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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.



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November 12, 2023



## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither the day nor the hour."  
- Mt 25: 13



**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Tuesday, November 14**

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

**Thursday, November 16**

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

**Saturday, November 18**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

**Sunday, November 19**

9:30 a.m.—Home Study Faith Formation—school

11:30 a.m.—Confirmation Classes—school

The Votive light before the Icon is burning for the week of Nov. 12-18, 2023 in memory of George Gresock by Mary and Tom Sweet.



The main altar arrangement for the week of November 12-18, 2023 has been donated in memory of Cynthia Brooke Swinney by Barb and Bill Limoncelli.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Mary Ellen Benedict  
Sophie DiCinti  
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.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:**

Knock, Knock.

*Who's there?*

Nobel.

*Nobel who?*

No Bell. That's why I knocked.

**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023:**

**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

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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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.

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

We are in the midst of the Veteran's Day holiday weekend. Many of our schools and businesses will be closed on Monday in observance of Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day is a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans living and dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war to peacetime. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of this holiday.

A little history about this holiday. The Treaty of Versailles, which marked the official end of World War I was signed on June 29, 1919. However, the armistice date of November 11, 1918 remained in the minds of the public. Later that year, **President Woodrow Wilson** proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. It is interesting to note the process that brought about a change in the name for this holiday.

American effort during World War II saw the greatest mobilization of the members of the United States Military—U.S. Army, Navy, Marines' and Air Force—in our nation's history. Sixteen million of troops served in World War II; another 5.7 million more served in the Korean War. In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veteran's service organizations, Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." **President Dwight D. Eisenhower** signed legislation on June 1, 1954. Since then, November 11th became a day to honor all American veterans. This date continues to carry historical and patriotic significance for many Americans.

As has been the case of all veterans of our country through the years, today's military men and women who serve and protect us come from all walks of life. They are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities.

Veterans Day provides each of us with an opportunity to honor and thank all veterans who have served our country so faithfully, many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the freedoms we enjoy as people of this great nation. We will be offering a special prayer of recognition and blessing for them at this weekend's liturgies. If you see a military person or veteran this weekend, approach them, and offer them your personal words of gratitude.

A word of thanks to those who have made their pledge to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please consider doing so.

**Continued in next column-Pastor's Perspective continued.**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Nov. 13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</b>
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Nov. 14 Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	John Leonard, Jr.—his family
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Nov. 15 Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Deceased of the Mills—family
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Nov. 16 Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Bob Lantzy—brother, Tom
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Nov. 17 Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</b>
6:45 A.M.	Joseph & Mary Sabatura
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Nov. 18 Weekday</b>
5:00 P.M.	Brian Kasonic—Tom & Carolyn Collins
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Nov. 19 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 A.M.	For unity of families—Giammichele family
10:30 A.M.	Ellen Baker—Cathy & David Peckham

***Pastor's perspective continued:***

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

Fr. L



Congratulation to the following children who made their First Penance on November 7th, 2023.

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:**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 19</b> —Home Study from 9:30—10:15 in O'Brien Hall.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 19</b> —Confirmation Yrs. 1 & 2 following 10:30 am Mass.

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL & STEWARDSHIP:**

This is the fourth and final article of a series by stewardship author Reverend Joseph D. Creedon from his 2018 book *Stewardship: A life-Giving Spirituality*. This article coincides with the current Eucharistic Revival.

*Perhaps one of the best ways to explore the mystery and the miracle 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.*

*When we move from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, what is the first thing we do? We bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. The priest receives the gifts and individually holds them up and reminds us "through your goodness we have this bread to offer" and through your goodness we have this wine to offer." There is no spoken word to these prayers but our hearts should say, "Thanks be to God."*

*Now comes the Eucharistic prayer. Our threefold response concludes with "Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God." We used to respond, "It is right and just to give God thanks and praise." I prefer the older translation because we get to say "thanks" out loud. For now, "it is right and just" will have to suffice.*

*Now the priest reminds us of what Jesus did at the Last Supper. It is the simple words of a man who knew He was soon to die but was determined to find a way to remain with us. "He took bread and gave you thanks... "He took the chalice, again He gave you thanks." This is why we call it Eucharist because Jesus gave thanks! We are called to do the same.*

*The Eucharistic prayer ends and we prepare for communion. We cast aside our individuality and call upon God as "Our Father." We exchange the sign of peace. We join the centurion in scripture not only by expressing our belief that God has the power of transforming our lives and make them better. "Say but the word and my soul will be healed." Then we come forward not just to receive the body and blood of Christ but also to become what we receive. We are now the body and blood of Christ. Our hearts are filled with gratitude.*

*One final prayer and blessing, then "The Mass is ended. Go in peace." Together we all proclaim, "Thanks be to God!" As a child my "Thanks be to God" was really "Thank God this is over." As an adult it is "Thanks be to God for the mystery of His love. Thanks be to God for this gathering together. Thanks be to God for this wonderful sacrament. Thanks be to God that I am now sent back into the world to continue the transformation.*

*We should come away from the Eucharist renewed in our faith and reminded of the call to be His disciples, the stewards of all God has given us.*

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:**

Struggling with mental health challenges isn't uncommon. About half of all Americans will be diagnosed with a mental illness sometime in their life. However, for people living in poverty, struggling with mental health is much more common. Experiencing poverty affects almost every aspect of a person's life.

Over 40 million households spend more than 30% of their income on housing, with 20 million households spending over half their income on housing costs alone. After accounting for other necessities such as food, healthcare, and transportation, many families simply do not have money left to cover unexpected expenses. The stress of choosing between paying for housing or paying for medications can degrade a person's overall mental and physical health.

**ACT:** The best way to address the mental health of the community is to address the root cause of poverty. Helping people keep stable jobs with fair wages, strengthening family life, and increasing access to affordable housing and quality health care can slow and possibly stop the descent into poverty that many often exacerbates a decline in mental and physical health. Please contact our Congressman Nick Langworthy and tell him this. (607-377-3130).

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## THE WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group Meeting will be offered this 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."

## 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.




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