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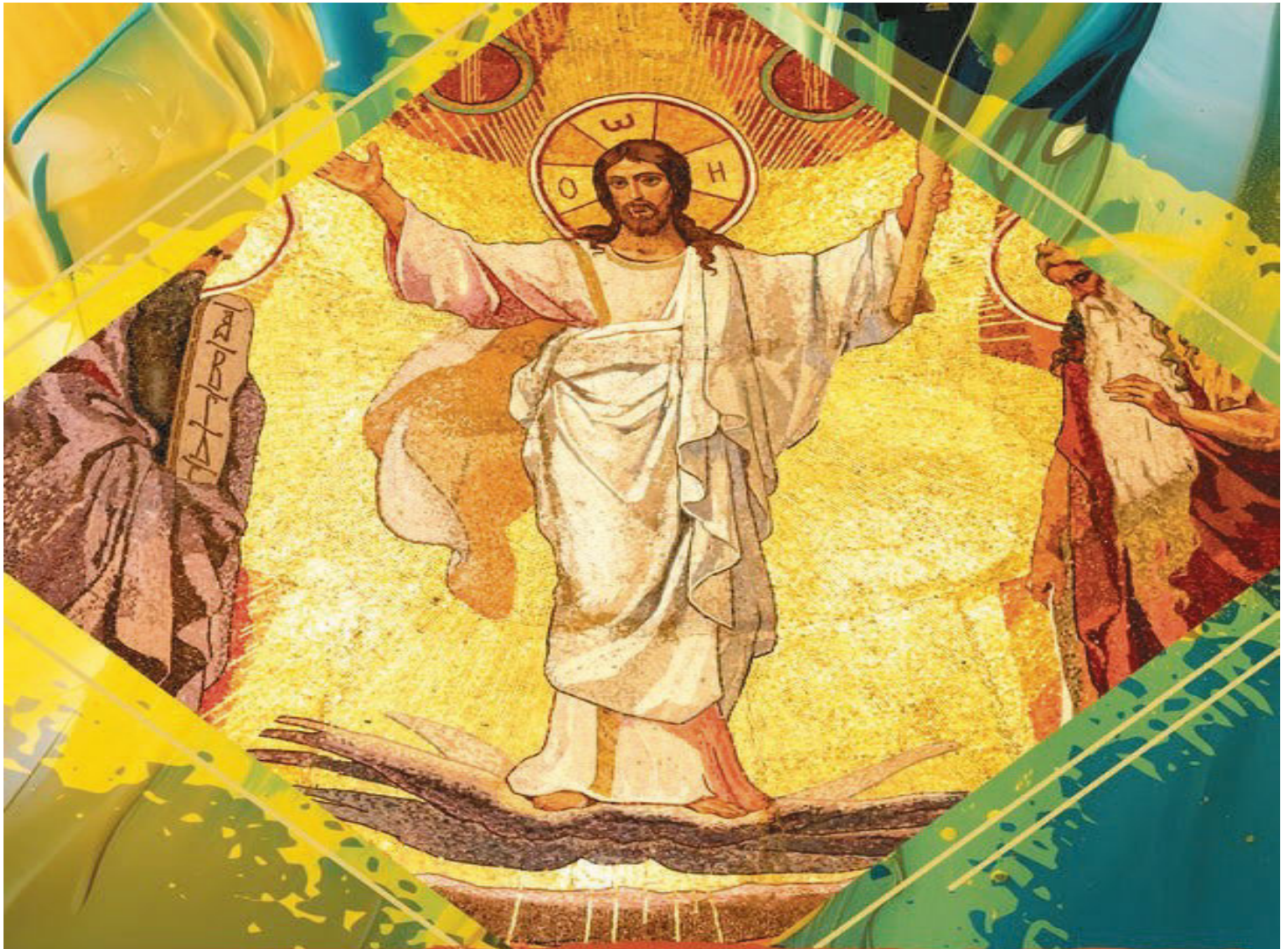
## *MISSION STATEMENT*

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.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York  
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March 16, 2025



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”  
- Lk 9:35

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Tuesday, March 18**

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

**Thursday, March 20**

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

**Friday, March 21**

5:15 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—chapel

**Saturday, March 22**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Kathleen Marzec  
James Piet  
Margaret Rosenfeld



The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for March 16—22, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of LCP Michael J. Sawester & June Sawester by Joan and Barry Sawester.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

The sign up form for Easter lilies has been posted on the Church bulletin board. The deadline to be included for Easter, 2025 is March 28th.

