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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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November 5, 2023



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Tuesday, November 7**

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

5:30 p.m.—First Penance Celebration

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10

Veteran's Day Observed—parish offices and school are closed.

The Votive light before the Icon is burning for the week of Nov. 5-11, 2023 in loving memory of deceased Lazzaris family—George and Franca.

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of November 5th-11th have been donated in thanksgiving on our 65th Wedding Anniversary—Richard and Betty Besley.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Bernard Matterazzo
Raymond Sullivan
Ann Mallare

**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.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL AND STEWARDHIP:

This past August, we offered two articles from the **International Catholic Stewardship Conference** newsletter which were taken from the 2018 book *Stewardship: A Life-Giving Spirituality*, authored by Reverend Joseph D. Creedon. This is the third article of the series, and coincides with current Eucharistic revival.

Perhaps one of the best ways to explore the miracle, the mystery of the Eucharist with the attitude of giving thanks, the fundamental aspect of stewardship, is to take part in an extended meditation of just what happens when we gather to break bread as the People of God.

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WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023:

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Eucharistic Revival and Stewardship continued:

The first thing we do after the entrance procession is to sign ourselves in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The cross is our sign of contradiction. It tells us of God's Trinitarian love by reminding us that Jesus' love led Him to suffer and die for us. We should never make the sign of the cross without realizing our need to thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior!

Next we pause to call to mind our sins. We are sinners; we need God's mercy. Every time we gather to celebrate Mass, God offers us forgiveness. We are invited to thank God for His prodigal forgiveness.

The forgiveness of our sins leads us to say "Glory to God!" As we sing the Gloria we pray, "we give thanks for Your great glory." This is the first, but certainly not the last time we will say or hear the word "thanks" in the celebration of Mass.

Now we sit so the readings from scripture can both challenge and comfort us for the journey of faith. After the first reading, what do we say? "Thanks be to God! After the second reading, what do we say? "Thanks be to God!" Now we stand for the Gospel and what do we say when it is finished? "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" Praise is but another way to say "Thank You."

After the homily, we proclaim our belief in God as the creator of all things seen and unseen in our Profession of Faith. We are expressing our belief that everything we have is a gift from God. Our response is to live as caretakers of God's gifts and to use them wisely for the good of all. Another word for caretaker is "steward." We believe that we are called to live as stewards of God's creation. Stewardship is a way of life that enhances our relationship with God and a steward's heart to say "Thanks be to God!"

Next week's bulletin will feature the fourth and final article in this series.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

November traditionally is the month when we remember our faithful departed. Our Church has long set aside this period of time to join with those who mourn and to rejoice in the deep faith that calls us to see beyond time and space and realize the existence of life after death. For all in the northeastern part of our country, it is a time of year of dying—it is dark in the morning and dark approaches late in the afternoon. It is a time of year when trees lose their leaves, summer flowers are gone, and, other than the winter snow, the earth seems to be at rest. There is almost a natural call to reflect on dying and rising.

Occasionally when in the presence of a person who is about to pass, I will hear the person verbalize about a person they look forward to seeing or an adventure they believe they are beginning. Sometimes they have had visions of what is ahead and they anxiously look to embrace it. At times, there is an anomaly, the family weeping the anticipated death, and the dying person anticipating the future. Very often, we draw strength from those who are leaving us, or who have left us. Perhaps they will say or do something which helps us to move to the next step. As people of faith, we don't often think of how dynamic our faith is and how it does move us even when we believe we cannot be moved. November invites us to be part of the process and simply not a bystander.

When I listen to eulogies at funerals, rarely do I hear about business achievements, bank or investment accounts, buildings or politics. What I hear is about a person's character, relationships, lessons learned, examples given, and perhaps the most important, the virtue of love. The speaker will give witness to those intangible aspects of human life that somehow the deceased made tangible and real. The eulogy speaks of the interweaving of human life and the very real fact that most of those qualities extend beyond death. While these may be reflections of the past, they speak of living today and the promise of experiencing life again in the presence of God. Such eulogies remind us of life after death and that mourning is really about healing.

As we journey through these November days, the Church invites us to remember because we are people of memory. There is always a certain sadness when we experience death, as well as an occasional wish to have our loved ones come back to us. However, we are reminded that God gives us real time in our world to live our life, and has given eternal time to those who have left us. We are a faith people believing in life after death and reuniting with loved ones and friends. All is not lost, everything can be gained.

