



# ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

## 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  
(607) 739-3817

March 3, 2019

## 2019 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6th

- 6:45 a.m. - Mass
- 9:00 a.m. - Mass
- 12:10 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word/Ashes
- 5:30 p.m. - Mass *(followed by soup supper in O'Brien Hall)*

### DAILY MASSES:

- Monday through Friday: 6:45 a.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

- 3:30 p.m. - Saturdays
- 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 -  
Diocesan Day of Penance  
*Sacrament available until 7:00 p.m.*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- 1:30 p.m. Fridays with St. Mary Our Mother School (except 3/15 And 4/12)
- 5:30 p.m. - Fridays of Lent  
St. Mary Our Mother Living Stations  
Friday, April 5 - 1:30 & 5:30 p.m.  
Good Friday - April 19 - 5:30 p.m.

### RITE OF ELECTION

- 1:00 p.m. - Sunday, March 10th



## LENTEN REGULATIONS

During Lent, the regulations for fast and abstinence are: **all Fridays of Lent** are days of **abstinence**, as is **Ash Wednesday**. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of **fasting**;

All persons who are fourteen years of age or older are bound by the law of abstinence;

All persons between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive, are bound by the law of fasting;

Catholics are especially encouraged to perform acts of penance during the season of Lent.

**Abstinence** - refrain from eating meat at all meals that day;

**Fasting** - only one full meal, the other two meals small enough that together they do not equal one full meal.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through to Holy Thursday. Good Friday has its own rule of fast and abstinence.

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2019/2020 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please remember that Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring next Saturday night.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday, March 4**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel  
5:00 PM Parish Life committee - rectory  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - school

**Tuesday, March 5**

3:45 PM Religious Education - school  
3:45 PM RCIA - school  
5:00 Pm Youth Choir - church  
6:30 PM RCIA - school

**Wednesday, March 6**

6:30 PM Soup Supper - school

**Thursday, March 7**

2:45 PM Children’s Choir - church

**Friday, March 8**

9:45 AM Best Lent Ever group - rectory  
1:30 PM Stations of the Cross - church

**Saturday, March 9**

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

**Sunday, March 10**

1:00 PM Rite of Election - church  
5:00 PM Youth Choir - church  
5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick  
7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Norman Ferris Joyce Mattison  
Robert May Dorisanne Reed  
Jane Tingey Harry Welch

**MEMORIALS**

**Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

*In memory of LCP Michael J. Sawester & June Sawester -  
Joan & Barry Sawester*

**FLOWER DONATIONS:**

**Main Altar Arrangement:**

*In memory of loved ones – Wilma Sullivan  
In loving memory of Grace Macaluso Kent – Tyler Kent*

**Chapel Candle Rings:**

*(2) In memory of Fr. Mac -- Peggy*

**Blessed Mother – Church:**

*Special intention – Joy Anderson*

**Blessed Mother – Chapel:**

*Happy birthday for my sister, Margaret – Kathy Willes*

**EASTER FLOWERS**

To all who donate sanctuary and chapel flowers throughout the year, thank you for your generosity as we all enjoy the floral beauty! The flower calendar for the Easter season will be posted on the church bulletin board beginning next weekend, March 10th and will be available until March 31st.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**February 17, 2019**

Sunday Offering:.....\$8,478.11

**February 24, 2019**

Sunday Offering:.....\$9,998.56

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**SUNDAY - March 10, 2019**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

**IN OUR PARISH**

**Lenten “Caring” Project**

Our parish of St. Mary Our Mother continues to provide food for our needy neighbors. One thing that we don’t often think about is the continuing need for diapers. As a parish, we are asking you to help. Might you be able to bring diapers - any size, but especially size 4/5, and any adult size diapers to the Church (near the food cart) during Lent this year?

**Lenten Soup Supper**

Our Parish Life committee will host a Lenten soup supper immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass this Wednesday, March 6th. The committee is in need of volunteers to donate a crock pot of any type of vegetarian soup for the supper. The soup should be delivered either to the parish office the day of the supper or to O’Brien Hall just before the supper. For further information, please call Wilma Sullivan at 731-8085.

