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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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March 1, 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

- Tuesday, March 3**
4:00 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—School
- Thursday, March 5**
7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—Church
- Friday, March 6**
1:15 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—Church
5:15 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—Chapel
- Saturday, March 7**
3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Valentine for Vets—Thank You!

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the Valentines for Vets project this year. We had an amazing response and we sent 418 valentines to the veterans at the Bath VA! We are so appreciative of the groups that made valentines! These included the Thomas Edison High School Key Club, St. Mary Our Mother School, a kindergarten class and the Social ministry committee and friends. The students from St. Mary Our Mother School did such a wonderful job! So many creative and heartfelt cards! The committee is thankful for the support of so many students and adults to show the veterans our appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Thank you!

**Welcome, Deacon Mark Robbins,
CRS Global Fellow**

Today on the second weekend of Lent, we are pleased to have with us Deacon Mark Robbins visiting our parish community and delivering the homily at our weekend liturgies. As a Deacon of the Diocese of Rochester and a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow, Deacon Mark visits faith communities and schools across our diocese and New York State to share his passion for Catholic social teaching as expressed through the work of CRS round the world. He will share his experiences visiting CRS program sites supported by our Rice Bowl alms.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, each Lent, thousands of Catholic parishes and schools in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Deacon Mark will help us learn how our donations foster hope and human dignity in our needy brothers and sister across the globe. Thank you, Deacon

**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING &
ABSTINANCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

Stewardship

Week End of 2/15/2026:

Envelope:	\$6,605.00
Plate:	\$682.55
TOTAL	\$7,287.55

**Journey Through Lent with CRS:
The Second Week**

Ghana is a small multi-ethnic country in West Africa with diverse languages and religious groups. Poverty makes it difficult for rural families to get health and nutrition services for their children to grow healthy and strong. Catholic Relief Services teamed up with the local Sisters of Charity of St. Anne to create a project to help rural children up to age three. Community elders and chiefs provided space for mothers and babies to gather for health education and early childhood development activities. Today the project also offers mental health services for moms, empowers communities through financial savings/lending groups, and trains women to be volunteer leaders. Our Lenten prayer and sacrifice bring hope to our brothers and sisters in

CRS Lenten Prayer

God of Hope, You journey with us through the desert. You challenge us to become more like Christ.

During this Lenten season, may our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving give us the courage to go forth and share our gifts with the world. May our encounter with You allow us to bring hope to our global family.

Amen.

2026 LENTEN CALENDAR

Daily Mass:

6:45 a.m.—Monday thru Friday

Sacrament of Penance:

3:30 p.m.—Saturday

11:30 a.m.—Tuesday, March 24, 2026—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*)

5:15 p.m.—Fridays of Lent

St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations of the Cross

1:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.—Wednesday, April 1

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Anna Swackhamer
Ann O'Mara
John Bennett
Steve Romanki**

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

I recently found the following article, which offers a creative insight on one of the disciplines of the season of Lent, the discipline of fasting

Lenten Prayer: Fast From, Feast On

During Lent, Let us...

*Fast from criticism; feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity; feast on joy.
Fast from ill-temper; feast on patience.
Fast from resentment; feast on contentment.*

*Fast from jealousy; feast on love.
Fast from pride; feast on humility.
Fast from selfishness; feast on service.
Fast from fear; feast on truth.*

*Fast from judging others; feast from Christ within them.
Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on the unity of life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.*

*Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.*

*Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from worry; feast on trust in God's care.
Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.*

*Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of sincerity.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.*

*Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.*

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, March 2—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M. Our Faithful Departed

Tuesday, March 3—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M. Sandee Johnson—Peggy Woodard

Wednesday, March 4—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M. Living & deceased members of the 6:45am Mass Family

Thursday, March 5—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M. Our Faithful Departed

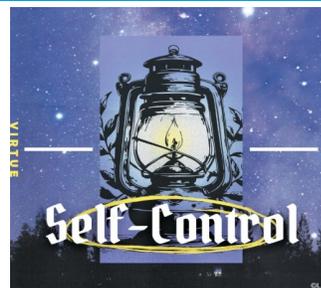
Friday, March 6—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M. Manuel & Leticia Macapinlac family
9:00 A.M. Kathleen Marzec—St. Mary Our Mother staff & faculty

Saturday, March 7—Lenten Weekday
5:00 P.M. Sandee Johnson—Bob & Judi Pichette

Sunday, March 8
8:30 A.M. Mary Amisano—Guy
10:30 A.M. Art & Marie Maio—Suann, Art, Rich & Steve

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please remember that **Daylight Savings Time** begins next **Sunday, March 8th**, at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before retiring next Saturday evening.

**Self-Control, Explained!**

Love. Joy. Anger. Desire. Fear.

These are just a few of what are called the “passions” of humankind, and in order to understand self-control, we must first understand the passions. Our passions are neither good nor bad — it’s all in how we interact with them.

Enter the virtue of self-control.

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it’s really all about boundaries. Passions only become problematic when we allow them to control us. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

“When regulated by reason, and subjected to the control of the will, the passions may be considered good and used as means of acquiring and exercising virtue,” we read in The Catholic Encyclopedia. “The sensitive is given to man by God, and therefore its acts have to be employed in His service.”

