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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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January 14, 2024



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 15
parish offices Closed

Tuesday, January
3:45 p.m. -Faith Formation Classes-school

Saturday, January
3:30 p.m-Sacrament of Penance-Church

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of January 14-20, 2024 have been donated in memory of Pablo and Elisea Atienza by the Macapinlac family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Deborah Difasi
Judy Giardi
Patricia Russo



PRAYER PLAQUE FOR THE SICK:

The prayer plaque listing the names of ill persons who have asked for our prayers is posted across from the bulletin board.

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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel Jesus asks two of John the Baptist's followers who now want to follow him, "What are you looking for?" That is, of course, a very practical question. It is a very good question for us to ask ourselves as we begin this new year: What is it that we seek? What is it that we really want in following Jesus? How do we wish to live so that Christ will know that we have an authentic desire to be his disciples? This is a stewardship question. By our very human nature we are on a spiritual quest and we have many choices. Is our choice truly to be followers of Jesus Christ? If so, what changes will we make in our lives that will draw us closer to the Lamb of God?.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: "You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me."

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

"Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" — John 1:38

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

If you have been following any Catholic or network news prior to and over the month of October this past year, you have likely read about the **Synod of Bishops** which took place in Rome, October 4-29, 2023. You may know that this Synod, unlike any of the previous sixteen ordinary Synods beginning in the second century, included not just our Holy Father, cardinals, archbishops, bishops, but also priests, religious sisters and brothers, professors, students and other laity, both women and men, specifically chosen by Pope Francis I. And they also are afforded voting rights at the Synod sessions. This is one of the most historic and important events in the Catholic Church since the convening of the Second Vatican Council in 1962. You may also remember that in 2021-2022, all people, including diocesan and parish faithful, young and old alike, people who have drifted from their Catholic roots and others beyond ourselves--were asked for our input into shaping the agenda of the Synod on Synodality. Our parish participated with a number of groups submitting their critical thinking, concerns, topics to be addressed toward the agenda. October 2023 was the first session of this Synod with a second session to follow in October 2024.

But just what exactly is a Synod in the Roman Catholic Church? A "synod" is a journey of discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit. In the Synod on Synodality, the entire Church has been called to discern how the Holy Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ--inside and outside the Church--so that we may continue to fulfill the Church's mission to evangelize the world. In essence, **communion**--working together as a whole; **mission**--centered on the example of Jesus' work in the world; **participation**--each person bringing his/her gifts and offering them to the mission.

If you have not already done so, I invite you to read the synthesis report from the parishes in the Diocese of Rochester at www.dor.org, that was submitted toward the agenda of the Synod. With the first session of the Synod concluded there is a synthesis report that can be found at www.synod.va, titled **XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Synthesis Report--A Synodal Church in Mission**. This synthesis notes that some of the proposals on the agenda were proposals to establish new ministries for the laity, increase lay involvement in decision making, create processes to evaluate bishops' performance in their ministry, change the way the Church discerns "controversial issues," and expand the footprint of the synodal assemblies going forward. The report also stated that "the exercise of co-responsibility is essential for synodality, and is necessary at all levels of the Church." By virtue of our baptism, every single person shares in this overall mission of the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Jan 15,--Weekday Jim Cronin--Steve and Joann Cowulich
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Jan 16,--Weekday Robert MacBlane, Sr.--Beverly and Dennis Sullivan
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Jan 17,--St. Anthony, Abbot Jim Ormiston,--his wife, Ann
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Jan 18, Weekday Joel Beaton--Kateri and Cody Sargen
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Jan 19, Weekday Our Faithful Departed
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Jan. 20,--Weekday Donna Berry--Morris Family
Sunday 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Jan 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Raymond Sherwood-- wife, Deloris Casimir Kujawski--Happy 95th birthday in Heaven- John and Theresa Brennan

Pastors Perspective Continued:

There is much material for further prayer, reflection, discernment, and discussion in the document. In the coming months, I believe that there will be opportunities and processes to prepare for the October 2024 session of the Synod. We continue our journey of the Synod together with the universal Church and each of us is called through our baptism to participate in shaping our future for the sake of Jesus' mission in our world today. May we each take the responsibility seriously.

