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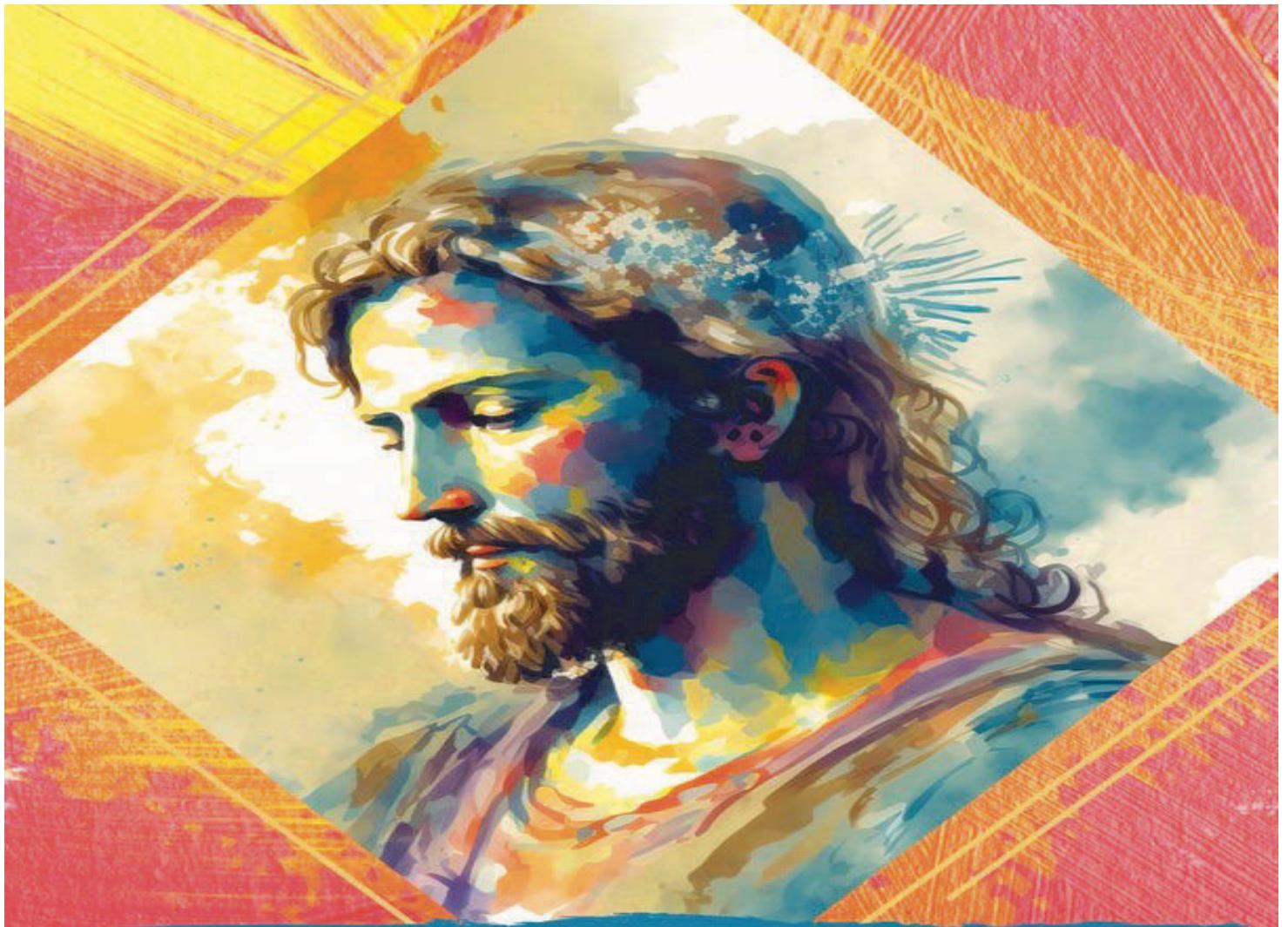
MISSION STATEMENT

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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September 3, 2023



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, September 9th**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, September 10th

11:30 a.m.—Annual Parish Meeting—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar arrangement for the week of September 3rd—9th has been donated in loving memory of Theresa Ketchum by her family.

