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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

July 16, 2023



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

WEEKLY CALEN July 21

Saturday, July 22

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, July 23



MEMORIALS:

The main altar flowers for the week of July 16-22 have been donated in loving memory of Norman Jarvis by his wife, Irene and family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Joseph Blide, Jr. Rae Ann Brigger Nicolina Difasi Rev. Timothy Horan Patricia Martello



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! Your contribution will help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:

NYS Eucharistic Congress will be held on October 20 -22, 2023, at Our lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY. Events include: Great speakers, Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and procession.

To register and learn out more, visit nyseucharistic-congress.org.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES:

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14

(Luke 8:8)/ Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-

23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/

Mt 10:34:11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-

27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and

16bc,17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-

6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

(5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene



GOSPEL MEDITATION: Matthew 13:1-23:

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

A few years ago, our parish added a new program where the people of St. Mary Our Mother could make their regular Sunday contribution to the parish. 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 can also choose to make contributions to any or all the special collections—Christmas and Easter, for example—that are taken up throughout the year. And athough 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 Reduced bank costs One monthly transaction of records 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 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 Michelle Card, our parish 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: July 17—Weekday

Charles and Doris Dickinson—daughter, 6:45 A.M.

Jan Graves

Tuesday: July 18—Weekday

6:45 A.M. John Moretti—Navone family

Wednesday: July 19—Weekday The Faithful Departed 6:45 A.M. Thursday: July 20—Weekday

6:45 PM Pablo and Elisea Atienza—Macapinlac

family

July 21—Weekday Friday:

Deceased members of the Costello 6:45 Å.M.

family—Costello family
July 22—St. Mary Magdalene **Saturday:** 5:00 P.M. John Fesetch—Jackie and Warren

Conklin

July 23—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary **Sunday:**

Time.

8:30 A.M. Brian Kasonic—Carol Viele

10:30 A.M. Janice Naccarella—Donna and Diane

QR Giving Code:





A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

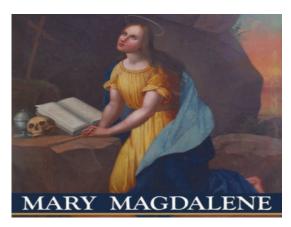
In today's second reading, Saint Paul gives us reason to hope for a wondrous future beyond our imagination. He preaches this hope amidst the suffering of the early Christian communities. "Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (Romans 8:18). Good stewards realize that by remaining faithful to the Gospel with persistence, fervor and endurance, our hope in the promises of Christ Jesus will be rewarded. Reflect this week on concrete ways you can remain faithful to the Gospel during these challenging times.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS:

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images, nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: "see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good." Amen.



Apostle of the Apostles

"Apostle of the Apostles" is the title given Mary Magdalene by St. Thomas Aquinas. Her name comes from her home town of Magdala, a fishing village on the western shore of Lake Tiberias. St Luke the Evangelist tells us, in Chapter 8 of his Gospel, how Jesus went from town to town announcing the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and how the Twelve Apostles were with Him together with some women who had been healed of evil spirits or infirmities, and were serving them. Among these was a certain "Mary, called the Magdalene, from whom seven demons came out."

At the foot of the cross

Mary Magdalene appears in the Gospels in the most dramatic moment of Jesus' life, when she accompanies Him to Calvary and, along with other women, observes Him from afar. She is still there when Joseph of Arimathea places the body of Jesus in the sepulcher, which is closed with a stone. And on the morning of the first day of the week, she returns to the tomb, finds the stone rolled away, and runs to warn Peter and John. They in turn hurry to the empty tomb and discover that the body of the Lord is missing.

She meets the Risen Lord and announces His Resurrection from the dead.

The two disciples return home but Mary Magdalene remains at the tomb in tears. Her initial disbelief gradually turns to faith when she sees two angels and asks them if they know where Jesus' body has been taken. Then she sees Jesus Himself, but fails to recognize Him. She thinks He is the gardener, and when He asks why she is crying and who she is looking for, she replies: "Sir, if you have taken Him away, tell me where you have put Him and I will go and remove Him." But Jesus says her name, "Mary" – and she recognizes Him at once: "Rabbuni!", she says, which in Hebrew means "Master!".

Mary Magdalene is the first among the women following Jesus to proclaim Him as having overcome death. She is the first to announce the joyful message of Easter. But she also proved she was among those who loved Him most when she stood at the foot of the Cross on Mount Calvary together with Mary, His Mother, and the disciple, St. John. She did not deny him or run away in fear as the other disciples did, but remained close to Him every moment, up to and including the tomb.

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THE HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:



Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry. They are in need of all food items especially; canned vegetables, canned meats, canned fruits, pasta, rice. For your convenience, you may bring your food donations to church and place them in the "food cart" located in the main entrance.



HOW TO FIND A MASS ANYWHERE WHEN **TRAVELING:**

Have you every been out of town and wishing you could find a Catholic Church? To locate a Catholic church any-

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

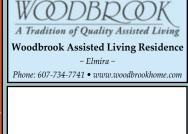
But the Catholic church came up with a very creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

And not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him

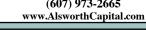














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