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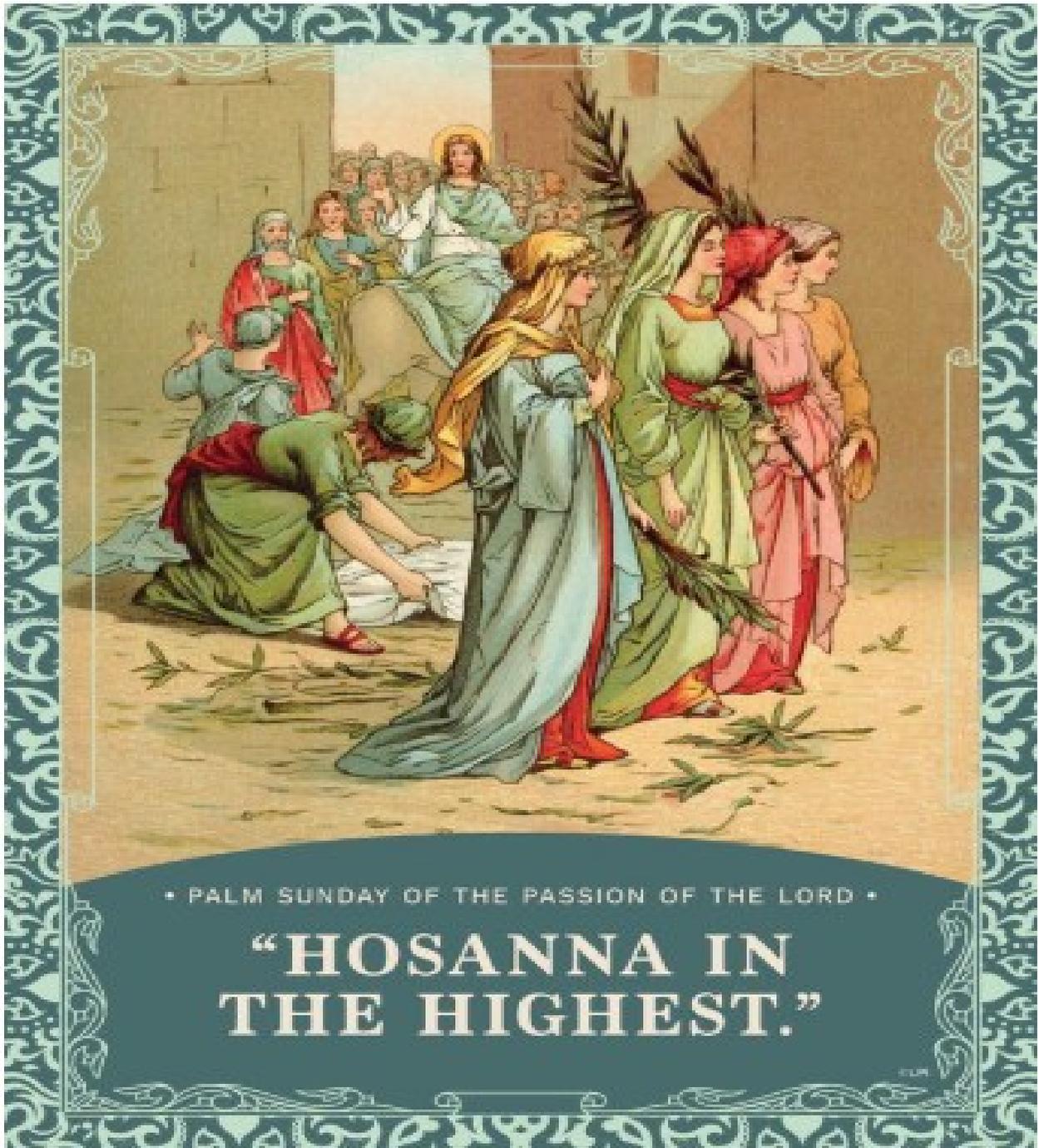
## *MISSION STATEMENT*

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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March 29, 2026



**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

**Tuesday, March 31**

4:00 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes — School

**Wednesday, April 1**

1:15 p.m.—St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations of the Cross—Church

5:15 p.m.—St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations of the Cross—Church

**HOLY WEEK/ EASTER SCHEDULE**

**DAILY MASSES**

6:45 a.m. - **Monday thru Friday:**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

1:15 p.m.—*Living Stations with St. Mary Our Mother School*

5:15 p.m.—*Living Stations with St. Mary Our Mother School*

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION**

*Masses will follow the regular Sunday schedule*

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026**

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Chapel

7:00 p.m.—Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Last Supper  
*Ritual Washing of Feet at this liturgy*

