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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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March 8, 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.



WELCOME DEACON ROBBINS

Today we welcome Deacon Mark Robbins, a Catholic Relief Global Fellow, as our guest homilist at our weekend liturgies. Deacon Robbins, who serves at St. Paul's Church in Webster, New York, has journeyed to Haiti and Uganda to visit Catholic Relief Services programs and meet people in the villages of these countries who benefit from programs such as the Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. We look forward to Deacon Robbins' message of the ways our participation in Operation Rice Bowl helps promote human dignity and nurture hope for people who benefit from this generosity.

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.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, March 9**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, March 10

3:45 PM Religious Education - school

3:45 PM RCIA - school

5:00 PM Finance Council - rectory

6:00 PM Sacramental Prep First Eucharist parents & candidates make up meeting

7:00 PM RCIA - school

7:30 PM Wounded Healers - school

Thursday, March 12

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Friday, March 13

9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group - rectory

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

Saturday, March 14

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, March 15

9:45 AM Home Study - Junior High - church

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Odette Bruns

Marge Butler

Mary Ellen Carl

Vern Cozad III

Kenneth Rohrer

Rita Wayne

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In loving memory of Loretta Meade - sons, Alan & Sheldon***Eucharistic Hosts:***In loving memory of Crete St. Louis - nephews, Alan & Sheldon***EASTER FLOWERS**

The flower sign-up sheets for the Easter season are available on the church bulletin board. The deadline to sign up for Easter flowers is **Sunday, March 22nd**. Your continuing donation of flowers is greatly appreciated.

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:

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - March 15, 2020****THRID SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

IN OUR PARISH**Social Ministry Super Bowl Collection**

A special thank you to all parishioners who generously gave to the Super Bowl collection. \$760.00 was collected and was donated to the Horseheads Food Pantry. Volunteers at the Food Pantry are so very thankful for the overwhelming response to this collection from our parishioners!

Cemetery Cleanout and Cleanup

Twice a year, a cleanout and a cleanup of our cemetery is done. Please remove all winter decorations during the period of **March 1st to 15th**. If you have items you do not wish to have discarded, please remove them by March 15th. Thank you!

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.

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.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It has been some time since I have mentioned the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The theme for this year's appeal is, *"I Am the Vine: You are the Branches."* If you have not already made a pledge to this year's appeal, I encourage you to do so to help us toward our parish's CMA goal. You can make your gift online at www.dor.org/cma or use one of the CMA envelopes available on the table in the vestibule. As of Friday, February 28th, 262 donors have contributed \$74,647.88 (67%) towards our goal of \$112,209, so we are \$37,561.12 short at this time. Please join in bearing good fruit to help support our Church.

Often times the question is asked: *How is my contribution used?* When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are really giving to the eager children hungry to learn about the faith of their parents and generations of Catholics. You are giving to the dedicated young seminarians learning to serve God and the Church, or the older priest who has served the Church faithfully through the years and needs support in his retirement. Your money goes to help the vital work of Catholic Charities, to families like yours whose faith sees them through the ever-growing stress of life. And you give "locally", as more than one-half of every dollar raised returns to St. Mary Our Mother in the form of services and programming that our parish and our school would have difficulty providing on our own. One additional item needs to be remembered: *All funds raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy legal fees or costs.*

Another question: *How much should I give?* That is a personal decision you must make. Many people I know, including me, contribute 10% of one's gross income to charity. The breakdown is usually 5% to the support of their parish; the other 5% to the CMA and other charitable organizations and causes. As good Christian stewards, each of us is called to reflect the compassion and generosity of Jesus, who gave His very life for us. We are called to be good stewards of the many blessings God has bestowed on us. That is true discipleship. It means that God asks us to use our blessings well, to assist others, and to share our many gifts so that our blessings and wealth, however large or small, does good for God and returns to God with increase. Generous giving always involves a sacrifice, but only you can decide your level of generosity. But one thing is certain: Our God promises that our generosity will be returned to us in a generous way that will delight us.

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM AliceMarie Rorke - Valerie French

Wednesday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Dominic Lisi - Carol Farr & family

10:30 AM (Courtyards) Special Intention

Thursday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Eileen Quigley - Joe & Anne Welch

Friday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Bill Haner - Ginny Pansero

Saturday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

5:00 PM Sandy Mentuck - Jan & Jerry Atilio

Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Robert Howland, Jr. - wife, Mary Lou

10:30 AM Deceased members of the Patrick H. McCarthy family

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

REGIONAL EVENTS

We Journey Through Lent Week 2 with CRS Rice Bowl

This second week of Lent we are very privileged to bring to you Deacon Mark Robbins of Rochester, who is a CRS Global Fellow. He has traveled to Uganda and Haiti on behalf of CRS and is able to speak first hand of his experiences in seeing CRS at work.

Also this second week of Lent, we explore the theme of family life through the video, *“Home and Family”*. We see the homes of Maria Ana in Honduras, Yvonne in Kenya, and Trinh in Vietnam. We see the difficulties their families face and how the children help through their chores at home.

To learn more about CRS Rice Bowl, go to www.crsricebowl.org. Watch the CRS videos on the website or go to YouTube and put, *“Hello World CRS”* in the search bar to see the video for last week, or *“Home and Family CRS”* for this second week’s video.

The Wounded Healers’ Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers’ Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting this **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!

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.

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 lost of your home.

HUD-Approved Financial 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.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re Diocese of Rochester
Case No. 19-20905

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On September 12, 2019, the Diocese of Rochester (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

The Bankruptcy Court has established **August 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.** (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “**Bar Date**”).

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/rochesterdiocese> or call (855) 347-3773 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

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