

## 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 April 14, 2019

#### **HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE**

#### DAILY MASSES

Monday thru Wednesday: 6:45 a.m.

#### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

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 10:00 p.m.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

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

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel
9:30 a.m. - Easter Vigil RCIA rehearsal No Confessions Today
7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy

#### **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* 

#### PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The parish office will be closed beginning **Thursday, April 18th** at 11:30 a.m. and all day **Friday, April 19th** in observance of the Sacred Triduum. The offices will re-open on **Monday, April 22th** at **9:00 a.m.** 

#### HOLY WEEK

Today is **Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion**, and we wave our palm branches in a spirit of joy and triumph. In Biblical times, the palm tree was considered a "kindly" tree because of its lofty height and majestic appearance. The palm tree became a symbol of royalty and victory. Today, we begin to recall Jesus' victory over sin and death. The victory was through Jesus' suffering and death.

We call this week Holy Week ...

The name, bestowed by our ancestors, should cause us to enter this week with reverence, embrace its demands with delight and celebrate its rites with all the care, devotion, and energy it deserves. To celebrate Holy Week is, after all, to celebrate who we have become through Christ's paschal mystery.

On Holy Thursday evening, we experience the washing of feet in tender humility. Jesus tells that we must serve each other in such humble and intimate ways as foot washing. Through what works of charity and justice do we wash the feet of the poor? What humble and intimate service do we offer to each other?

From Good Friday sunset until Holy Saturday sunset is the Paschal Sabbath, the day of rest. In burial, Jesus rested and we rest in Him. We keep watch, learning the lessons of restfulness, silence, and darkness. In the quiet of our hearts this day, we need to reflect upon the Cross of Christ. We are invited to be reconciled beneath the Cross.

Holy Saturday evening, we come together to keep the Night Watch of the Resurrection of the Lord. On this night, we witness resurrection. Life puts death to death. On this night, we witness resurrection in our midst as we welcome the Elect into full Communion at the Table of the Lord.

We invite you to join us in worship at all our Holy Week liturgies.



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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 15 5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel Friday, April 19 5:30 PM Living Stations of the Cross - church

#### IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Charles Berry Teresa Guardi Peg Cole

#### MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle: In loving memory of Colleen Deats - her Mom, Loretta Votive Candle:

For prayers for our friend, Bill - Sandee, Doug and Peggy Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:

In memory of Dan Ungvarsky - sister, Betty and Dick Besley



#### **FLOWER DONATIONS**

Palm Sunday, April 14

Main Altar Arrangement:

In memory of my mother, Wanda W. Gustina – Ann Brouse In memory of Marguerite, Joseph and David Gwin – Sally Gwin

#### **Chapel Arrangements:**

(2) In thanksgiving – Barb and Milt Simpson

#### **Seasonal Shrine:**

*Thankful for all we have – Jeff and Hanne O'Donnell* 

**Small Vase in Front of the Cross:** 

*In memory of Raymond E. Benedict – his wife, Mary Ellen* **Credence Table:** 

*For all our blessings – the Alsworth family* 

#### Palms:

The palms for Passion Sunday have been donated in loving memory of Florence and Allen Edwards and Joe and Olive Kempf by their family.

#### Holy Thursday, April 18

#### Large Vase for Church: Happy birthday to our grandday

Happy birthday to our granddaughter, Emily Amisano – Gramy and Poppy

In memory of deceased Kwasnik and Amisano family members – Rich and Maryanne Amisano

#### **Small Vase for Chapel:**

In memory of deceased family members – Bill and Patti Rosettie

In thanksgiving – MaryAnne Quatrano-Holleran

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS SUNDAY - April 21, 2019 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Second Reading: Gospel:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

#### IN OUR PARISH Silence Holy Week

# Because of the special, prayerful nature of the liturgies of Holy Week, especially during the Triduum, we ask that all maintain a **spirit of silence** upon entering and leaving the church after each of the liturgies.

#### **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 <u>sgronski@yahoo.com</u> 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. There are 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!

#### **Parish 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).

#### 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!

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#### **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 palms 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 heart 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 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. The red vestments worn this day serve as a reminder 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 is 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 to 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 for the Spirit to raise Jesus back to life. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

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 lighting of the Easter candle, as well as inspiring readings for scripture, recalling God's activity and work throughout human history. We have the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises during the Vigil. 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.

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#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, April 15 - Monday of Holy Week

6:45 AM Bernadette Dunn - Spaulding family

- Tuesday, April 16 Tuesday of Holy Week
- 6:45 AM Helen M. Linsler Mary Jane Skeels & family
- Wednesday, April 17 Wednesday of Holy Week
- 6:45 AM Deceased members of the Mills family family
- Thursday, April 18 Holy Thursday
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Last Supper Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 19 Good Friday
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 2:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
- Saturday, April 20 Holy Saturday
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil For the People of St. Mary Our Mother

### Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:00 AM For the People of St. Mary Our Mother
- 8:30 AM For the People of St. Mary Our Mother
- 10:30 AM For the People of St. Mary Our Mother

#### **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED....**

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. You are invited to join us as we journey in faith through these sacred days. Bring your children to these liturgies with you. It is the events that we celebrate this week that renew us, that make us who and what we are, and help us to live lives filled with the meaning and purpose that only Jesus can give.

Have a good Holy Week. Continue to keep the spirit of these final days of the Lenten season. See you in church - often, I hope, during Holy Week.

Fr. L.

#### IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

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 firstcome, 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.

#### 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 <u>smomc@stny.rr.com</u> 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**

#### 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.

#### Lenten Program

#### Bridges to Contemplative Living

The regional Lenten program, Bridges to Contemplative Living, concludes on Monday, April 15th at St. Mary's rectory, Franklin Street, Elmira from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Úsing 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.

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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
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#### **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!

#### EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow Him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of One who loved us so much that He would give His very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost His Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, His body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel alone and abandoned, He hung on a tree where no one could comfort Him, not even His own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in His. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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