



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 23, 2022

3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - January 30, 2022****FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangements:**

In loving celebration of Shane Alsworth - his 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.

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/
 Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

As we begin 2022, **Pope Francis I** offered the following faith-filled resolutions for the new year:

1. *Volunteer for a local charity or non-profit.*
2. *Stop judging others (and gossiping).*
3. *Take Scriptures to heart - become more familiar with the Bible.*
4. *Take one concrete step to become more environmentally conscious.*
5. *Pray every day. Even when it is hard.*
6. *Let go of a grudge or two.*
7. *Get off Twitter.*
8. *Call your loved ones regularly. And truly listen.*

May we all grow in discovering Christ while building a more just society and living lives of mercy, prayer, and action.

On to another topic! For the past six years, we have offered our parishioners the option of **“On-Line Giving,”** or **“Electronic Giving”** or simply **“E-Giving”** as a way of offering financial support to our parish. Our parish’s Finance Council has fully endorsed this method of Electronic Giving as an easy, safe and secure way to support the many parish initiatives at St. Mary Our Mother. Since March 2020 when the Coronavirus first emerged, more and more of our people chose to use this effective and efficient method as a way to make contributions to the parish, just as one would do for other recurring payments like utility or mortgage payments. You can also choose to make contributions to any of our special collections - Christmas and Easter, for example - that are taken up throughout the year.

What are the benefits of **“On-Line Giving?”** Parishioners benefits include:

- You never need to bring checks or cash to Mass.*
- Eliminates risk of lost checks.*
- Reduction of bank costs.*
- One monthly transaction to record.*
- No envelopes to worry about.*
- Easy to read statements sent for tax planning.*
- No cost to participate.*
- Easy, flexible, with funds transferred on the date you set.*
- Safe, secure and confidential.*

On-Line giving benefits include:

- Reduced money handling, more secure.*
- Reduced cost of printing and mailing envelopes.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Carol Wawrzusin - husband, Ray

Tuesday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Curtin family - family

Wednesday, January 26 - Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, January 27 - Weekday

6:45 AM Billy Dominikoski - Judy & Vince Kadlec

Friday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM David Crowley - Kadlec family

Saturday, January 29 - Weekday

5:00 PM Lourdes & Cerilo Sobremonete - Lapitan family

Sunday, January 30 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Jack Denhoff - Woody & Mary Kay Woodworth

10:30 AM Renee Langan - JoAnn Sabatura

Simplified and accurate accounting.

More consistency of contributions from month to month, even during pandemic or vacation times.

Saving on bank processing fees.

Accurate revenue forecasting and budget planning.

You can always make changes to stop the electronic transfers or change your contribution amount at any time by contacting the parish business manager.

A word of thanks to those who already use this method to support St. Mary Our Mother. To take advantage of this convenient, simple and secure method of supporting our parish, please contact **Ms. Terri Orbin**, our parish business manager at the parish office. She will be glad to assist you.

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

Fr. L.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to **Father Richard Kajiru** on the passing of his father, Mr. Francis Kajiru, on January 11, 2022. We will continue to remember Father Richard and the members of his family in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.

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!

DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PERMANENT DIACONATE

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and minister in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church.

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.

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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.



MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Heather Bill**, School Principal
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
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- Ms. Wendy Slater**, Office Assistant
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

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- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
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REGIONAL EVENTS

Notre Dame High School Open House

Notre Dame High School, grades 7-12 is hosting an Open House on **Monday, January 31st** from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for prospective students and their families. The evening will begin with a brief presentation in the Auditorium with campus tours to follow. 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. Additionally, 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.

Notre Dame High School is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, and transportation by your local school district is typically an option for students residing in surrounding communities.

Please note - covid-19 safety precautions will be followed and all attendees will be required to wear masks while inside the building.

To RSVP for the Open House, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ndhsopenhouse>. Notre Dame is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2022/23 school year. To apply visit notredamehighschool.com. For further information, please contact Brett Moore, Director of Enrollment at 607-734-2267, option 8 for further information.



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