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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.



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February 23, 2020

2020 LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26

- 6:45 a.m. - Mass
- 9:00 a.m. - Mass
- 12:10 p.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, April 1st -
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 when school is in session
- 5:30 p.m. - Fridays of Lent
St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations
- Friday, March 27 - 1:30 & 5:30 p.m.

RITE OF ELECTION

- 1:00 p.m. - Sunday, March 1st



LENTEN REGULATIONS

During Lent, the regulations for fast and abstinence are: **all Fridays of Lent** are days of **abstinence**. **Good Friday** is a day 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 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: student's 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.

COMMUNION PROCEDURES

According to statistics from the National Center for Disease Control, New York State is one state which has experienced an increase in the number of reported cases of the flu. Therefore, we will suspend offering Communion from the cup until further notice. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, February 24**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, February 25

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

6:00 PM Quilter's Prayer group - school

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 PM Soup Supper - school

Thursday, February 27

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Friday, February 28

1:30 & 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - chapel

Saturday, February 29

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, March 1

1:00 PM Rite of Election - church

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Peter & Paul

6:00 PM RCIA - school

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Gary Andrewlavage

David Buchtel

Jane Lewis Mahler

Faith Miles

Carmen Minor

Kent Peckham

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Dominick Tomassi - his wife, Jenny***Votive Candle:***In loving memory of Florence Weigle - her family***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***"Happy Birthday, Mom"***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***(2) In loving memory of Betty and Hank Margeit - their children***Chapel Candle Arrangements:***(2) In remembrance of my mom, Anna Minchin, on her birthday - her daughter, Jackie***Blessed Mother - Church:***Billy D. (Brother Bill) - Barbara and Bernie Matterazzo***Blessed Mother - Chapel:***Margaret Zelko's birthday - Mary and Bob Kuhnel***FLOWER SIGN UPS**

Thank you for your many flower donations. There are new forms posted on the bulletin board for upcoming weeks. Please consider a flower donation to commemorate special events in your life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - March 1, 2020****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

IN OUR PARISH**Lenten Soup Supper**

Our Parish Life committee will host a Lenten Soup Supper immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass on February 26th. The committee is in need of volunteers to donate a crock pot of any type of vegetarian soup for the supper and please share a copy of your recipe. The soup can be delivered either to the parish office on the 26th or to O'Brien Hall before the supper. For further information, please call Wilma Sullivan at 731-8085.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is provided for all children in grade pre k-4 through 5th grade, most Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Mass, from mid-September to mid-June. There is no charge for this program and no registration is required.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is ritual centered on the proclamation and breaking open of the Sunday scriptures. The children do what the rest of the community is doing only it is more appropriate to their level of understanding. Because it is a liturgical celebration, all the principles of liturgy (active participation, clear symbols, etc.) apply. We also provide a weekly pamphlet "Explaining God's Word", a take-home resource that includes a reflection on the weekly Gospel, activities to enhance understanding, as well as a Family Page to help you in your efforts to teach your child about our faith.

If your child is hesitant to participate and you wish to accompany him/her until they are comfortable attending, we invite you to do so. The children rejoin the assembly for the Liturgy celebration of the Eucharist.

For further information or questions please contact the Faith Formation Office at 739-8214 or email at smomfaithformation@gmail.com.

Altar Memorials

When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donation for the week is as follows:

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| Sanctuary candle | \$10.00 |
| Icon candle | \$10.00 |
| Sacramental wine | \$15.00 |
| Eucharistic bread (hosts) | \$10.00 |

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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 reconsider renewing that relationship once again. If you know of someone in this latter category, please offer a word of encouragement, invitation and welcome to our parish. A great deal has been written recently about the "New Evangelization" that is needed in today's church. Evangelization begins with a word of encouragement and welcome. Wherever you find yourself in your faith journey, please use the season of Lent as a time of spiritual growth and renewal.

The front page of today's bulletin provides information on Lenten opportunities available to you at St. Mary Our Mother, as well as a Lenten calendar for use in your home. As in past years, we hope to provide you with a schedule of regional Lenten activities as well. As I write this, I am still waiting for confirmation of such a schedule.

For the past years, we have offered publications for your use during the Lenten season. The first is "*The Word Among Us*," which offers a complete liturgical guide for the Lenten season, including scripture readings, Mass texts, and meditations. The second publication is "*The Little Black Book for Lent*," which offers unique meditations for each day of Lent. There is a children's version of this book entitled "*The Little Purple Book for Lent*," which will be distributed to our children in both our school and faith formation programs. These books will be available on the table in the vestibule.