**MEMORIALS:** *Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention—in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person’s recovery, for a special birthday or anniversary or other occasion. Arrangements may be made by contacting the parish office at 607-739-3817.*

**2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE****Daily Mass:**

6:45 a.m.—Monday through Friday

**Sacrament of Penance:**

3:30 p.m.—Saturday

11:30 a.m.—Wednesday, April 2nd—Diocesan Day of Penance, *Sacrament available until 5:30 p.m.***Stations of the Cross:**

1:15 p.m.—Fridays with St. Mary Our Mother School (when school is in session)

5:30 p.m.—Fridays of Lent (*except Friday, April 11th*)

St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m. &amp; 5:30 p.m.—Wednesday, April 9, 2025

**Rite of Election:**

2:00 p.m.—Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Where do you live? I live in North Carolina. There I pay taxes, own a home, and belong to a parish. North Carolina is in the United States, so I also abide by federal laws, pay taxes, and vote for candidates in all sorts of elections. I identify as an American and try my best to meet certain expectations placed on me by the government, state, and fellow Americans. I do certain things because of my identity.

St. Paul wrote to the Philippians, “Our citizenship is in heaven.” Being a U.S. citizen living in North Carolina places certain requirements on me. How many of us “citizens of heaven” take seriously the expectation and requirements of that citizenship? Sometimes we act like nothing is truly required of us.

Stewardship as a way of life requires us to take seriously what it means to be a citizen of heaven. We are called to follow the laws of the land we live in on this earth, but we are called to adhere to an even greater authority. Whether it be our call to act with charity and love or to follow the precepts of the church, we must take seriously our status as citizen.

Unfortunately, many don’t take seriously their citizenship on this earth either. People have given their very lives so that we may have the freedom to be citizens of our country and our state. Of course, many people have died for the citizenship of heaven as well. So it comes down to the question, who are you and to whom do you belong?

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

In recent years, one of the monthly themes that has been observed during the month of March is that of Women's History Awareness Month. This is an annual observance to highlight the contributions of women in history and contemporary society. That theme caused me to remember the women of the United States whom the Church has declared saints. Do you know who was the first to be canonized a saint? There are eight women who are canonized, who were citizens of the United States, or who worked in our country. These are listed as they appear on the calendar.

January 4—**Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton** (1774-1821)  
A wife, mother of five, founder of the Sisters of Charity in the United States, who laid the foundation for the Catholic school system, opened orphanages, and cared for the poor. She is the first US born saint.

January 23—**Marianne Cope** (1838-1918) a Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, who helped found St. Joseph Hospital, and for 35 years cared for the lepers on Moloka Island.

March 3—**Katherine Drexel** (1858-1918) a Philadelphia heiress who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament dedicated to the education of Black and Native American children, and established Xavier University in New Orleans; a powerful advocate for justice for the poor and oppressed.

July 14—**Kateri Tekekwitha** (1656-1680) A native American who was orphaned at age 4, disabled by small pox, baptized at 20. She was mocked and persecuted for her disabilities and her Christian faith among her own people. She lived an exemplary life of prayer and holiness with perseverance and charity.

October 3—**Theodora Guerin** (1798-1856): Theodora came from France at the request of the Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, and founded the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods. She established schools, orphanages, and even a pharmacy. She resisted repeatedly the Bishop's attempts to control the rules and ministry of her Order, eventually locking her in her room and excommunicating her. All was resolved when Rome asked for and received the bishop's resignation.

October 6—**Marie Rose Durocher** (1811-1849) She came to this country from Canada and founded the American branch of Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, and was an educator of poor and orphaned children, especially girls.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 17—Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick, Bishop</b> Louise Sweet—Ann Gresock and Chuck & Joan Ruhmel
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 18—Lenten Weekday</b> Jill & Leyte Sobremonte—Lapitan's
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Deceased of the Mills family
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 20—Lenten Weekday</b> Our Faithful Departed
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 21—Lenten Weekday</b> Bryan Lanahan—wife, Adele
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>March 22—Lenten Weekday</b> Kingston Warren Carrier—grandparents, Shirley & Ross Lent
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>March 23—Third Sunday of Lent</b> Henry Weachock—Barb & Bill Limoncelli
10:30 A.M.	Donald Blide, Sr.—his family

**Pastor's Perspective continued:**

November 13—**Frances Xavier Cabrini** (1850-1917):  
She came to America to minister to Italian immigrants, and founded 67 schools and other charities in New York, Chicago, and South America. She was the first citizen of this country to be canonized.

November 18 —**Rose Philippine Duchesne** (1769-1852)  
She was born in France, and upon arriving in New Orleans, founded the U.S. Chapter of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, founding schools and orphanages along the Mississippi River for Native American children.

All of these women's lives speak eloquently of how one's faith can bring vitality to our diverse nation.

