



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER 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

October 29, 2023



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Tuesday, October 31st.**

3:45 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—school

Saturday, November 4th

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar flower arrangement for the week of October 29 —November 4 has been donated in loving memory of Angie Baribito by her family..

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Kazuko (Kaz) Denkenberger
Dolores Kennedy
Madeline White

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:**

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 5th**, at the **10:30 a.m. Mass**. During this liturgy, we remember all those who died since November, 2022 and will remember each of our departed brothers and sisters by name. If you have a family member or friend who has died during the past twelve months whose funeral was not from St. Mary Our Mother and you would like to have their name included during this Mass, please contact the parish office and we will include their names on the remembrance list. All are invited to come and share in this special time of remembering our faithful departed loved ones, and offer support for their families and friends.

RETURN TO STANDARD TIME:

Please remember that we return to standard time next **Sunday, November 5th** at 2:00 a.m. Please be sure to set your clocks **back one hour** before retiring next Saturday evening.

PRAYER PLAQUE FOR THE SICK:

The prayer plaque listing the names of ill persons who have asked for our prayers will return to the Church soon.

If you wish to be listed or know of someone who has asked for our prayers, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023:

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

GOSPEL REFLECTION —30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: “Give alms.” Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here’s why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That’s what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God’s loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don’t wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

— Father John Muir

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:3

It is hard to believe that Wednesday of this week begins the month of November. November is a month where we are invited to "remember," beginning with **All Saints Day**, followed by **All Souls Day** on Thursday. November 11th is **Veteran's Day**, a time to remember all our veterans who have served our nation so faithfully. Later this month we celebrate **Thanksgiving Day**, which gives us an opportunity to gather with family and friends to offer thanks for all we have. November invites us to remember the past and live for the future, even as we live in these challenging times.

A popular song that our children often sing on **All Saints Day** is entitled "*Sing a Song to the Saints.*" The song mentions a number of the more popular saints of our faith tradition by name, with a refrain inviting us to "sing a song to the saints." All Saints Day is a time to honor the women and men whose lives were marked with holiness of knowing, loving, and serving God throughout their earthly life. This day reminds us that holiness is a virtue for all of us—not just those who have been formally recognized to be so by the Church, but all who have loved God's call the best we can.

Every year on All Saints Day, I recall the occasions when the Litany of Saints is sung and prayed during the liturgy. At the Easter Vigil, we are invited to sing this litany just before the elect are baptized. For those in Holy Orders, the singing of this litany brings back memories of their ordination. Before the bishop imposes hands on the candidate, he lies prostrate on the floor of the church, while the congregation joins the saints in the Kingdom, praying for the soon-to-be-ordained. This litany calls out for assistance and guidance, reminding us that we are not only a part of the church here on earth, but a heavenly church as well.

Thursday, November 2nd, we commemorate the **Feast of All Souls**. While not a day when we are obliged to attend Mass, this day invites us to pray for all the faithful departed. It is a day to remember deceased family members and friends. I often think of all of the former priests, religious, and family members who sacrificed to build our church and campus, who prayed, built community here, and truly loved the people. Think of the many funerals we have celebrated here. How often have we remembered and called upon our ancestors in faith to help, guide, and be with us in the most challenging of times? All Souls Day invites us to remember and pray for our departed loved ones, sad that they are no longer with us, but happy that they are with God in heaven.

Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11th, with the holiday being observed this year on Friday. This day reminds us that on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the eleventh hour in 1918, the "war that was to end all wars," World War I ended in Europe. Every year since, we have paused as a nation to remember. We remember those who sacrificed their lives in all our nation's wars so that we might be a free nation. We remember war stories we have heard and continue to pray for peace. We are indebted to every military person who willingly put others ahead of themselves in offering the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Veteran's Day is a day to remember the past so that we

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 30 Weekday Rita Kruckow—Fred Kruckow
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Oct. 31 Weekday The Faithful departed Brian Kasonic—Tom and Carolyn Collins
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M. 9:00 A.M.	Nov. 1—All Saints Day In celebration on the 80th birthday of Phil Ponzi—Ann DeMott In honor of our school's patron saint Mary Our Mother
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 2—All Souls Day All Souls
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 3—Martin de Porres, Religious Intentions of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Nov. 4—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Mamie Woodard—sister, Evelyn and family
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Nov. 5—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: In thanksgiving on the 65th wedding anniversary of Betty and Richard Besley Mass of Remembrance

Pastors' perspective continued:

don't repeat it! The month of November concludes with the celebration of **Thanksgiving Day**. Although we continue to navigate through challenging times, the American holiday of Thanksgiving remains a day to be grateful for God's continued blessings in our lives.

If you haven't already done so, please make your pledge to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** as soon as you can. Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

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HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2024:

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition instrument to assist parishes in affirming high school seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior from the class of 2024 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

- *Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example.
- *Is actively participating in their parish as well as their school community.
- *Is a positive role model for peers and younger children.
- *Is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother.

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form including the nominee’s name, address, telephone number, and high school they attend, along with examples of the above mentioned criteria. All nominations will be reviewed by Father Linsler as pastor. All nominations are due in the parish office by November 15, 2023.



OUR CMA CAMPAIGN PRAYER:

O God our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts. Bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent, and treasure, to the building of Your Kingdom here in the Church and throughout the world.

We pray for your help in achieving success in this campaign, so that we can help others throughout our Diocese.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. AMEN.

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CATHOLIC QUESTION:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILTING GROUP

St. Mary Our Mother Prayers and Squares quilting group is back. Our group meets to make lap quilts for our ill family members and friends. Once the quilt is made our St. Mary Our Mother School's 5th grade students help us tie the quilts and our 4th grade students pray the rosary over the finished quilts.

We meet twice a month and would welcome anyone who would like to help make the quilts. No experience is necessary.

If you want more information, please call Wilma Sullivan, at 607-739-8241 or email: wsullivan11@stny.rr.com.





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