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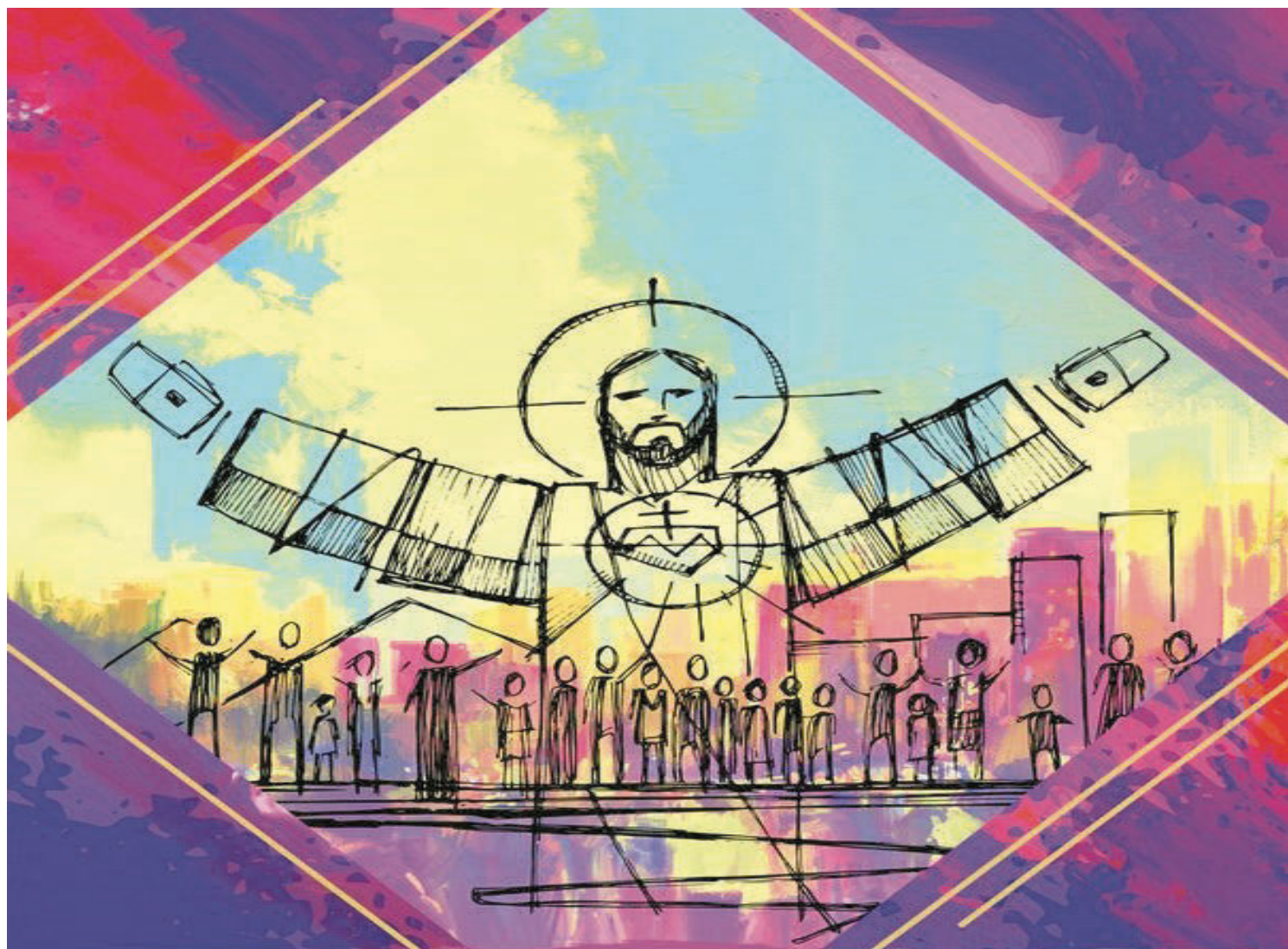
MISSION STATEMENT

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 10, 2023



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:19-20

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, September 16**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar flowers for the week of September 10th has been donated in loving memory of Eddie Jadoski by his family.

The Blessed Mother arrangement in the Church for the week of September 10th. is donated in loving memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Grace Shephard

**THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all, and you would not be reading this if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

This week think about the ministries available here at St. Mary Our Mother in need of volunteers. Where can you offer your skills and talents ?

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023:

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8 10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



We wish to acknowledge and thank the Feshoh-Macekur Club of the Catholic War Veteran's Post 1178 for their recent generous donation of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Church of St. Mary Our Mother. We thank them for their generosity.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE APPRECIATION:

Thank you to all who generously donated school supplies to the Catholic Charities back to school drive. These supplies are being distributed to the youth of Chemung County. Your donations will help to alleviate the financial stress that many families face as they get ready to send their children back to school. Thank you for caring!



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.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This past Tuesday, St. Mary Our Mother School opened its doors for the 65th consecutive year. St. Mary Our Mother School welcomed its first students in September, 1959, with an enrollment of 125 students in grades one, two, and three, and with a faculty of six Sisters of St. Joseph. A few years later, due to an unprecedented population growth in Horseheads and Chemung County, the school saw an expansion of the school building to twice its size, expanding the number of grades to encompass kindergarten through eighth grade.