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

Fr. L

St. Joseph Puzzle answers:

1. E / 2. F /3. D/ 4. C/5. B/6.A

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:**

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025– 2026 SCHOOL YEAR:**

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! As we look ahead to another year of faith-filled learning and growth, we invite you to consider joining our wonderful school community.

There are still a few seats available in some of our classes, and we encourage you to register today to ensure your child has a place in the upcoming school year. We offer a nurturing and supportive environment where students thrive academically, spiritually and personally.

If you would like more information about our programs or would like to schedule a tour, please reach out to the school office. We would love to show you around and share the many exciting opportunities we offer.

We are grateful for the trust and support of our parish family, and we look forward to welcoming new families into our school. Together, we can continue to build a strong foundation for the future.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Heather Bill  
Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School

**St. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL ANNUAL LEGACY GALA:**

St. Mary Our Mother School invites you to our annual Legacy Gala—a special evening of celebration and support for Catholic education! **This year’s event will take place on Friday, May 30th, from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at the Elmira Country Club.**

Enjoy an exciting night of entertainment, including live music, a live auction, a silent auction, heavy hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, and multiple raffles, including our **Big Money Raffle!**

**Big Money Raffle Tickets are \$100 each, giving you a chance to win one of three prizes: \$500, \$1,000, or \$5,000!** Tickets will be available for purchase after Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass and Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses on select weekends.

We hope you will join us for this wonderful evening and help support St. Mary Our Mother School. Your generosity directly benefits our students and ensures the continued success of our school community.

**NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Saturday, March 22—A Women’s Lenten Retreat...A Walk to the Well** with Mari Mozzi

**Weekend, March 28-30— Spiritual Exercises as GPS** with Roc O’Connor, SJ—Friday 5:00 p.m.—Sunday noon.

For more details and updates about these events: [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org), [www.facebook.com/ND Spirituality](https://www.facebook.com/ND-Spirituality) 585-394-5700



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**CATHOLIC REFUGEE MINISTRIES:  
LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE U.S.  
BISHOPS, Feb. 10, 2025**

“I am writing today to address a few words to you in these delicate moments that you are living as pastors of the people of God who walk together in the United States of America”.

1. The journey from slavery to freedom that the People of Israel traveled, as narrated in the Book of Exodus, invites us to look at the reality of our time, so clearly marked by the phenomenon of migration, as a decisive moment in history to reaffirm not only our faith in a God who is always close, incarnate, migrant and refugee, but also the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person.
2. These words with which I begin are not an artificial construct. Even a cursory examination of the Church’s social doctrine emphatically shows that Jesus Christ is the true Emmanuel (cf. Mt 1:23); He did not live apart from the difficult experience of being expelled from His own land because of an imminent risk to His life, and from the experience of having to take refuge in a society and a culture foreign to His own. The Son of God, in becoming man, also chose to live the drama of immigration. I like to recall, among other things, the words with which Pope Pius XII began his Apostolic Constitution on the ‘Care of Migrants’, which is considered the “Magna Carta” of the Church’s thinking on migration:  

“The family of Nazareth in exile, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, emigrants in Egypt and refugees there to escape the wrath of an ungodly king, are the model, the example and the consolation of emigrants and pilgrims of every age and country, of all refugees of every condition who, beset by persecution or necessity, are forced to leave their homeland, beloved family and dear friends for foreign lands.”
3. Likewise, Jesus Christ, loving everyone with a universal love, educates us in the permanent recognition of the dignity of every human being, without exception. In fact, when we speak of “infinite and transcendent dignity,” we wish to emphasize that the most decisive value possessed by the human person surpasses and sustains every other juridical consideration that can be made to regulate life in society. Thus, all the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the person and his or her fundamental rights, not vice versa...”

*To be continued next week*

**WHAT DID ST. JOSEPH DO?**

Wednesday, March 19th we observe the Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus.

The Gospel tells us that Saint Joseph was a just man. What did he do? Match the things that he did (1-6) —to the answers (A-F).

Questions:

1. Before they were married and he found out that Mary was expecting a baby\_\_\_\_\_
2. When the angel came in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife\_\_\_\_\_
3. When the government said that everyone had to register in their home town\_\_\_\_\_
4. When an angel came in a dream and told him that the soldiers were coming to kill baby Jesus\_\_\_\_\_
5. When Jesus stayed in the Temple instead of coming home with him\_\_\_\_\_
6. While Jesus was growing up\_\_\_\_\_

**Answer choices:**

- A. St. Joseph taught Jesus to be a carpenter.
- B. St. Joseph looked for Jesus for three days until he found Him.
- C. St. Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt right away.
- D. St. Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary.
- E. St. Joseph planned to break off his engagement quietly so that Mary wouldn’t be ashamed.
- F. St. Joseph married Mary.

(Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Luke 2:41-51)

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