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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 24, 2023



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, September 26:**

3:45 —Religious Education Classes— School

Wednesday, September 27:6:00—St. Mary Our Mother School Welcome
Dinner—school.**Thursday, September 28**

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal-church

FLOWER DONATION:

Main altar arrangement for the week of September 24th. has been donated in loving memory of Paul Wyak by his wife, Nanette and family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

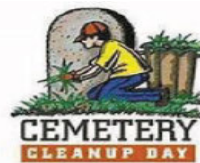
Theresa Brinthaup
Helen Jewett
Alice McClory

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST PENANCE:**

Sacramental preparation for First Penance kick-off meeting (all must attend) is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st, at 12:00 p.m., in the church.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023:

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil
2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP:**

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 5th. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Spring and summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th. through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 5th.



Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of the animals on Wednesday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m., in the east parking lot (near the playground area) of St. Mary Our Mother Church. All pets and their owners are welcome! To provide a safe environment for all, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

We have arrived at the final days of September, with three months to go in the calendar year of 2023. Schools are open, including our school here at St. Mary Our Mother, with 174 students enrolled. Our faith formation and sacramental programs have begun, or will begin shortly, and, we continue to welcome people back to our Sunday Masses.

Before the days of Covid-19, the month of September marked the resumption of many parish activities and meetings. As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, we are slowly resuming some of these activities. This past Wednesday saw the first meeting of our parish pastoral council for the coming year. The following are the members of the Pastoral Council:

Vincent Moschetti, Chairperson	
Cindy Annunziata	Jackie Conklin
William Limoncelli	Hanne O'Donnell
Philip Ponzi	Richelle Riina
Patricia Rosettie	Jean Yorio

In addition to her council duties, Richelle Riina serves as the recording secretary of the Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council deals with parish policies, providing direction, guidance, and feedback helping the parish better fulfill its mission. The Council members are willing to listen to your concerns and bring them to the council's attention for consideration.

While the Pastoral Council deals with matters of "pastoral concern," the Finance Council addresses issues related to finance, buildings and grounds, and parish property issues. **Shane Alsworth** serves as the chairperson of the council. Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the pastor, and serves as an advisory group to our Operations and Finance manager, **Michelle Card**, our regional finance director, **Donna Haraty**, and myself in offering their expertise in keeping our parish, school, and many ministries in good financial order. Their insights have been, and continue to be most important as we continue to journey forward.

In addition to the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, our parish has had in the past a Stewardship Committee, which helps raise our awareness of our baptismal call to be good stewards of all God has given us. At this time, due to the moving and relocation of many members of this group, as well as the challenges associated with the recent pandemic, the group is undergoing a process of reorganization. If you feel that membership in our stewardship group would be something you would be interested in, please contact me at the parish office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 25—Weekday Martyn Reimsnyder—daughter, Nancy
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 26—Weekday Our Faithful Departed
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 27—St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Teri Guardi—Bob
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 28—Weekday Bob Lantzy—Lois and family
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Sept. 29—St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Intentions of Adele & Chris Phillip on their anniversary—Adele Lanahan
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Sept. 30—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor Theresa Hurley—Jackie & Warren Conklin
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	October 1,—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Maureen Spaziani—White family Rev. Vincent Langan

Pastor Perspective continued:

Have a great week, and enjoy this last week of September. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

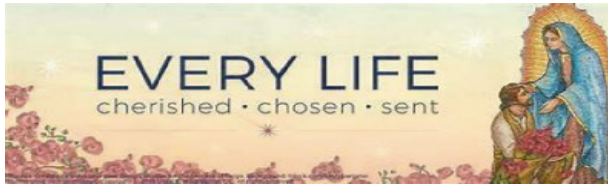


***“So you want to become Catholic?”
RCIA FOR ADULTS IS FOR YOU***

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 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.



RESPECT LIFE MASS:

Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:15 a.m.

Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park
Rochester, NY 14615

For questions email: Elizabeth.Johnston@dor.org

THE INVITATION TO THE VINEYARD:

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9

SEASON OF CREATION: Based on a statement from the US Council of Bishops:

Each year from September 1st. to October 4th (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology) Pope Francis and our U.S Bishops call us to join them in a renewed reverence for all that God has created—the human family and all divine blessings of our earthly home—and in renewed action to protect the gifts of our loving God for future generations.

This year our Bishops ask us to especially reflect on the relationship between justice and creation, warning of the dangers of wasteful and consumerist activity in the world where glaring inequalities persist. The Gospel calls us not to a life of pauperism or austerity, but an invitation to modesty and simplicity. Today, let us consider our life style choice and how we might foster greater empathy and generosity toward those who have less, here in our own community, and around the world.

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Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
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U.S. Farm Bill 2023– Reflection : What is the U. S. Farm Bill and why do we care?

By October 1, 2023, the U.S. Congress must authorize the 2023 Farm Bill that will fund a variety of essential domestic and international food and agricultural programs for the next five years. While most of the Farm Bill funding covers programs in the U.S. (like crop insurance, forestry, conservation, agricultural research, SNAP, etc.), a small amount funds international food and development assistance. Pope Francis teaches: all individuals, whatever their origin, know that they are part of the greater human family, without which they will not be able to understand themselves fully. To see things this way brings the joyful realization that no one people, culture, or individual can achieve everything on its own. To attain fulfillment in life we need others (encyclical Fratelli Tutti).

Faith in Action: email or call Congressman Nick Langworthy (langworthy.house.gov or 607-377-3010) today. Join with our UW Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA in asking him to work to sustain funding and flexibility for the Farm Bill's Title II international food programs, to give priority to safety net supports for family farmers, and to protect SNAP from harmful changes.

PARISH APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! With your offering of support, many of those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States will benefit from your generosity.. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

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