**Social Ministry Super Bowl Collection**

A special thank you to all parishioners who generously gave to the Super Bowl collection. A total of \$933.00 was donated and will be forwarded to the Horseheads Food Pantry. Volunteers at the Food Pantry are so very thankful for the overwhelming response to this collection from our parish.

**Valentine Thank You**

Our Social Ministry committee would like to thank everyone for their support of the Valentines for Vets project this year. We collected over 600 valentines that were taken to the Bath VA as part of the Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week! We had many wonderful valentines with heartfelt messages that were personally shared with the veterans. Of special note, the veterans were really touched by the valentines from the pre-k 3 class and one of the residents of Bethany Courtyards made 214 valentines herself! Children from St. Mary Our Mother School, Faith Formation classes, parish families and seniors from Bethany Courtyard all made valentines to wish the veterans a Happy Valentine’s Day and to thank them for their service and sacrifice. This year we also received valentines from Edison High School Key Club. In addition, a parish family collected over 200 valentines on their own from Big Flats Elementary and the Elks. Thank you again!

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Wednesday of this week is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent. This season is a sacred time for all Christians, leading to the celebration of Easter. For those preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Christian Initiation at Easter as well as those preparing to be received into full membership in the Church, it is a time of prayer and preparation for those sacraments. For those who regularly participate in the life of the church, the season of Lent offers us an opportunity to embrace the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that we can recommit ourselves to living fully our baptismal promises which we will renew on Easter Sunday. For those who have been away from the Church for whatever reason, Lent is a time to re-consider establishing that relationship once again. If you know someone in this latter category, please offer them a word of encouragement, invitation and welcome to our parish. We hear a great deal about the "New-Evangelization" that is needed in today's church. Any evangelization starts with a word of welcome and encouragement. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, please use Lent as a time of spiritual growth and renewal.

The front page of this bulletin provides information on opportunities available to you on a parish level for the Lenten season. A Lenten calendar for your use at home is included in this bulletin. There are also copies of the regional Lenten schedule of activities.

For the last few years, we have offered a number of publications for your use during the Lenten season. Two of these you are familiar with. The first is *"The Word Among Us,"* which is a complete liturgical guide for the Lenten season including scripture readings, Mass texts, and meditations. The second publication is *"The Little Book for Lent,"* which offers unique meditations for each day of Lent. There is also a children's version of the book which we will be distributing to our children in both our school and faith formation programs. Another booklet available to you contains the wisdom of Pope Francis I, entitled *"With Your Whole Heart."* Each day offers a quotation and meditation from Pope Francis, as well as a recommended scripture reading, usually taken from the Mass of that day. These should provide ample spiritual reading for you during this Lenten season.

One of the traditional Lenten devotions found in parishes during the Lenten season is the public praying of the **Stations of the Cross**. We will publicly pray this devotion each Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Each Friday that St. Mary Our Mother School is in session, our school children will gather in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. for this devotion. I invite you and your family to join us Fridays during Lent for this traditional devotion. In addition, the sixth grade students from St. Mary Our Mother School will offer their the *"Living Stations of the Cross"* in the church on **Friday, April 5th**, at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Have a great week and a great Lenten season. See you in church - on Ash Wednesday, and often during the season of Lent!

Fr. L.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 4 - Weekday

6:45 AM Sam Lalomia - Matty & Olga Princiotto

### Tuesday, March 5 - Weekday

6:45 AM Bernie Weigle - Pat & Carl Gross

### Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Joseph LeMark - Mary Ellen Benedict

9:00 AM Jennie Joy - Killeen McCarthy & family

5:30 AM Bernie Weigle - Mike & Marge Johnston

### Thursday, March 7 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Mills family - family

### Friday, March 8 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Danny Baird - Bernie & Barb Matterazzo

### Saturday, March 9 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

5:00 PM Robert Kujawski - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Przymusik

### Sunday, March 10 - First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Richard Lapierre - his family

10:30 AM Grace M. Young Wiggins - the Guardi's

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER WEBSITE REDESIGN

Our Stewardship Committee has been reviewing the St. Mary Our Mother website and have determined it needs to be refreshed for ease of use and to be a more valuable resource for the parish. To get the website updated, the Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a Website Redesign team and is looking for volunteers to support this effort.

