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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 13, 2025



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.”

- Lk 19:38

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Wednesday, April 16**

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

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

**Thursday, April 17**

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

## PARISH OFFICES CLOSED:

The parish office will be closing beginning **Holy Thursday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m., Good Friday, April 18th**, and on **Monday, April 21st**. The office will re-open on **Tuesday, April 22nd at 9:00 a.m.**

## MEMORIAL:

The palm for Palm Sunday, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of Bob Kosty by his wife, Marianne.

Susan Agan  
Dennis Cosco  
Linda Lawrie



## HOLY WEEK:

Today is **Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion**, and we wave our palm branches in a spirit of joy and triumph. In Biblical times, the palm tree was considered a "kindly" tree because of its lofty height and majestic appearance. The palm tree became a symbol of royalty and victory. Today, we begin to recall Jesus' victory over sin and death. The victory was through Jesus' suffering and death.

We call this week **Holy Week**.....The name, bestowed by our ancestors, should cause us to enter this week with reverence, embrace its demands with delight and celebrate its rites with all the care, devotion, and energy it deserves. To celebrate Holy Week is, after all, to celebrate who we have become through Christ's paschal mystery.

## LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass:**

6:45 a.m.—Monday through Friday

## 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

**Holy week continued:**

On Holy Thursday evening, we experience the washing of feet in tender humility. Jesus tells that we must serve each other in such humble and intimate ways as foot washing. Through what works of charity and justice do we wash the feet of the poor? What humble and intimate service do we offer to each other?

From Good Friday sunset until Holy Saturday sunset is the Paschal Sabbath, the day of rest. In burial, Jesus rested and we rest in Him. We keep watch, learning the lessons of restfulness, silence, and darkness. In the quiet of our hearts this day, we need to reflect upon the Cross of Christ. We are invited to be reconciled beneath the Cross.

Holy Saturday evening, we come together to keep the Night Watch of the Resurrection of the Lord. On this night, we witness resurrection. Life puts death to death. On this night, we witness resurrection in our midst as we welcome the Elect into full Communion at the Table of the Lord.

We invite you to join us in worship at all our Holy Week liturgies.



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

We begin our solemn observance of Holy Week today with the liturgy of **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**. We commemorate today Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of David, Jerusalem, with the carrying of palm and the singing of anthems. We hear the Gospel proclaimed with its focus being on the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, not only in history, but in our midst as well.

The liturgies of Holy Week are designed to invite us into the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. These liturgies should never be viewed as separate happenings, but one continuous celebration of the sacred mysteries. **Holy Thursday**, we commemorate the institution of the sacraments of Holy Orders and Eucharist, with Jesus giving us the commandment that as He has done for us, we are mandated to do for others. In loving service we commit ourselves once again to the eucharist that we receive and that we are called to become. The washing of feet and the institution of the Eucharist are inseparably linked, revealing the heart of God in our midst. The **Evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper** will be celebrated **Holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.**

On **Good Friday** we gather at **3:00 p.m.** to celebrate the **Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**. The red vestments worn this day serve as a reminder of that deep love often requires the shedding of blood. This day's scriptures recall the role of the Suffering Servant of God, one who would suffer and offer his life for God's people. All sin and evil in the world is brought to the throne of the cross. Jesus pours out His life for the salvation of all people for all time. During the Good Friday liturgy, all are invited to come forth to venerate the Cross, acknowledging the fact that it is through the sacrifice of Jesus on the wood of the cross that we have been made free. Today's liturgy concludes with the reception of the Eucharist. We depart in silence, symbolically remembering Jesus being placed in the tomb, as we wait the Spirit to raise Jesus back to life.

**Holy Saturday** is spent in quiet preparation and anticipation as the Lord rests in the tomb, awaiting the resurrection. The **Easter Vigil Liturgy** begins at **7:00 p.m.** Holy Saturday evening. This "mother of all vigils" witnesses the Lord's resurrection, with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of the Easter candle, as well as inspiring readings from scripture, recalling God's activity and work throughout human history. During the Easter Vigil liturgy, parishes who have candidates for full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church through the OCIA, (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We also have the opportunity to renew our own baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil. If you have never participated in an Easter Vigil liturgy, I extend a warm welcome to join us. On Easter Sunday,

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 14—Monday of Holy Week</b> Margaret Bellizia—family
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 15—Tuesday of Holy Week</b> Deceased of the Mills family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 16—Wednesday of Holy Week</b> John Bennett—wife, Michele & family
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	<b>April 17—Thursday of Holy Week</b> Morning Prayer—chapel Mass of The Lord's Last Supper— Adoration until 9:30 p.m.
<b>Friday,</b>  9:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.	<b>April 18—Good Friday-The Passion of the Lord</b> Morning Prayer—chapel Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
<b>Saturday,</b> 9:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	<b>April 19—Holy Saturday</b> Morning Prayer—chapel Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	<b>April 20—Easter Sunday</b> Sunday Liturgy Sunday Liturgy

**Pastor's perspective continued:**

we continue the same spirit of celebration and joy with our Lord's resurrection from the dead.

It was **St. Augustine** who defined us as an **Easter people**. But to fully experience the joys of Easter, we must walk through the sorrows and suffering of Holy Week. I invite you to join us as we journey through these sacred days. Bring your children to these liturgies with you. It is the events that we celebrate this week that renew us, that make us who and what we are and help us to live lives filled with meaning and purpose that only Jesus can give.

Have a good week. I hope to see you often this week! Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD:**

Strong words come from St. Paul in today's second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish." Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?



## 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.

## 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 this weekend 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.

## 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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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: NEW YORK TESTING:**

New York State testing is underway at St. Mary Our Mother School!

We are proud to share that our 3rd—6th grade students have officially begun their New York State testing for this academic year. This marks an exciting transition, as students are now taking the English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science assessments online for the first time.

In preparation, students participated in simulation practice sessions to familiarize themselves with the digital format, tools, and testing environment. Additionally, our dedicated teachers have undergone training to ensure a smooth and successful testing experience for all students.

NYS ELA Testing was successfully completed on April 7th & 8th,

NYS Math testing is scheduled for April 28th & 29th.

NYS Science testing is scheduled for May 5th & 6th (5th grade only).

We commend our students for their hard work, perseverance, and positive attitude during this process. As they continue their assessments, we kindly ask for your prayers and support in encouraging them to do their best.

Thank you for your partnership in our students' academic success!

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



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:****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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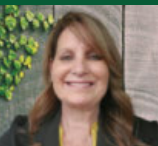
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