A Super Thank You

Despite a very frigid Super Bowl weekend, our Super Bowl collection netted \$974.20 in donations to the Horseheads Food Pantry. The Seahawks won the Pantry Bowl with \$691.90 donated in their honor while the Patriots fans added \$342.30. We thank all who participated, both the Seahawks' and the Patriots' fans, as well as our youth who collected your donations at the doors. These funds will help to keep the shelves and the refrigerators well-stocked when donations don't fulfill the need. The Pantry is very grateful for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Book is now open. There are several dates for both Sunday and Weekday Masses that are available to be scheduled. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule your Mass intentions for this year.

CRS, Rice Bowl, and Lent

Catholic Relief Services was started in 1943 by the bishops of the United States to aid refugees and survivors of World War II. Today it has expanded its mission to become the official international agency of the Catholic Church. Today it sends trained, professional workers to over 100 countries across the globe. Their relief and development programs address health, education, agriculture, emergency response services, microfinance of small businesses, and peacebuilding. Wherever CRS goes, it works to create a world in which people live as one human family.

CRS gets its funds from grants, donations, and fundraising activities, such as Lenten Rice Bowl. Ninety-three percent of the funds go directly to the projects while only 7% is used by management, administration, and fundraising costs. It holds an A+ rating from CharityWatch. CRS keeps 75% of your Rice Bowl donations to support their overseas programs, but returns 25% to help fight hunger and poverty in our own local area of Chemung County.

CRS Global Fellows are Roman Catholic priests and deacons that are trained to work with and witness to the good works that CRS is doing with the world's most vulnerable people. They journey to villages to work along CRS workers and meet the people in the villages where they serve. CRS has over 75 Global Fellows in the US. Here in the Diocese of Rochester we are fortunate to have two diocesan deacons who are global fellows, both of whom have visited and delivered homilies here in our church in the past few years

CRS Lenten calendars and rice bowls will be available in our church starting Ash Wednesday. In weeks to come, our bulletin will feature articles about the work of CRS overseas in Ghana, Guatemala, and Timor Leste. Visit the crsricebowl.org website for lots more information. Remember the CRS workers and the people they serve in your prayers. Happy Lent!

**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 ministering 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 of age 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 wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. 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 the permanent diaconate. The Diocese anticipates that the next formation class will begin in Fall 2027, with the application process beginning in early 2027.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Peter T. Singano**, in Residence
- Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Coordinator
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Heather Bill**, School Principal
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
- Ms. Michelle Card**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Ms. Wendy Slater**, Office Assistant
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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- School Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street(607)-739-8214

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:**All School Mass – All Are Welcome!**

St. Mary Our Mother School joyfully invites our parish and school community to join us for an All School Mass on Friday, March 6th at 9:00 AM in the church. Our third grade class will have the special honor of leading the congregation in prayer and song, helping to guide our school family in worship, reflection, and celebration of our Catholic faith.

This Mass is a wonderful opportunity for students, families, parishioners, and friends to come together as a community, sharing in the beauty and traditions of our faith. It is a time to celebrate the growth of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the vibrant spirit that makes our school so special. Through prayer, song, and fellowship, we strengthen the bonds that unite us as a faith-filled family.

We warmly welcome everyone to attend, whether you are part of our school family or a member of the parish. Your presence adds to the joy of our gathering and serves as a beautiful example of the love and support that surrounds our students as they grow in knowledge, character, and faith.

We can't wait to see you there and share in this meaningful and inspiring celebration!

Blessings,

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

Cemetery Cleanout & Cleanup

Twice a year, a cleanout and a cleanup of our cemetery is done. Please remove all winter decorations at this time. If you have items you do not wish to have discarded, please remove them by **March 15th**.

Thank you!

Knights of Columbus

Horseheads Knights of Columbus #6158 will have their regular meeting on Monday, March 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in O'Brien Hall. Hope to see you there! Remember to get your lotto fundraiser tickets and money in this week, or bring to the meeting.

HOSTS**The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of March 1-7, 2026**

Have been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran

FOLK GROUP

An interest in starting up a folk group here at St. Mary Our Mother has been expressed by one of our parishioners who has a background playing bass with a folk group. There would be a need for acoustic guitar players and willing singers in order to create this new ensemble. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817 and leave your name and phone number, or see Cathy Peckham after mass. You will be contacted.

**ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER
to benefit
CATHOLIC CHARITIES SAMARITAN CENTER**

Tuesday, March 24 - 11:30AM—1PM
Hosted by Notre Dame High School
Tickets \$35 or \$50 with Commemorative bowl
RSVP: 607-734-9784 (Catholic Charities)

Samaritan Center provides a range of services (groceries, housing/heating fuel, health, & other needs) to residents throughout Chemung County.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow.

Amen.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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Wounded Healers

The WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meeting will be offered Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM, in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Use the door of the school across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a memento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful to not 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."

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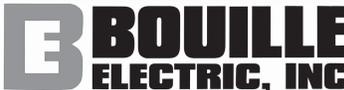
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