



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 17, 2019

2019 LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES:

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

3:30 p.m. - Saturdays

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1:30 p.m. Fridays with St. Mary Our Mother School (except 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.



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 began 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.

REFLECTION

While He was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is My chosen Son; listen to Him." - Lk 9:34-35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 18

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel
7:00 Pm Knights of Columbus - school

Tuesday, March 19

3:45 PM Religious Education - school
3:45 PM RCIA - rectory
5:00 PM Youth Choir - church
5:00 PM Finance Council - rectory
6:00 PM Quilter's prayer group - school
6:30 PM RCIA - school

Wednesday, March 20

5:30 PM Parish Council - rectory

Thursday, March 21

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Friday, March 22

9:45 AM Best Lent Ever prayer group - rectory
1:30 & 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - church

Saturday, March 23

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church
6:30 PM Youth Group meeting - school

Sunday, March 24

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church
5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick
7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Walter Ersly

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle:

In memory of Dorisanne Reed - Mary Ann Caroscio

Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:

*In loving memory of Marie & Art Maio - their daughter,
Suann*

EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers in the church and the chapel are always available to remember special people, living or deceased, or special times in our lives. The flower calendar for the Easter season is posted on the church bulletin board and will be available until March 31st.

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

STEWARDSHIP

March 10, 2019

Sunday Offering: \$9,528.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - March 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

IN OUR PARISH

Bulletin Information

Bulletin articles and information for publication should be submitted by 9:00 a.m. on the Monday preceding the Sunday bulletin you wish the information to appear in, to the following email address:

Sue.Wood@dor.org

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?

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.

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 smome@stny.rr.com or by phone at 739-3817.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

One of the ministries which is characteristic of our parish is the many ways we reach out to the greater community. In this week's column, I would like to share with you a letter and recognition I recently received commending our parish for our participation in a cause during the month of February.

Dear Reverend Linsler,

As you may know, we recently celebrated National Salute to Hospitalized Veteran's Week where we distributed Valentine cards to veteran patients at the Bath VA. I wanted to take a moment to write and say thank you!

We have been holding this event for the past 12 years and each year I am amazed with the participation we receive from various schools, organizations, and individuals. I am grateful for all the Valentine cards received from the church, including those from Faith Formation classes, Confirmation classes, and the Social Ministry Committee. Enclosed please find a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition in appreciation of the church's efforts.

Thank you for helping to put smiles on the faces of our veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. We look forward to your continued participation in this great cause.

Sincerely,

*Tom Reed
Member of Congress, NY 23*

Recognition reads as follows:

**Certificate of Special
Congressional Recognition**
Presented to
St. Mary Our Mother Church
In recognition of
**Participating in the 2019
National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week**

Thank you for spreading love and appreciation to the hospitalized patients at the Bath VA Medical Center through heartfelt Valentines.

*February 11, 2019 Tom Reed, Member of Congress
NY-23*

I add my sincere thanks to all from our parish who participated in this wonderful cause. May we continue to remember our veterans not only during their special recognition week, but throughout the entire year.

Have a great week, and continue to use these Lenten days to be refreshed and renewed. See you in church!

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Joseph Ruhmel - Jim & Ann Marie Gibson

Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Genevieve Joy - Terry & Steve Spaulding

Wednesday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

10:30 AM (Courtyard) Helen Linsler - Appleridge
Community Group

Thursday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Bryan Lanahan - Adele & family

Friday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Saturday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

5:00 PM Tony Baccile - his family

Sunday, March 24 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Karen Janeski - Bob & Becky Corcoran

10:30 AM Arthur Spaulding - Terry & Steve Spaulding

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

Where do you live? I live in North Carolina. There I pay taxes, own a home, and belong to a parish. North Carolina is in the United States, so I also abide by federal laws, pay taxes, and vote for candidates in all sorts of elections. I identify as an American and try my best to meet certain expectations placed on me by the government, state, and fellow Americans. I do certain things because of my identity.

Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Our citizenship is in heaven." Being a U.S. citizen living in North Carolina places certain requirements on me. How many of us "citizens of heaven" take seriously the expectations and requirements of that citizenship? Sometimes we act like nothing is truly required of us.

Stewardship as a way of life requires us to take seriously what it means to be a citizen of heaven. We are called to follow the laws of the land we live in on this earth, but we are called to adhere to an even greater authority. Whether it be our call to act with charity and love or to follow the precepts of the Church, we must take seriously our status as citizen.

Unfortunately, many don't take seriously their citizenship on this earth either. People have given their very lives so that we may have the freedom to be citizens of our country and our state. Of course, many people have died for the citizenship of heaven as well. So it comes down to the question, who are you and to whom do you belong?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal:	\$112,153.00
Pledged as of March 8:	\$77,834.00
Number of Pledges:	299
Percent of Goal:	69.37%
Short of Goal:	\$34,319.00

If you have not made a pledge to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, would you consider a pledge to the appeal? Additional pledge cards are available in the vestibule, or you can pledge online at www.dor.org. St. Mary Our Mother's parish number is **264**. Please keep in mind that we are responsible for any shortfall of our goal, which we would have to take out of parish savings.

REGIONAL EVENTS

CRS Rice Bowl

Described as the "Pearl of Africa", Uganda has a rich culture and diverse flora and fauna, but has suffered from civil war, poverty, and a devastating AIDS epidemic. The people of Uganda are unique in their openness and hospitality toward refugees, receiving about 180 refugees a day since January 2018 as South Sudanese neighbors flee violence in their country. More than one million refugees are now living in settlements in northwestern Uganda.

Catholic Relief Services, with their partners in Uganda, are building houses for refugee families and helping them learn to farm, giving them a small plot of land and tools so they are able to provide for their families. Most refugees hope to return to South Sudan, but in the meantime, the children go to school and families do all they can to sustain hope for the future. Shelter is necessary for a dignified life - when families are forced to migrate, finding safe shelter becomes uncertain.

So this week let us pray for the people of Uganda and make an offering to our Rice Bowls to assist the work of CRS there. We care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be.

Lenten Program

Bridges to Contemplative Living

The regional Lenten program, Bridges to Contemplative Living, will be held on Mondays - March 18, 25, April 1, 8, and 15 at St. Mary's rectory, Franklin Street, Elmira from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Using readings from Thomas Merton and other spiritual writers, the Bridges to Contemplative Living series invites participants to enter into individual reflection, contemplative dialogue and group prayer as avenues of spiritual growth. Bridges encourages participants to mine the spiritual treasures of their life experiences.

The series stresses that our everyday life is our spiritual life and provides insights for integrating contemplation and action and spirituality and religion in our daily life. Thomas Merton was a Catholic Cistercian monk, and the series is an excellent resource for all.

Please register or for further information, call St. Mary parish office at 733-3484.

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
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- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Best Lent Ever - Adult Formation

Ash Wednesday was 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.

If you decide to sign up, let us know. We are planning discussion and prayer gatherings, on the Fridays of Lent from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. in the rectory meeting room. For interested participants who cannot come on Friday, we invite you to consider Tuesday evenings from 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 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.

PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

When I was first in parish work, I remember the parish priest talking with the schoolchildren about the topic of Lent and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He asked them if any of them knew what fasting was. After a very long wait, one student raised his hand and said, "It is what I do when my Mom is mad at me. I run really fast!" The adults in the assembly burst into laughter.

Laughter is good. However, the Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

As catechumens prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christian. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act; it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.

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