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

Fr. L.

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9- 10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b- 11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5- 7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

NOTRE DAME H.S. , OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 7-12 PERSPECTIVE STUDENTS.

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12 is hosting an **Open House on Monday, January 29, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 pm for prospective students and their families.** **Check-in begins at 5:45 p.m.** The evening begins with a brief presentation in Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium with campus tours to follow. Open House is your chance to meet the faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, learn about the benefits of a Notre Dame education, and explore the many opportunities your student can have as a student of Notre Dame. Notre Dame is a college preparatory school offering an inclusive environment that is rich in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and academic excellence. Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program, many opportunities to participate in the performing, visual, and language arts along with a variety of extra-curricular activities. Such as FTC & FRC Robotics teams, Science Olympiad, The Notre Dame Spotlighters, MaryLeaf (school newsletter), Yearbook, and Quiz League. Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. A visiting option to ND is available. To determine eligibility, contact the transportation office of your home school district. To RSVP for the Open House, visit <https://thinyurl.com/NDHSOpenHouse2024>. Notre Dame is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2024-25 school year. To apply visit notredamehighschool.com. Questions? Please contact Brett Moore, Director of Enrollment at 607-734-2267. We hope to see you at our Open House!

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 14th.--OCI(RCIC) class after 8:30 Mass until 10:15

January 21st. HOME STUDY 9:30 - 10:15 , O'Brien Hall--*Parents must attend.*

January 21st. Confirmation Class following 10:30 Mass in O'Brien Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

There has been interest in beginning *Children's Liturgy Of The Word* again during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Amanda or Lily at the parish office by calling 607-739-8214 or emailing amanda.reeves@dor.org or Lily.barr@dor.org.

FAITH AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER:

If you have not been receiving the "Faith & Family" newsletter from Faith Formation and would like to be added to our email list, contact Amanda Reeves at amanda.reeves.dor.org.



SPOTLIGHT ON CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) AT WORK ON OUR BEHALF AROUND THE WORLD, second article:

Catholic Relief Services **climate change adaptation programming** is cost-effective. In five Central American countries, more than 40,000 farmers have learned to protect their soil to plant cover crops to build soil fertility, to apply the right fertilizer, and to capture rainwater to boost crop yields. When people are able to provide for themselves and their families in peace and safety, they have no need to migrate. Please pray for the people of Central America and CRS workers. Visit www.crs.org for more information on how Catholic Relief Services is at work on our behalf in Central America.

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Martin Luther King Day--January 15th.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is the only federal holiday designated as a "day of service." talk with someone in your community who was alive during the Civil Rights era and have them provide a first-hand account of their experiences.

Or, As a family read a kid friendly book about the life of Martin Luther King.

Discuss ways that your family can be of service to others in need and plan a family volunteer day.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Where do cats learn to clean themselves?

At a cat lick school

Which kind of corn holds the highest position in a catholic school?

Popecorn

What do Catholic cows do on Friday?

Chew their cud

What do you call a catholic toaster strudel?

A pope tart

New Year Wisdom!

Don't carry your mistakes around with you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as stepping stones to rise above them.



Don't wait to get the care you need

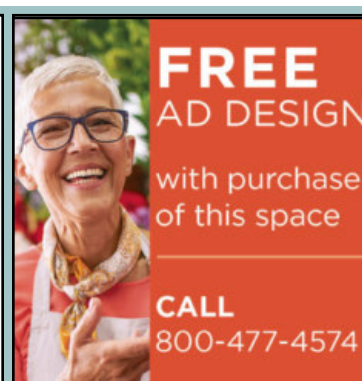
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