The team needs help in several areas beyond just the technical aspects of a website so you do not have to be a website expert to contribute to the team. Help is needed in areas such as: determining what content to include, how to organize the information, collecting pictures and information to post on the website, testing the website and providing feedback, etc.

Of course, if you have website technical skills, the team can use that also. If you are interested in having some fun and updating our website, please contact the parish office by email at [smomc@stny.rr.com](mailto:smomc@stny.rr.com) or by phone at 739-3817.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**Communion Procedures**

According to recent statistics from the National Center for Disease Control, New York State is one state which has experienced an increase in the number of reported flu cases. Therefore, we will suspend offering Communion from the cup at all Masses until further notice. We also remind those who suffer from gluten intolerance that we have gluten free hosts available. Just check with Father Chris before Mass. Thank you.

**Altar Memorials**

Our altar memorials continue to be a special way to honor those who have gone before us and those intentions we wish to remember for both the living and the deceased.

The weekly donation for these memorials remains the same as in the past:

- Sacramental Wine: \$15.00
- Eucharist Hosts: \$10.00
- Sanctuary Candle: \$10.00
- Icon Candle: \$10.00

**Mass Intention**

Would you like to offer a Mass Intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for a living or deceased person or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intention(s). Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to schedule.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Rice Bowls Go Home Today**

We Catholics do three things to grow closer to God during Lent: we pray, we fast, and we give alms to those in need. Please plan as a family to take part in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project as part of your Lenten almsgiving.

Through Catholic Relief Rice Bowl, we will deepen our personal experiences of Lent and learn about our brothers and sisters in need in Guatemala, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, and Gaza. We are called to pray for those in need, both globally and locally. What we do during Lent will change lives, for our global partners and for those in our own local area served by the Horseheads Food Pantry.

Rice Bowls are available TODAY in the vestibule of the church, or near the side door on a table, or from a member of the Social Ministry Committee. The Rice Bowl can hold your offerings in the form of coins, bills, or a check. If your child received a Rice Bowl from school or religious education, the entire family can help donate to that Rice Bowl or you may take a Rice Bowl for the rest of the family. We ask that Rice Bowls be returned on Palm Sunday weekend.

**Horseheads Food Pantry**

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for canned fruit for the month of March. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection basket during Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Jean Yorio**, School Principal
- Mrs. Kathryn Rayne**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner**, RCIA Coordinator
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Jeanne Carney**, Facilities Coordinator
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Mrs. Kim Roemmelt**, School Secretary
- Mr. Michael Bravo**, Maintenance
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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- Parish Web Site.....www.StMaryOurMother.com
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street ..... (607)-739-9157
- E-mail.....smoms@dor.org
- School Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street ..... (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Best Lent Ever - Adult Formation**

Lent is almost upon us, Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Is Lent a time when you give up something you enjoy, just to go back to it after Easter? Would you want your Lent to be a transformative experience? Again this year, we invite you to join hundreds of others in participating in **Best Lent Ever 2019**. It's free and you can access the daily devotionals whenever it is convenient for you by signing on to [DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent).

If you decide to sign up, let us know. We are planning discussion and prayer gatherings, on the Fridays of Lent, beginning **March 8th** at 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. in the rectory meeting room, and for interested participants who cannot come on Friday, we invite you to consider Tuesday evenings, beginning **March 12th** at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the music classroom in the school.

For questions and more information, email the Faith Formation office at [smomfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformation@gmail.com) or phone 739-8214.

**Returnable Bottles and Cans**

Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Our Religious Education Department will take them off your hands. Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the poor. You can drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call Barbara at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

**EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP**

I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side.

Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren't physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness.

Jesus asked His disciples, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" If we aren't actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren't living a life with Him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren't concerned with knowing the truth yourself?

Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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