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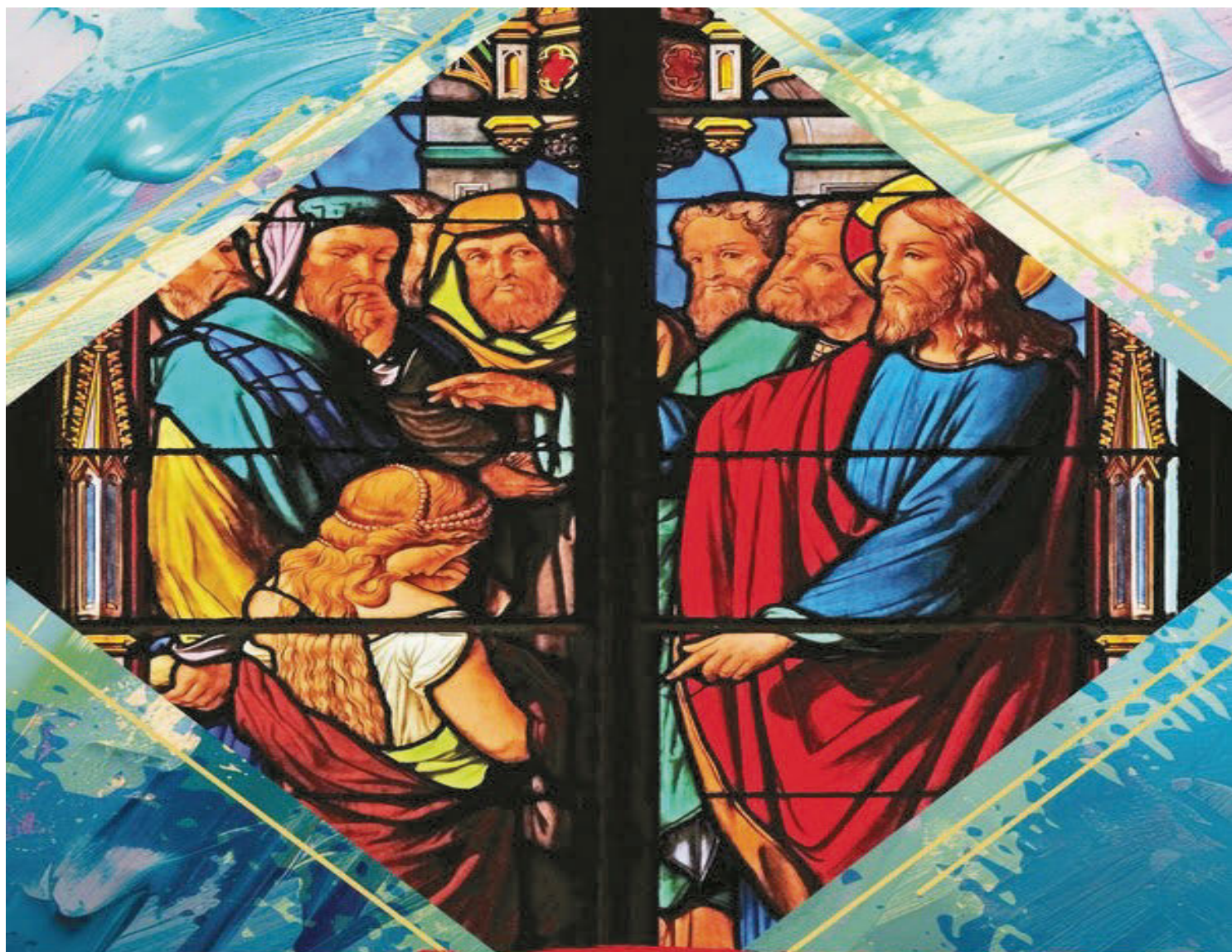
## *MISSION STATEMENT*

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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April 6, 2025



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Let the one among you who is without sin  
be the first to throw a stone at her.” - Jn 8:7

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Tuesday, April 8**

3:45 p.m.—Faith Formation classes—school  
 7:00 p.m.—Wounded Healers Support Group—  
 school

**Wednesday, April 9**

1:15 p.m.—Living Stations of the Cross—church  
 5:30 p.m.—Living Stations of the Cross—church

**Thursday, April 10**

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

**Friday, April 11**

*No Stations of the Cross*

**Saturday, April 12**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

**MEMORIALS:**

Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for April 6—12 have been donated in memory of Joe Higgins by the Gallagher's.

John Boulas  
 Stephen Bourgeois  
 Dennis Coseo  
 Cassie Carney  
 Tess Rouse Cron  
 Vincent Dulys

**WOUNDED HEALER'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**

The Wounded Healer's Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in person at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. You may want to bring a picture or two or a memento of significance of your loved one who died,

Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen and are careful not to dogmatize with "shoulds". 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. You may share or you may just listen. We encourage you to be sensitive to your own needs. 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."

Please enter the school through the door located across from the playground.

**LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE****Daily Mass:**

6:45 a.m.—Monday through Friday

**Sacrament of Penance:**

3:30 p.m.—Saturday, April 12

**Stations of the Cross:**

St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations  
 1:15 & 5:30 p.m.—Wednesday, April 9  
*No Stations on Friday, April 11th.*

**SACRED TRIDUUM****Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—chapel  
 7:00 p.m.—Mass of the Lord's Last Supper  
*(Adoration in chapel until 9:30 p.m.)*

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—chapel  
 3:00 p.m.—Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—chapel  
 7:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

8:30 a.m.—Easter Liturgy  
 10:30 a.m.—Easter Liturgy

**CRS RICE BOWL UPDATE:**

Rice Bowl is the official global assistance program of the Catholic Church. We, as a parish, are proud to be a part of this effort. CRS Rice Bowl programs are working to alleviate hunger in over 120 countries. At this time when government funding for global assistance is being eliminated, your rice bowl donation is more important than ever.