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

Call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your memorial.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Erdina Chamberlain
Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard
Charles (Chuck) Griffeth
Robert Lantzy
Veronica Robbins

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York every parish corporation is to have an annual meeting to supply information to the parish at large with regard to financial and legal issues. The annual meeting will take place next Sunday, September 10th, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church. At this meeting a summary of the 2022—2023 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for the 2023—2024 fiscal year.

In addition, the chairperson of our Finance Council, **Shane Alsworth**, our Operations and Finance Manager, **Michelle Card**, our regional finance director, **Donna Haraty** and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns.

. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023:

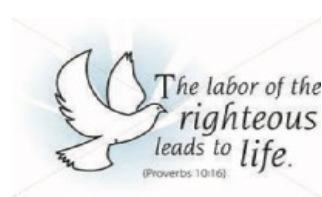
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

A GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls us His beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts, but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross shaped plan for us.—Father John Muir

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED:**

The parish office will be closed on Friday, September 1st, and Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday weekend. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.

We wish everyone a pleasant and safe holiday weekend.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Another Labor Day weekend is upon us! For many this weekend signals the end of summer activities. With schools opening this week, summer vacations are winding down, and with autumn just around the corner, it is time to savor the Labor Day weekend. Many families and groups of friends will gather this weekend to enjoy this final holiday of the summer season. With this in mind, it is important to pause and appreciate the meaning of this holiday.

The question has been often asked "*When did Labor Day become a holiday?*" In 1894, **President Grover Cleveland** declared Labor Day a legal holiday, a time for people of this nation to pay tribute to the American worker. Three years earlier, **Pope Leo XIII** had published a landmark encyclical entitled *Rerum Novarum*, which championed the rights and dignities of workers. Leo XIII insisted that all workers had the right to productive work, just wages, and benefits. To achieve these goals, workers also have the right to organize or to join a union.

On this Labor Day, Americans have much to be grateful for. Even in these challenging economic times, we enjoy economic freedom. The prosperity we enjoy in this country is not something that is common in every country throughout the world. Many people have been left behind and the gap in family income continues to widen. The top five percent of the American population takes home a larger share in personal income today than it did forty years ago. At the same time, the shares of income going to people in the middle sixty percent has declined by nearly ten percent. This decline is even sharper for those in the bottom twenty percent. This trend is one reason for America to respect a strong, active, and democratic labor movement.

Workers, particularly members of organized labor, have given much to America over the last century. It is through their efforts that the great American middle-class was born. Yet, American unions never capitalized to the concept or "class" warfare that found such fertile ground in the rest of the industrialized world. Union leaders instead saw their organization as part of the American experience of democracy and urged their membership to seek social justice for all, instead of class struggle.

Many of the values embedded in the labor movement's search for social justice have a firm foundation in our own faith values. Both seek public policies that protect and promote strong families and family values, expand a stable middle-class, create decent jobs, and reduce the level of poverty and need in our society. In another encyclical on labor and the dignity of workers, ***Laborum Exercens***, the late **Pope John Paul II** envisioned a society in which the singular title of "worker," would be applied to all, whether the worker be a doctor, a mechanic, or a CEO. Work, the late Holy Father wrote,

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 4—Weekday/Labor Day NO MASS
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 5—Weekday Margaret Amisano—Lanahan family
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 6—Weekday Brian Kasonic—Tom and Carolyn Collins
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 7—Weekday Teri Guardi—Bob
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Henry and Josephine Ryan—Carr family
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Sept. 9—St. Peter Claver, Priest Jill Sobremonte—Lapitan family
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Sept. 10—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Teri Guardi—Bob Eddie Jadoski—his family

Paster's perspective continued:

"is something we do, it stands at the core of our personal identity." A few thoughts for us to ponder this Labor Day.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L



"So you want to become Catholic?"
RCIA FOR ADULTS IS FOR YOU

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are married to a Catholic and are bringing your children up in the faith, and you would like to participate fully in the Mass as well. Or you attended a wedding or funeral of a friend or loved one and would like to explore this faith tradition more deeply. Maybe it is an interest in Catholic Social teaching or an experience of the sacraments; or maybe you have a friend or family member who is Catholic and their presence in your life is an inspiration.

