



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.



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March 1, 2020

2020 LENTEN SCHEDULE

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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please remember that **Daylight Savings Time** begins next **Sunday, March 8th** at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before next Saturday evening.

RITE OF ELECTION

We welcome Bishop Salvatore Matano today as he presides at the Rite of Election for all RCIA catechumens, candidates, sponsors, and their families from parishes throughout the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes region. The Rite of Election will take place at 1:00 p.m. in church, with a reception, sponsored by our Parish Life Committee, following in O'Brien Hall and the school gymnasium. You are cordially invited to attend today's Rite of Election.

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 began on Ash Wednesday and continues through to Holy Thursday. Good Friday has its own rule of fast and abstinence.

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.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today we welcome **Bishop Salvatore Matano** as he presides at the **Rite of Election** at 1:00 p.m., for all RCIA catechumens, sponsors, and their families from our neighboring parishes throughout the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions. Following the Rite of Election, a reception will be held in O'Brien Hall and the school gymnasium. You are cordially invited to attend the Rite of Election service as well as today's reception.

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. But why have Christians, from the earliest days of the Church, marked this period of time as a "Time of Enlightenment," with special penitential practices? What are these practices supposed to accomplish in us? To this day it is common for people to tell us what they are "giving-up" for Lent, or the sacrifices people are doing Lent, whether it is abstaining from dining in restaurants, television, candy, alcohol, or desserts. You also may hear people choosing to spend less time with their gameboys, ipods, smart phones, or on the internet. But what is the reasoning behind these sacrifices people make during Lent? What are these penitential practices supposed to accomplish?

The Lenten practices we embrace during Lent are meant to change our hearts. We journey through this Lenten season together as a church, although each of us chooses our Lenten practices. In changing individual hearts, we change all hearts. The action of any of us affect all of us, for good or ill. We involve ourselves in these Lenten practices to help not only ourselves but others in the disciplines of Lent. We have an opportunity to grow closer to God and to change hearts. Lent is a season when we can remove anything that keeps us from being the people God wants us to be. Anything that keeps us from growing closer to God and to one another can be the focus for our Lenten penance.

The front page of our bulletin lists the schedule of Masses, services and programs in our parish for the Lenten season. In addition, a copy of the schedule of Masses and other services in the Elmira parish is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Might I suggest making daily Mass part of your Lenten program? The Lenten season is a time when your prayer can help change and transform your life, in which your acts of penance can build up the community of faith.

The "official" fast days of Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but your personal fasting need not be restricted just to those two days of Lent. Personal fasting can be done at any time. Once again this year, our parish will be participating in **Operation Rice Bowl**, with all monies collected from these rice bowls being forwarded to **Catholic Relief Services**. Rice Bowls will be available in church this weekend. This is an excellent practice in offering alms for the sake of others, and reminds us of the needs of the hungry throughout the world.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - their family

Tuesday, March 3 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Special Intention - Barb & Jim Weber

Wednesday, March 4 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased Mills family - family

10:00 AM (Maple Creek) Special Intention

Thursday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Charly Graves - his wife, Jan

Friday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

9:00 AM Louie Tarantelli - friends at St. Mary Our Mother Parish & School

Saturday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

5:00 PM Sue Beering - husband, Fran

Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Harry (Slim) Erway - Linda Gardner & family

10:30 AM Annie Friel - Dan & Joan

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

Whatever disciples you choose for Lent, 2020, know that it is focused on helping to bring about a change of heart in each of us. I invite you, during the Lenten season, to pray, to fast, and to be generous in the giving of alms. We journey through this Lenten season together, so that we might celebrate this season as a time of growth and renewal. I sincerely hope that during this season of Lent, that we pray for one another and that our hearts can change in a way that God wants them to change. When change takes place in individual hearts, all hearts can be changed and renewed.

Have a great first full week of Lent. Continue to use these Lenten days for growth and renewal. See you in church!

Fr. L.

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**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl**

Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl in this first week of Lent 2020. We are blessed to join in this Lenten journey, and as we travel around God's beautiful world, we will meet three girls and their families in Vietnam, Kenya and Honduras. When we give alms to CRS Rice Bowl, we share our life and abundance with these families and others like them. Our generosity puts nutritious food on their tables, and helps them to lead healthier lives. As Jesus teaches us in the Gospel story of the loaves and the fishes, our small offering can feed many, and what may seem like a little, can actually be a lot.

Next weekend we will welcome Deacon Mark Robbins, a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow. Deacon Mark, who serves St. Paul's Parish community in Webster, NY, has journeyed to Haiti and Uganda to visit Catholic Relief Services programs and meet people in the villages who benefit from our alms. He will offer the homily at each of our Masses on March 7th and 8th will share the ways that our Rice Bowl alms promote human dignity and nurture hope.

Italian American Veterans Club Fish Dinner

The Italian American Veterans Club, 1070 Magee Street, Elmira will have Friday Night fish dinners every Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. through Good Friday, April 10th. Choices include: fried fish, baked fish, mac & cheese, fish sandwich, and chicken tenders. Children's portions and take outs are available.

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 now 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.

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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 10th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. This month's topic is "Living After the Death of a Loved One." There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

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. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Caring for God's Creation

A few ideas to help us care for each other and our common home - the earth:

- ~ Bring your own container for leftovers when you eat out.
- ~ Use back and front of paper and when completely filled, recycle it.
- ~ Take a reusable bag every time you shop.

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.

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