encourage them to contact the school for further information and to take a tour of our school. Registrations of students for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. We need your help to get the good news about St. Mary Our Mother School "out there" to the greater community. Tuition assistance is also available, and all students benefit from being in a school with smaller class sizes, more individual attention, and a school that has outperformed school districts on various state test scores.

As we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week 2023**, we thank all who are involved in our education efforts at St. Mary Our Mother School.

Mrs. Heather Bill, *Principal*

Mrs. Adriana Enright, *Administrative Assistant*

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Mr. Thomas Ketchum
Mrs. Michelle Procopio
Mrs. Amy Winkels
Ms. Terri Orbin
Miss Jenna Crandall

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	January 30—Weekday Barb Cobb—The Macelis
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	January 31—St. John Bosco, Priest Carl Gross—The Princiottto family
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	February 1—Weekday Bill Haner—Ilene Close and family
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	February 2—The Presentation of the Lord Our faithful departed
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	February 3—St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr Dorothy Earley—Ray and Rosa Giammi chele.
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark—Parish
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	February 4—Weekday Richard and Mary Francis Smith—family February 5—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Robert McNamara—Dobek family Courtney Tighe Bola—Warren and Jackie Conklin

Paster's perspective continued:

We thank them, as well as the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for their commitment, dedication, interest, and support of Catholic School education in our parish.

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

Fr. L

ST. BLAISE, PATRON SAINT OF THROATS
Feast Day: Friday, Feb 3rd.

While Blaise was in prison, a woman brought to him a boy who was choking on a fish bone that was stuck in his throat. **Blaise said a blessing over the boy, who spat out the fish bone.** Thus, the patron saint of sore throats was born. Eventually, Blaise was tortured and beheaded, earning him the crown of martyrdom.



O God, deliver us through the intercession of your holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Your pardon, and peace. Amen

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

In today's Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12a), Jesus begins His Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a summary of the fundamental attitude of Christian stewards. Make it a point to reflect on this gospel reading during the week. Identify the blessing you relate to the most. Which one is the most challenging for you?



REFLECTION ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. They are, on the one hand, the Beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure; mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the “reward” of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, *"Rules for Raising Children."* After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to *"Suggestions for Raising Children."* When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

A small boy told a Sunday school teacher: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive —only God doesn't yell at you all the time."

Little Johnny was struggling in Math at his public school, so his parents decided to try the Catholic School they had heard about. Almost instantly, little Johnny started working harder on his Math homework more than ever. In fact, he got an “A” on his first report card, something he had never done before. So they asked him about it. He responded, “Well, when I got there one of the first places they took me was a large room. In the very front of the room was a picture of a guy nailed to a weird looking plus sign. It was then that I knew this place was serious about math!”



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Rochester Catholic Committee on Scouting presents:

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Scouts, youth and their families are invited to experience diverse Cultural Eucharistic Experiences while earning their “Duty to God” requirement and learning about differing cultural practices. The dates for these experiences are:

Sunday, February 5, 2023—Our Lady of Guadalupe @ 2p.m. (Marion)-Spanish

Sunday, March 5, 2023—Emmanuel Church of the Deaf @ 11:30 a.m.. (Rochester)-Sign.

Sunday, April 16, 2023—St. Stanislaus @ 11:00 a.m. Mass - 2:00 p.m. Adoration (Rochester)-Polish.

Come earn your wings with further opportunities to be announced. For more information contact: Mark Capellazzi at Mark.Capellazzi@dor.org.

VALENTINES FOR VETS

Valentines for Vets is a local project to support veterans at the Bath VA Medical Center. The purpose of this project is to wish veterans a Happy Valentines Day and thank them for their service. St. Mary Our Mother Social Ministry Committee has been involved in this project for many years. Although our participation looked different during Covid, we are able to once again invite the parish family to be involved in this project.

We asked that you create handmade cards or letters, thanking our veterans for their service., and wishing them a Happy Valentines Day. Please use the salutation, Dear Veteran or Thank You Veteran, and do not include last names or personal photos.

A red box has been placed on the table across from the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church to collect the valentines. Cards should not be in envelopes and are hand delivered to the veterans. Sample cards and any additional information are attached to the box. Thank You!




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