



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
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March 31, 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.



REFLECTION

"His son said to Him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against You; I no longer deserve to be called Your son.' But His father ordered His servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this Son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

-Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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.

fasting + alms + prayer

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, April 1**

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

Tuesday, April 2

3:45 PM Religious Education - school
 3:45 PM RCIA - school
 5:00 PM Youth Choir - church
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Wednesday, April 3

7:00 PM Social Ministry - rectory

Thursday, April 4

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Friday, April 5

9:45 AM Best Lent Prayer group - rectory
 1:30 & 5:30 Living Stations of the Cross - church
 7:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration - chapel

Saturday, April 6

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church
 6:00 PM Confirmation Year 2 Retreat - school

Sunday, April 7

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

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

John Brackley	Roger Dewey
John Kolanach	Marian Kwasnowski
William Mills	Patricia Thompson

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:00 p.m. this **Friday, April 5th**.

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:**

*In memory of Theresa Bonsignore Knapp - Mike & Ann
 Bonsignore*

Votive Candle:

Praying for Bill - his many friends

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 today, March 31st is the last day to sign up for Easter flowers.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - April 7, 2019****FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
 Gospel: John 8:1-11

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?

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 or by phone at 739-3817.

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

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today, we arrive at the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, oftentimes referred to as **Laetare Sunday** or Rejoice Sunday. Lent 2019 is at its midpoint, which makes this a good time to give ourselves a little mid-Lenten checkup. Here are some thoughts we might like to ponder:

How faithful have I been to the Lenten program of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving?

Have I taken the time, or made the time, to watch and pray this Lent?

Have I taken advantage of the many opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent: daily Mass; reading of scripture; clearing my schedule to participate in some Lenten activities; being a part of a small Christian community discussion group; joining in public praying of the Stations of the Cross each Friday in our chapel?

How has the season of Lent helped me to grow in greater awareness of God's special love for me?

On Ash Wednesday, I mentioned that Lent is not only a time of "giving up", but a season of "giving" as well. In that spirit, a common practice for many during the Lenten season is to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy include:

*Feeding the hungry;
giving drink to the thirsty;
clothing the naked;
visiting the imprisoned;
sheltering the homeless;
visiting the sick;
burying the dead.*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy include:

*Admonishing sinners;
instructing the ignorant;
counseling the doubtful;
comforting the sorrowful;
bearing wrongs patiently;
forgiving injuries;
praying for the living and the dead.*

As you read these Works of Mercy, let the grace and power of God's spirit touch your mind and heart and help you be creative in ways of practicing some of these works of mercy during this season of Lent.

Have a great week! Continue to be renewed in the Spirit of this Lenten season. See you in church!

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Dorisanne Reed - Joe & Anne Welch

Tuesday, April 2 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Jenny Joy - Ann Pryslopski

Wednesday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - their family

10:30 AM (Bethany Manor) Special Intention

Thursday, April 4 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Laura Spaulding - Terry & Steve Spaulding

Friday, April 5 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

9:00 AM Marion Kwasnowski - Richard & Mary Helen Hall

Saturday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

5:00 PM Dick Sullivan - his family

Sunday, April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Eddie Jadoski - his loving family

10:30 AM Mrs. Delores Sano - Tim Feraldi

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave His life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**Catholic Relief Services**

This weekend we are taking up a second collection to help support the work of six U.S. Catholic agencies who carry out the Church's global social ministry on our behalf, caring for refugees and victims of famine, war and natural disasters. This collection is called the Catholic Relief Services collection and offers us another way to help Jesus in disguise around the world.

REGIONAL EVENTS**CRS Rice Bowl: Sierra Leone**

After a 10-year civil war in the 1990s, Catholic Relief Services projects in Sierra Leone are helping to rebuild the country with a focus on peacebuilding. Rates of child and maternal mortality are high, levels of education are low, and, despite rich natural resources and abundant land, more than 60% of Sierra Leoneans live on less than \$1.25 a day. The Ebola outbreak in 2014 caused thousands of deaths. CRS was one of the organizations on the frontlines working to control the spread. In the past, no one thought girls should receive an education.

Now, things have changed in Sierra Leone and families know the importance of education, especially for girls. CRS-sponsored schools help girls learn how to make a difference in their community and country. And, through the nutritious lunch each student receives, they can focus on their studies and not on their hunger. A good education doesn't just benefit the student. It benefits the family, the community and the common good – allowing individuals to flourish without needing to leave home.

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

Petition for Repeal of Abortion Expansion

Please support repeal of the new abortion expansion law in New York State (Reproductive Health Act) by signing the petition circulated by the NYS Catholic Conference. Look for the petition on-line at website www.nyscatholic.org. We will have petitions in church next weekend for signing. The petition reads as follows:

To: Governor Andrew Cuomo

We stand in firm opposition to the recently-enacted Reproductive Health Act, which expands abortion in New York State. This law:

- Legalizes late-term abortions of fully-formed infants in the womb
- Expands the pool of practitioners who can perform abortions
- Removes legal protections for babies who survive abortion
- Decriminalizes acts of violence that intentionally target unborn child

This act endangers the health of women and treats unborn children as disposable objects. It does not represent the direction in which our state should be headed. We call upon you and the NYS Legislature to repeal this law in its entirety.

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 Spam or canned hash for the month of April. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 9th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. This month we will have a guest speaker who will speak on "*The Grief of a Spouse*". There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...**Lenten Program****Bridges to Contemplative Living**

The regional Lenten program, Bridges to Contemplative Living, will be held on Mondays - 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.

Caring for God's Creation

After the recent introduction in the U.S. Congress of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, Bishop Frank Dewane (Venice, FL), Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, welcomed the legislation as an important step forward in addressing climate change. He states, "this

bipartisan bill is a hopeful sign that, more and more, climate change is beginning to be seen as a crucial moral issue; one that concerns all people. If enacted, this proposal is expected to result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. At a time when the dangerous effects of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent, the need for legislative solutions like this is more urgent than ever.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**Best Lent Ever - Adult Formation**

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 questions and more information, email the Faith Formation office at smomfaithformation@gmail.com or phone 739-8214.

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