**We ask that you bring your Rice Bowl donation to Church on Palm Sunday weekend (April 12-13) or as soon as possible after that.**

Continue to pray for the people served by CRS, for the CRS workers in the field around the world, and for those here at home who promote and support CRS projects.

Jesus, Bread of Life, as we encounter You in the Eucharist this Lent, nourish us with your love, unite us in communion with our brothers and sisters, showing us how we are connected. Transform our hearts, that we may be moved to share bread for life with our global family and work for a world where all can thrive. AMEN



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

This past Catholic Schools Week, the National Catholic Educational Association published a promotional chart listing the benefits of Catholic School education. I would like to share those reasons with you in this week's 'Perspective.' It was entitled "A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools."

1. *We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.*
2. *We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.*
3. *We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.*
4. *We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.*
5. *We use technology effectively to enhance education.*
6. *We instill in students the value of service to others.*
7. *We teach children respect of self and others.*
8. *We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.*
9. *We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.*
10. *We have 99 percent high school graduation rate. 85 percent of our graduates go to college.*
11. *We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring, and effective.*
12. *We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.*

Registration for St. Mary Our Mother School for the academic year of 2025—2026 has begun. If you know of families who have children in pre K3—6th grade, now is the time to contact the school office for further information, and to arrange a visit or a tour of our school. It could make a significant difference in your child's education and formation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the beginning of Holy Week. The complete schedule of Holy Week Services is included in this week's bulletin. Please plan to join us for these Holy Week liturgies.

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

Fr. L.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 7—Lenten Weekday</b> Our Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 8—Lenten Weekday</b> Living and deceased Amisano and Lanahan families—Adele Lanahan
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 9—Lenten Weekday</b> Aloyce Singano Bahati—John and Jean Yorio
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 10—Lenten Weekday</b> Faithful Departed
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 11—Lenten Weekday</b> Bob Kosty—his wife, Marianne
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>April 12—Lenten Weekday</b> Martha Valdriz and Linda Mallare—the Lapitan's
<b>Sunday,</b>  8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<b>April 13—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Bridget Wetmore Frank Navone—his family

**JUBILEE YEAR REFLECTION/ACTION:****Signs of hope:**

During this holy Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asks us to be alert to the opportunities to be a *tangible sign of hope* for brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP—formerly known as Food Stamps) is our nation's first line of defense against hunger. 76% of SNAP households in New York include a low wage worker; 38% of SNAP households are families with children—845,192 children! 49% of SNAP households in NY include a person with disability. SNAP dollars are spent in more than 17,000 local grocery stores across the state—these employ local residents and contribute to local taxes. Local food pantries are not able to make up the difference if SNAP benefits are cut or eliminated. A healthy, well-nourished population is vital for human dignity, our national well-being, and national security.

Contact our US House Representative, Nick Langworthy (Corning office 607-377-3130) and leave a message: **Please oppose any proposals that cut or restrict access to SNAP. Many of our neighbors need SNAP to have enough to eat and SNAP supports thousands of local grocery stores and businesses across the state that employ our neighbors and contribute to local taxes.** Be sure to leave your name and county. This phone call will take a minute or two, but can make a big impact. Thank you for caring.

## 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.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

### Experience the Living Stations of the Cross

St. Mary Our Mother School warmly invites all parishioners to join us for our annual Living Stations of the Cross, a cherished tradition led by our sixth-grade students. This deeply moving reenactment offers a powerful opportunity for prayer and reflection as we walk with Christ on His journey to the cross.

For our sixth-grade students, this experience is both a spiritual milestone and a way to share their faith with the community. We invite you to be a part of this meaningful tradition as we prepare our hearts for the final days of Lent.

This event will take place on Wednesday, April 9th—1:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother Church.

We encourage all members of our parish family to attend and witness the dedication and faith of our students. May this time of reflection deepen our understanding of Christ's sacrifice and bring us closer together as a faith community. We look forward to sharing this special experience with you.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Heather Bill

## MASS OF RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

*You are cordially invited to a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 11:15 a.m., at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615.

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by registering at <https://forms.gle/UVdG2SUKbvJw81ok8> or emailing [Donald.smith@dor.org](mailto:Donald.smith@dor.org).

Additionally, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email or a letter with the following information:

**Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and a wedding photo (optional).**

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community’s identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: Who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you’ll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is “left alone before him.” A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ’s forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.



The Horseheads Food Pantry is most thankful to the people of St. Mary Our Mother for their ongoing food donations. The top three on their wish list now are:

- \* boxes of instant mashed potatoes
- \* Jiffy corn muffin mix
- \* cake mixes and icings

## NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE RETREAT SCHEDULE:

### April 8th: Desert day of Prayer

Spend a day in quiet prayer this Lent. Day will end with mass.

### May 2nd—4th: Women’s Retreat

“Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope” With Fr. Eugene O’Reilly, C.Ss.R., Sr. Joan Sobala, SSJ, Sr. Donna DelSanto, SSJ and Jodie Scordo.

### May 13th—fill Your Soul Day

“Blessed Are You: A Closer Look at the fundamental Message of Jesus”—With Sr. Carole Cimino, SSJ

### May 16-18—Women’s Retreat

“Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of hope” with Fr. Philip Sutherland, SJ, Elena Kiley, Jodie Scordo

June 17th—Fill Your Soul Day—“Poetry and Prayer—A presentation for our Jubilee Year” with Fr. Peter Murray, SJ





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