For the 2023-2024 school year we have an enrollment of 178 students in grades Pre-k through grade six.

Although many of the policies and restrictions that had to be implemented the past few years as a result of the pandemic have been relaxed, we continue to follow all safety policies which will keep our students, faculty, and staff safe and healthy. **Mrs. Heather Bill**, our school principal, and the entire school team have been working diligently to create and maintain a safe and welcoming environment at St. Mary Our Mother School. We are blessed with a dedicated staff and proud of the commitment of each teacher, teaching assistant, and support staff member has to ensure the academic success of every student.

The faculty and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School for the 2023-2024 school year are:

Mrs. Heather Bill	<i>Principal</i>
Mrs. Adriana Enright	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Mrs. Jill Knuth	<i>Pre-K3 Teacher</i>
Mrs. Robyn Stowell	<i>Pre-K3 Teaching Assistant</i>
Mrs. Amy Winkels	<i>Pre-K3 Teaching Assistant</i>
Mrs. Patricia Madison	<i>Pre-K4-Teacher</i>
Mrs. Sally Heffner	<i>Pre-K4 Teaching Assistant</i>
Mrs. Sandra Hoyt	<i>Kindergarten Teacher</i>
Mrs. Michelle Steed	<i>Kindergarten Assistant</i>
Mrs. Caitlin Disbrow	<i>First Grade Teacher</i>
Mrs. Angela Langendorfer	<i>Second Grade Teacher</i>
Mrs. Kelly Koehler	<i>Third Grade Teacher</i>
Ms. Stephanie Pelkey	<i>Fourth Grade Teacher</i>
Mrs. Claire Thurston	<i>Fifth Grade Teacher</i>
Mrs. Colleen Meehan	<i>Sixth Grade Teacher</i>
Mrs. Jamie Lewis	<i>AIS/Teaching Assistant</i>
Mrs. Susan Nagle	<i>Technology Teacher/Coordinator</i>
Mrs. Barbara O'Brien	<i>Art Teacher/Library</i>
Mrs. Nancy Ruda	<i>Music</i>
Mr. Thomas Ketchum	<i>Physical Education Teacher</i>
Mrs. Michele Procopio	<i>School Nurse</i>
Ms. Jenna Crandall	<i>Maintenance</i>
Mr. Roger Williams	<i>Maintenance</i>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 11—Weekday Deceased of the Mills family—family
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 12—Weekday Our Faithful departed
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 13—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor Chester Wawrzusin—Ray Wawrzusin
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross Bill Dominikoski—his family
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 15—Our Lady of Sorrows Mary Amisano—husband, Guy & family
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Sept. 16—Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Mario Botero—the Leipold's
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Sept. 17—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Laura Merritt—the Alsworth's Ray Rodriguez—Jim & Carol Bramble

Pastor's perspective continued:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of St. Mary Our Mother School, I offer a word of thanks to you—the people of St. Mary Our Mother—for your continued interest and faithful support of our parish school. May all who make St. Mary Our Mother School what it is—a creative and safe learning place of Catholic faith filled education—enjoy a grace filled and safe year.

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

Ft. 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 and 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.

NEW YORK STATE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:



**October 20-22, 2023 Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine,
Auriesville, NY.**

We're going on a pilgrimage! Join Catholics across the Southern Tier for a trip by bus to the New York State Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, October 21. We plan to pick up pilgrims in Corning, Horseheads, Waverly and Owego. The cost is \$65. Call the Blessed Trinity parish office in Owego to reserve your spot: 607-687-1068. For more details, visit: www.blessed-trinity-.org/pilgrimage/



WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. After entering the school driveway and bearing left (the length of the school on your right), drive to the parking lot. Use the door of the school across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a memento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful to not dogmatize. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight, and normalization from each other. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping."

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

U.S. Farm Bill 2-23— Reflection :

Every five years the U.S. 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. Farm Bill programs put food into the hands of hungry people and support family farmers. For U.S. farmers and ranchers, the Farm Bill's safety net programs are essential to making sure that family farms stay afloat when there are severe market downturns due to natural disasters. Pope Francis teaches: The Parable of the Good Samaritan eloquently presents the basic decision that we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan (encyclical Fratelli Tutti). Please contact our Congressman Nick Langworthy at langworthy.house.gov, or a 607-377-3130. Ask him to increase funding for agricultural research, including a focus on helping farmers build resilience to a changing climate; ensuring robust funding that family farmers need for conservation to adapt to a changing climate; and improving access to farmland, credit, markets, and technical assistance.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Richard F. Kajiru, In Residence
Mrs. Amanda Reeves, Coordinator of Faith Formation
Miss Lily Barr, Faith Formation Assistant
Mrs. Cathy Peckham, Director of Music
Mrs. Heather Bill, School Principal
Mrs. Adriana Enright, School Secretary
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Mr. Doug Johnson, Cemetery Manager
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18TH ANNUAL ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Join us on September 17, 2023 for the 18th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf tournament. We have sponsorship opportunities so please spread the word. To register, scan the QR code below to access the tournament's website.

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. We look forward to seeing you, and we appreciate your support!

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




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