Whether you have never been baptized, or attended Sunday school, or were baptized in another Christian faith and are now interested in the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) could be for you. The RCIA is a process in which the faith journey of an individual is honored and together we talk about God and faith and the core beliefs of the Catholic faith.

For more information, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817. Please provide your name and contact information for our RCIA coordinator who will contact you.

For more information on our RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children), contact—Amanda Reeves at 607-739-8214.



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL NEWS:

On Tuesday, Sept. 5th, we will welcome back all of our students and families as we begin the 2023-2024 school year. As of this publication our current enrollment for Pk-3-6th grade is set for 178 students.

The summer has been extremely busy at St. Mary Our Mother School. We have installed air purifiers, cleaned and waxed all classroom and hallway floors. We have added new desks, chairs, and classroom supplies, which have been generously donated.

We have also added additional staff who came to us from Holy Family School. We welcome Mrs. Bridget Hallinan as the new 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Michelle Steed who will work alongside Mrs. Hoyt in our kindergarten class. To round out our staff changes, Ms. Stephanie Pelkey will join our staff as a part-time Academic Intervention Services Teaching Assistant working with Mrs. Jamie Lewis who will take over as a full-time Academic Intervention Services Teacher.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, students, staff, and families. We are extremely blessed to have your prayers and support.

Blessings always, Mrs. Heather Bill, Principal



Our programs for Faith Formation are beginning soon. This includes our Tuesday Program, Home Study, First Penance, First Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Please check the bulletin board in the back of church or our church website for registration forms. Below you will find important dates for each program.

Tuesday Program: September 19th, 3:45-5:00 p.m.—pick-up and drop off at the church.

Confirmation Yrs. 1&2—Saturday, September 23rd., at 6:00 p.m. (following mass) in the church.

Home Study Kick-off meeting (all must attend): Sunday, September 24th, at 11:45 a.m. in the church.

First Penance Kick-off Meeting (all must attend): Sunday, October 1st, at 12:00 p.m. in the church.



18TH ANNUAL ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Join us on September 17th, 2023 for the 18th Annual Golf tournament. We have sponsorship opportunities so please spread the word.

If you are unable to join us for the tournament, please consider making a donation that will go directly to supporting St. Mary Our Mother School.

The tournament is held at Willowcreek Golf Club starting at 10 a.m. (Shotgun start). Hotdogs will be available at the turn, with dinner and prizes to follow.

For more information, please check our website-<http://smoms-annual-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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U.S. FARM BILL 2023

Every five years the US Congress authorizes the national farm bill that funds a variety of domestic and international food and agricultural programs for the next five years. Most of the Farm Bill funding covers programs in the U.S. (like crop insurance, forestry and conservation, rural development, SNAP etc.). A small amount funds international food and development assistance such as the Food for Peace, Food for Progress, McGovern-Dole Food for Education, and the Farmer-to-farmer programs. No legislation has more impact than a farm bill on the U.S. food system, and the nation's ability to provide healthy food at affordable prices to everyone. The SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is the nation's first line of defense against hunger, helping income-eligible individuals and families purchase the food they need for a healthy life. According to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, in New York State, 54% of those helped by SNAP are families with children; 48% are older adults or disabled; one in ten workers receive help. Nation wide 15% of those living in rural areas receive SNAP, a higher percentage than urban areas. Pope Francis teaches regarding the parable of the Good Samaritan. One detail about the passer-by does stand out: they were religious, devoted to the worship of God, a priest, and a Levite. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God, on the other hand, is a way of practicing the faith that opens our hearts to our brothers and sisters (Encyclical Fratelli Tutti).

(U.S. Farm Bill continued:)

FAITH IN ACTION: Email or call our Congressman Nick Langworthy (langworthy.house.gov or 607-377-3130) Ask him to work to protect SNAP from cuts or harmful changes to the Thrifty Food Plan, increase support for produce-specific SNAP benefits and the Senior Farmers Market nutrition Incentive Program.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). Recently, for several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "and all girls!" This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing.

My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everyone always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men'."




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