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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.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York
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April 7, 2019

LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 p.m. - Fridays of Lent

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

3:30 p.m. - Saturdays

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
(Adoration in Chapel until 10:00 p.m.)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel
2:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 a.m. - Easter Liturgy
8:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy
10:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy
No Regional 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 8

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, April 9

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

6:30 PM RCIA - school

7:30 PM Wounded Healers - school

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 PM Parish Council - rectory

Thursday, April 11

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Friday, April 12

9:45 AM Best Lent Prayer group - rectory

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - church

Saturday, April 13

9:30 AM Home Study gathering - school

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, April 14

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Patricia Schroth Catherine Tennyson

MEMORIALS

Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:

In loving memory of Ann Barcomb - Nancy & Gene Barcomb

FLOWER SIGN UPS

Flowers in the church and the chapel are always available to remember special people - living or deceased - or special times in our lives. Please check the forms on the Church bulletin board. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

STEWARDSHIP

March 24, 2019

Sunday Offering: \$11,308.62

March 31, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$10,082.94

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - April 14, 2019

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S

ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

IN OUR PARISH

Knights of Columbus

Horseheads Council 6158 of the Knights of Columbus reminds its members that on **Saturday, May 4th**, we will celebrate our 50th year as a council with a dinner at Lib's Supper Club in Elmira. The cost is \$20.00 per person, social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please call Steve Gronski at 739-9546 or email at sgronski@yahoo.com before April 22nd to secure your reservation.

School Chicken BBQ

Make your busy weekend a little easier on **Saturday, April 27th** by letting St. Mary Our Mother School handle lunch or dinner. We will be holding our annual Chicken BBQ from noon to 2:00 p.m. The menu will include a half chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, roll and water. School families will be on hand after Mass on **April 6th & 7th** to answer any questions you may have or to place an order. There will be additional order forms on the table in the vestibule. Cost is \$11.00 per dinner. Orders can also be placed through the school office at 739-9157. Thank you for supporting your parish school!

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).

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

One of the popular devotions that we pray during the season of Lent is the **Stations of the Cross**. Each Friday during Lent, we gather both as a school community and as a parish community to pray this prayer, where we are invited to reflect on the last hours of Jesus before He was crucified. This past Friday, the sixth grade students from **St. Mary Our Mother School** offered the Living Stations of the Cross, which helped us all center all the more on the sufferings and death of the Lord.

Recently, I saw a reflection written by **Father Peter Cameron, O.P.**, which uses the format of the stations to reflect on Resurrection and Mercy of God. You may find these helpful:

First Station: *Jesus rises from the Dead.* *At your rising the peace, the forgiveness, the display of your wounds are healing and mercy for me.*

Second Station: *the Disciples find the Empty Tomb.* *The emptiness inside of me is a crushing sore. The mercy of your empty tomb frees me and fills me.*

Third Station: *Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala.* *To a frantic Mary who wants to carry away your body, you appear in risen mercy to carry her away.*

Fourth Station: *Jesus walks with the disciples to Emmaus.* *To the two discouraged disciples, your mercy appears as a sudden accompaniment. Walk with me!*

Fifth Station: *Jesus reveals himself to the Breaking of the Bread.* *All that our heart craves abides in the last supper bread breaking. Break through my forgetfulness!*

Sixth Station: *Jesus appears to the disciples.* *You appear in your humanity: eating, consoling, ridding fear. By your mercy, help me to be more human.*

Seventh Station: *Jesus confers on his disciples the power to forgive sins.* *You give, not the ability to live without sinning, but the power to forgive sin - the greatest mercy!*

Eighth Station: *Jesus confirms Thomas in faith.* *In your mercy, doubt will not gain the upper hand. Touching the wound in your hand reclaims us.*

Ninth Station: *Jesus appears to his disciples on the shore of Lake Galilee.* *When we are adrift and dispirited, you come as a surprise, cooking us breakfast, calling us "children."*

Tenth Station: *Jesus confirms Primary of Peter.* *The unity of the Church needs you to provide the Successor of Peter, it's a visible source and foundation.*

Eleventh Station: *Jesus entrusts his disciples with the Universal Mission.* *I believe because of Christian witnesses who shared their faith. Make me a missionary of mercy!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Fr. Robert MacNamara - Spaulding family

Tuesday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Helen Linsler - Barbara Gagnon

Wednesday, April 10 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

10:30 AM (Hickory Knoll) Special Intention

Thursday, April 11 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Special Intention of Bill Dominikoski - Loretta Deats

Friday, April 12 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Charly Graves - his wife, Jan

Saturday, April 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

5:00 PM Rachel Zelko - husband, Bill

Sunday, April 14 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:30 AM Mary Ann Kane - Peggy Dolph

10:30 AM Happy 5th wedding anniversary of Victor & Beth Klosterman - Mom & Dad

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

Twelfth Station: *Jesus ascends into heaven.* *You ascend in your humanity to give us access to the father's house and to God's life.*

Thirteenth Station: *Mary and the disciples await the Holy Spirit's Pentecost.* *Thank you for the Gift of the One who reminds us of all you said and who forms us in the life of prayer.*

Fourteenth Station: *Jesus sends the Spirit promised by the Father to his disciples.* *Lost though we are in a state of deformity, the Holy Spirit restores our original beauty and fills us with grace.*

Have a great week, and continue to be renewed in the Spirit and discipline of Lent. See you in church!

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

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.

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

REGIONAL EVENTS

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 this weekend, **April 6th & 7th**, 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.

Mass of Celebration of Individuals with Special Needs

All are invited to Mass at St. John of Rochester on **Sunday, May 5**, at 12:00 p.m., to celebrate the special members of our community and the unique gifts which they offer to our Church and the world. St. John of Rochester is located at 8 Wickford Way, Fairport, NY. Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Room immediately following Mass. *Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, St. John of Rochester and the Knights of Columbus.* Info: Steve Coyle 585-503-2858.

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.

Regional Events continued on page 5...

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

REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Lenten Program

Bridges to Contemplative Living

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

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. 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!

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