Adoration in Chapel until 9:30 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026**

9:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer—Chapel

3:00 p.m.—Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026**

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Chapel

9:30 a.m.—Easter Vigil OCIA Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil Liturgy

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**

8:30 a.m.—Easter Liturgy

10:30 a.m.—Easter Liturgy

**Hosanna to the Messiah!**

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

**Stewardship**

Unavailable due to early bulletin submission

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Kay Wahlmeier  
James Hare  
Gloria Waldron  
Rae D’Giacomo

**Wine & Hosts**

The Sacramental Wine and the Eucharistic hosts for the week of April 5-11 have been donated in memory of **Joseph Higgins** by Jane & Joe Gallagher.

**Prudence, Explained!**

Those who have the vision condition of nearsightedness need glasses in order to discern objects which are far away. Without the aid of glasses, a nearsighted person’s world is small; anything which lies beyond their strength of vision is hidden to them.

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. “A prudent man is one who sees as it were from afar, for his sight is keen, and he foresees the event of uncertainties,” said St. Isidore of Seville.

The Catechism teaches that prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good. Prudence is “the chariot-eer of the virtues,” guiding the judgment of our conscience and directing our actions in accordance with that judgment (CCC 1806). Without prudence, not only can we not clearly see what is good, but we have no hope of realizing that good.



**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 alms-giving 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.

### 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 heard 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 are 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 and 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, we will welcome those who have been preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We also will have the opportunity to renew our own baptismal promises during the vigil, as well as on Easter Sunday. If you have never participated in an Easter Vigil Liturgy, I extend a warm welcome to join us. On **Easter Sunday**, 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 in faith

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 30—Monday of Holy Week</b> Our Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 31—Tuesday of Holy Week</b> Our Faithful Departed
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 1—Wednesday of Holy Week</b> Gerry Austin—Jackie & Warren Conklin
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	<b>April 2—Holy Thursday</b> Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.	<b>April 3—Good Friday</b> Morning Prayer Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
<b>Saturday,</b> 9:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	<b>April 4—Holy Saturday</b> Morning Prayer Easter Vigil—All people of St. Mary Our Mother
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<b>April 5—Easter Sunday</b> Easter Liturgy—All people of St. Mary Our Mother Easter Liturgy—All people of St. Mary Our Mother

### Pastor's Perspective continued:

through these sacred days. Bring your children to these liturgies with you. It is the events that we celebrate this week that renew us, and 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 great week. I hop to see you often this week!  
Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

### PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The parish offices will be closing beginning on **Holy Thursday, April 2nd at 11:00 a.m., Good Friday, April 3rd** in observance of the Sacred Triduum, and on **Easter Monday, April 6th**. The offices will



**MASS INTENTIONS**

The 2026 Mass Book is now open. There are many 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.

**RICE BOWL DONATIONS**

Please turn in your Rice Bowl donations on Easter or the week after to the Church basket or at the parish office. Your donation can be inside your Rice Bowl or for easier handling as a check in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you for your participation in our Lenten almsgiving project.

**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 who 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](mailto: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
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- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

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- Religious Education Office**
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**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:****Living Stations of the Cross**

St. Mary Our Mother School is proud to continue a cherished tradition with our Living Stations of the Cross, presented by our 6th grade students. This year's presentations will take place on Wednesday, April 1st at 1:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the church.

Our students have been preparing thoughtfully and prayerfully to bring the Stations to life, helping our school and parish community reflect on the journey of Christ's Passion. Their dedication, reverence, and creativity make this a truly moving experience for all who attend.

Families and parishioners are warmly invited to join us for either or both presentations. It is a wonderful opportunity to witness our students' faith in action and to come together as a community in prayer and reflection.

We are so proud of our 6th graders for sharing their gifts in this meaningful tradition, and we look forward to seeing you there to support them!

Blessings,

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

**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.

**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.

**NICKELS ADD UP**

Your clean deposit cans and bottles are worth five cents each to the Horseheads Food Pantry when you drop them off at our parish office. If the office is closed, please leave the bag(s) on the front step under the overhang.

The pantry uses the money to purchase the needed items when food donations fall short. Social Ministry is collecting these deposit containers, redeeming them, and sending the money on to the Food Pantry. Consider joining the several families who have been doing this for years. It will give you a "feel good" feeling, knowing that you are helping out our neighbors in need.

**The Humanity of Holy Week**

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophesy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter.

In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

Every "I don't know the man!"

Every "Prophesy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm.

But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand

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