A traditional devotion 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, the 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 devotion. In addition, the sixth grade students from St. Mary Our Mother School will offer a presentation of the "*Living Stations of the Cross*" in the church on **Friday, March 27th**, 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, February 24 - Weekday

6:45 AM Carol Wawrzusin - husband, Ray

Tuesday, February 25 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Randy Hansen - Bob & Judi Pichette

9:00 AM Mary Ann Poland - Barbara & Bill
Limoncelli

5:30 PM Dawn Andrewlavage - Dolores & family

Thursday, February 27 - Thursday After Ash

Wednesday

6:45 AM Mr. & Mrs. Dan McGowan - Donna Berry

Friday, February 28 - Friday After Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Annie Friel - Kevin, Tigisty & Liam

Saturday, February 29 - Saturday After Ash

Wednesday

5:00 PM John Raplee, Jr. - Mom, Day & Ryan

Sunday, March 1 - First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Walter Dobek - his family

10:30 AM Louie Tarantelli - Judy & Bill Driscoll

5:00 PM Regional Mass - Ss. Peter & Paul

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?

This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender.

Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Do You Know...?

Do you know that our parish has a lending library right in our church building? It includes a vast collection of religious books on a wide variety of topics such as faith, Scripture, Mary and the saints, Eucharist, forgiveness, family life, the Catholic Church and more. The books, which are arranged by topic, are located in the west end of the vestibule on the book cases across from the reconciliation rooms.

Lent is a special time where we are called to spiritual growth. A book on a religious topic might be a great companion on your Lenten journey. It can act as a springboard for reflection and prayer and might just be what you need to enrich and refresh your faith this Lenten season.

Take time to browse through the books and choose one to take home. There is no sign-out system. When you are done with the book, just return it to the bookshelf.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Diocesan Creating a Safe Environment Newsletter

The winter 2020 quarterly diocesan CaSE newsletter is available online at www.dor.org/protecting-our-children/newsletter/. There are also copies available in the front vestibule of the church by the bulletin board.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Rice Bowls Available Next Week

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 Services Rice bowl, we will deepen our personal experiences of Lent and learn about our brothers and sisters in need in Honduras, Kenya, and Vietnam. 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.

Starting Ash Wednesday, Rice Bowls will be available in the vestibule of the church or near the side door on a table. Next weekend Social Ministry members will be distributing them at the doors of the church. 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 turned in on Palm Sunday weekend.

Please plan to participate in this Lenten Rice bowl project.

Last Lent, we had a goal of \$3,600 and collected over \$3,700 in donations, of which over \$900 went to the Horseheads Food Pantry. Our parish had an amazing impact of helping people in need because so many people chose to make Rice Bowl their Lenten almsgiving project. Can we count on you to join in this effort this year?

Ash Wednesday Candlelight Vigil

The Chemung Valley 4 Life invites all to an Ash Wednesday Candlelight Vigil for Life on **February 26th** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., across from Planned Parenthood, 35 W. William Street in Corning. For further information, please call Carrie at 607-769-8823.

40 Days for Life

Do you think you can do more to end the scourge of abortion? One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is 40 Days for Life. Since its inception, over 16,700 babies have been saved from abortion! Take part in the "40 Days for Life" Rochester Campaign from **February 26th** through **April 5th**. Through prayer and fasting embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. For info visit www.40daysforlife.com/Rochester or contact Rick Paoletti at 585-489-9555 or Roc40DFL@gmail.com.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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**REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...
Funding for Energy Efficiency and Critical Capital Needs in Catholic Schools**

Next to salary and benefits for personnel, the costs for energy and facility maintenance/repair are among the largest portions of school budgets. But unlike public school counterparts, religious and independent schools do not receive state building aid, nor do they have the authority to levy taxes or issue bonds to finance energy efficiency or other important capital projects. Although energy-saving improvements can pay for themselves over time, the up-front costs are often out of reach for cash-strapped schools. Maintaining Catholic Schools is not only good for the students and their families, it saves taxpayers the cost of educating those students.

The Diocese of Rochester with the NYS Catholic Conference urges a \$200 million appropriation in the next state budget for critical projects at religious and independent schools and an energy efficient grant/loan program (\$75 million) to provide seed money for energy efficiency projects. Those schools utilizing the loan fund would repay the grants with the savings they achieve in energy efficiency.

This initiative is consistent with the Diocese of Rochester's action/advocacy to respond to the call of Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Laudata Si: On Care For Our Common Home*, and is consistent with the New York State renewable energy and conservation goals to address climate change.

HUD-Approved Financial Fitness Counseling Services

Call Catholic Charities at 734-9784, ext. 2127 to schedule an appointment for free, confidential financial fitness counseling services. Catholic Charities housing counselor will help you assess your income and spending patterns, explore financial goals, set new priorities, and establish savings.

HUD-Approved Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services

Call Catholic Charities at 734-9784, ext. 2132 to schedule an appointment for free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling services. A HUD-certified housing counselor will help you explore the alternatives to foreclosure to avoid the loss of your home.

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 broth or gravy for the month of February. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

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