



# 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  
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January 16, 2022

## WEEK OF PRAYER *for Christian Unity*

"I pray not only for them, but also for those  
who will believe in me through their word, so  
that they may all be one."

JOHN 17:20-21



**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - January 23, 2022****3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Beverly Ermold

John Foy

**MEMORIALS****Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - Dee & the Alsworth family***Sanctuary Candle:***In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - Dee & the Alsworth family***Icon Candle:***In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - Dee & the Alsworth family***FLOWER DONATION****Main Altar Arrangement:***In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - Dee & the Alsworth family***IN OUR PARISH****Social Ministry Christmas 2021 Thank You**

The true Christmas spirit, as shown by the generous and caring people of St. Mary Our Mother Parish, was apparent again this year. Our Social Ministry Committee partnered with the Horseheads Food Pantry to provide hams for Christmas dinner for families in need of assistance.

We reached out to our parishioners for donations to the Food Pantry to purchase hams and the response was overwhelming - we received **\$4,336.00** in donations. This was more than enough to purchase the hams. Excess donations to the ham project will be used by the Pantry to purchase fresh food and meat as needed for the families during the difficult winter months.

Also, a group of generous individuals, who attend daily Mass, donated potatoes to be given to the families. This group of parishioners have done this for many, many years. A special thanks to the kind gentleman from this group who organized the purchase and delivery of the potatoes.

All of these contributions from our parishioners, along with the food that is collected each week, has helped the Food Pantry immensely during these difficult times. They are very grateful for the generosity of St. Mary Our Mother parish.

*(In Our Parish continued on page 4...)***SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

**Psalm:**

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

**Second Reading:**

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

**Gospel:**

Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him. (Jn 2:11)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES****Readings for the week of January 16, 2022**

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Observances for the week of January 16, 2022**

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This weekend finds us returning to the Sundays of Ordinary Time, which will continue to Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, which this year falls on **March 2nd**. This weekend also invites us to prayerfully remember the legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, whose memory we honor this coming Monday. In addition, we will begin the annual **Week of Christian Unity** when the Church invites us to pray for greater unity among all Christian churches, as well as a greater respect for all human life.

Ever since his death, we are reminded of the legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Dr. King stood for the equality of all people, he especially spoke of his "dream" when all would sit at one table, when all would be able to ride the same bus, when all would be looked upon and identified by their gifts and talents and not by the color of their skin. His tragic and violent death, like modern day terrorism and violence, are hard reminders that human nature can act in terrible and tragic ways. Dr. King's death, as well as any act of violence and terrorism, are sobering reminders that we have yet to achieve Dr. King's dream. This holiday weekend affords us an opportunity to address any personal prejudice that we might have, and to recognize the common integrity of every human person.

The Supreme Court's decision of **Roe vs. Wade** to legalize abortion in the United States met its critical crisis in defending human life as beginning not at conception but at natural birth. Since the decision, we have had great challenges trying to explain that life begins at conception. If the child in the womb is a person, by American standards, that person has individual rights. The theology of the Roman Catholic Church defines human life as beginning at conception. While this definition has caused many painful decisions to be made on the part of parents, it is a starting point for conversation about our understanding of human life. Jesus' own life is defined from the moment of the Annunciation, when Mary said "yes" to the angel. Mary's 'life' began at the Immaculate Conception, as the sinless vessel of God. The annual anniversary of **Roe vs. Wade** serves as a reminder that we need to re-affirm our belief of human life beginning at conception and ends with natural death.

Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the church has set aside eight days in January, specifically January 18 through 25, as a **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. It is a time when we acknowledge our common bonds with our Christian sisters and brothers, as well as all people of faith. We worship a common God, we find our religious foundations in common tradition. For the most part, we utilize the same scriptures for our prayer, worship, and faith formation. For many, our ritual of worship is somewhat similar, often using the same hymns and prayers. Since the Second Vatican Council, which issued a decree on Ecumenism, we have come to realize that our unity can be expressed a variety of ways. Perhaps the most popular example of this is the annual Service of Lessons and Carols, held each December.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot**

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

**Tuesday, January 18, Weekday**

6:45 AM George Gresock - Linda DelPriore

**Wednesday, January 19 - Weekday**

6:45 AM John Pirozzolo - John & Judi Pichette

**Thursday, January 20 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Dick Burdulis - Kenneth & Christina McUmber

**Friday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin**

6:45 AM Barbara Cobb - Michael & Therese Stanley

**Saturday, January 22- Weekday**

5:00 PM Mary Masone - sister, Arlene Boulas

**Sunday, January 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Joy Baccile - Leipold family

10:30 AM Dorisanne & Harold Reed - Anne & Joe Welch

So is there a common bond which unites the violence and terrorism in the world, to the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, to a greater awareness of human life from the womb to the tomb, to the week of Prayer for Christian Unity? It is the fact that we are a people of the same God. Each person has a responsibility to see others as sisters and brothers, offering respect and dignity to each other. It is this responsibility that enables us to address the issues such as human life beginning at conception, those who live in the grip of poverty, those who find themselves in prison, those who are close to death. We need to acknowledge the common bond that unites all Christian churches as the Body of Christ.

Have a great week, and enjoy the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

As of January 10th, 238 **families** have contributed **\$68,004.00** which is **64%** toward our parish goal of **\$106,251.00**. We thank those who have given generously to the CMA and ask that all who have not yet given to this appeal to prayerfully consider doing so. Please consider all the ways God has blessed you and your family and how the Church has brought joy and goodness in our lives. The CMA is one way we can give back to God for the many blessings God has shared with us.

**Parish Calendars**

The parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2022 calendars. Until we are able to have printed materials back in the Church, these calendars are available at the parish office

**WE ARE ONE SYNODAL CHURCH**

**What is a Synod?**

The word “synod” may be new to many Catholics, but the reality described by it has been part of the life of the church since Apostolic times.

“Synod” comes from two Greek words meaning, “walking together.” A synod is an ecclesial gathering with the goal of discerning what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church at the time.

Synodality represents the main road for the church, called to renew herself under the action of the Spirit and by listening to the Word. The ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received, depends largely on the decision to initiate processes of listening, dialogue, and community discernment, in which each and every person can participate and contribute.

At the same time, the decision to “journey together” is a prophetic sign for the human family, which needs a shared project capable of pursuing the good of all.

As we enter the new year we encourage all our parishioners, at any age and at any place in their faith journey to contribute and share their thoughts about the future of the church.

The purpose of the synod is to “plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and vision, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.”

We look forward to an open dialogue together while we listen, speak out, celebrate, and form ourselves in synodality.

More to come about how you can participate in 2022!

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**March for Life**

Speak out for life! Travel by bus to Washington, D.C. for the **January 21, 2022** March for Life. Cost is \$50.00. Scholarships are available, so don't let cost prevent your attendance. Adults and school age children are welcome. Call now, don't miss a memorable experience of faith and democracy in action. Call Steve at 607-739-9282 for information or to reserve your seat.

**Help for Homeowners**

Homeowners in New York State who were financially affected by Covid-19 and who are behind on their mortgage or other housing payments/fees or property taxes may be eligible for help from the New York State Homeowner Assistant Fund (NY HAF). Contact Catholic Charities Elmira office at 607-734-9784 or at [www.cs-cc.org](http://www.cs-cc.org) for more information. New York State HAF application window is only open from January 3, 2022 to February 3, 2022.

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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at Edward.giblin@dor.org for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation.

He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the whole-hearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquire. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to a permanent diaconate.




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