The month of November ends with Thanksgiving. It is a holiday when we are invited not only to be grateful for what we have but also to anticipate what will be. As we gather at our homes and tables, we pray for one another, remember the past, but also dream for the future. And what comes immediately after Thanksgiving—the season of Advent. The sacred time of a new beginning, anticipated confirmation of hope and dreaming of the Second Coming. November is a dynamic month filled with all kinds of human emotions. It is a time to reach into our hearts and remember to be grateful, shed an occasional tear, laugh a lot, dream, and remember that we are children of an everlasting, merciful, and all loving God.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 6 Weekday Carol Wawrzusin—husband, Ray
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 7 Weekday Our Faithful departed
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 8 Weekday Joseph Welch—Adele Lanahan
Thursday: 6:45	Nov. 9—Dedication of Lateran Basilica Greg Schultz—Ed & Mary Lee Fairbrother
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 10—St. Leo the Great For all Veterans-living and deceased
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Nov. 11—St. Martin of Tours William Thomas—Ray Wawrzusin
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Nov. 12-Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Teri Guardi—Bob Cynthia Brooks Swinney—Bill & Barb Limoncelli

Pastors' perspective continued:

Please remember that Tuesday of this week is Election Day. As responsible citizens of our country, please take the time to vote.

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

Fr. L.

FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Please continue to pray for our First Reconciliation class as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation on November 7th.

Lucas Blauvelt	Eli Pirozzolo
Holly Brennan	Zoie Mekos
Westyn Callaio	Sam Minier
Angelo Campanella	Karrigan Nichols
AJ Carpella	Seamus Sherwood
Charlie Collins	Rose Sinnott-Giobbi
MaryCate Farrell	Luca Purpura
Maggie Furstoss	Lucy Piet
Nora Furstoss	Alivia West
Everlee Hanna	Jonathan Wheeler
Andrew Hoover	Jaden Jansen
Kylie Kaiser	Brady Kaiser
Collins Labrozzi	Ben LaNeve

FAITH FORMATION DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday	Nov. 7— First Penance in church.
Tuesday	Nov 11— Volunteer Service opportunity for Confirmation and Youth Group members at the Food Pantry from Noon-2 p.m. Please contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr for more information.
Sunday	Nov 19— Home Study from 9:30—10:15 in O'Brien Hall.
Sunday	Nov 19— Confirmation Yrs. 1 & 2 following 10:30 am Mass.

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.

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form. All nominations will be reviewed by Father Linsler as pastor. All nominations are **due in the parish office by November 15, 2023.**

PARISH REMEMBRANCE TREE™

Our Religious Education classes have created a “remembrance tree” as a way for us to remember and pray for our love ones who have passed way. During the month of November, we encourage parishioners to take a leaf from the basket, write the name of a loved one on it, and hang it from the tree. This is a great way to begin the month of November as we remember and pray for all our dearly departed on All Souls Day. The tree can be found as you walk into the church through the main entrance.



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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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY

With the holidays quickly approaching, our thoughts turn to those in need, especially our neighbors who are assisted by the Horseheads Food Pantry. The Pantry is located at the Horseheads Presbyterian Church right here on Westinghouse Road. Its services are open to all Chemung County residents as well as nearby residents in Schuylar County.

For thanksgiving, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier will be supplying the Horseheads Food Pantry with turkeys for their clients. Throughout the year, we as a church, have been donating food items to the Pantry. With the coming of Thanksgiving, we urge our families to consider increasing their donations of non-perishable food items. A wooden cart is in the vestibule of the church for receiving your donations.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and hope we can depend on your continued generosity in this season of Thanksgiving.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Richard F. Kajiru, In Residence
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Miss Lily Barr, Faith Formation Assistant
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THE WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group Meeting will be offered on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM, 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 not to 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."

NOVEMBER IS BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH:

On July 25, 1990, the National Black Catholic Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and

proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates of African saints fall within this month: Saint Augustine's birthday and St. Martin de Porres' Feast day.

During the month of November, which marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, we take time to recall in a special way the saints and souls of Africans who have roots in the early centuries of the Church. We recall the Ethiopian eunuch of Acts 8:27-39, who converted to Christianity even before the Apostle Paul. And in more modern times, we have six Black Catholics on the path to sainthood: Mother Mary Lang, Sister Thea Bowman, Venerable Henriette Delille, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Venerable Augustus Tolton, and Julia Greeley.

This month-long celebration serves to raise awareness of the rich history and cultural heritage of Black Catholics who have played a significant role in the development of the Church and the fight for civil rights. In their pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, our U.S. Catholic Bishops teach: "Our faith gives us a treasury of inspiring holy men and women who courageously worked toward racial reconciliation, showing us the way forward."



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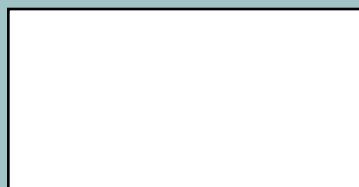
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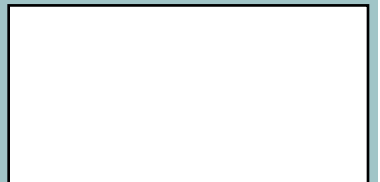
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