



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
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March 22, 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.



REFLECTION

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him and the one speaking with you is He." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped Him. - Jn 9:35-38

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of His sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, March 23**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Saturday, March 28

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, March 29

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Albert Amisano

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Doris Sparrow - Bob & Lois Lantz***Votive Candle:***In memory of Mary Ellen Carl - Franca & George Lazzaris***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Art & Marie Maio - their daughter, Suann***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

MASS INTENTIONS

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - March 29, 2020****FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

IN OUR PARISH**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.

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.

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. When you are done with the book, just return it to the bookshelf.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today, I would like to share with you an article recently sent to me concerning the COVID-19, the Coronavirus Disease. It was written by **Dr. James Robb, M.D.**, a pathologist who once served on the staff of the University of California San Diego. Dr. Robb offers some insights on precautions which we should practice as we deal with this pandemic.

Here are the precautions that I take and will take. These same precautions I currently use during our influenza seasons, except for the mask and gloves:

1. **NO HANDSHAKING!** Use a fist bump, slight bow, elbow bump, etc.

2. Use **ONLY** your knuckle to touch light switches, elevator buttons, etc. Lift the gasoline dispenser with a paper towel or use a disposable glove.

3. Open doors with your closed fist or hip - do not grasp the handle with your hand, unless there is no other way to open the door. Especially important on bathroom and post office/commercial doors.

4. Use disinfectant wipes at stores when they are available, including wiping the handle and child seats in grocery carts.

5. Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, using the "surgical scrub" method, and/or use a greater than 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer whenever you return home from ANY activity that involved locations where other people have been.

6. Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances AND in your car for use after getting gas or touching other contaminated objects when you can't immediately wash your hands.

7. If possible, cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and discard. Use your elbow only if you have to. The clothing on your elbows will contain infectious virus that can be passed on for up to a week or more.

What I have stocked in preparation for the pandemic spread to the U.S.

1. Latex or nitrile disposable gloves for use when going shopping, using the gas pump, and all other outside activity when you come in contact with contaminated areas.

2. Stock up now with disposable surgical masks and use them to prevent you from touching your nose and/or mouth. (We touch our nose/mouth 90 times a day with out knowing it!) This is the only way this virus can infect you - it is lung specific. The mask will not prevent the virus in a direct sneeze from getting into your nose or mouth - it is only to keep you from touching your nose or mouth.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Special Intention of Steve O'Mara - Jackie Conklin & Ann Gorman

Tuesday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 AM Charly Graves - his wife, Jan

Thursday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Donald Zelko - Edward & Roseann Jaskolka

Friday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Louie Tarantelli - Olga & Matty Princiotto

Saturday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

5:00 PM Deceased Mills family

Sunday, March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Kathleen Tierno - Jeff Kelly family

10:30 AM Tom Cincebox - Mary Ann Cannioto

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

3. Stock up now with hand sanitizers and latex/nitrile gloves (get the appropriate sizes for your family). The hand sanitizers must be alcohol based and greater than 60% alcohol.

4. Stock up now with zinc lozenges. These have been proven to be effective in blocking coronavirus (and most other viruses) from multiplying in your throat and nasopharynx. Use as directed several times a day when you begin to feel ANY cold-like symptoms beginning. It is best to lie down and let the lozenge dissolve in the back of your throat and nasopharynx. Cold-Ease lozenges is one brand available, but there are other brands available.

I hope you found Dr. Robb's information helpful as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us keep one another in our thoughts and prayers. See you in church!

Fr. L.



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REGIONAL EVENTS

We Journey Through Lent Week #4 with CRS Rice Bowl

This fourth week of Lent, we have a video entitled, “The Joy of Learning.” The video shows how a good education allows us to pursue our dreams and help people in our community. Maria Ana is an elementary school student in Honduras where her favorite subjects are math, science and physical education. She dreams of becoming a nurse. Her father, Don Cristobal, works to earn money and makes sacrifices to pay for school for Maria Ana and her two younger brothers. The Catholic Relief Services school lunch program provides nutritious food for Maria Ana and the other students. It shows how mothers volunteer to fix nutritious school lunches for the students. The students are then able to bring some of the nutritious food home to share with their families.

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 “The Joy of Learning CRS” in the search bar.

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.

The Wounded Healers’ Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers’ Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 14th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. This month’s topic is “*How Grief Affects Us.*” There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

All married couples and their families are welcome to attend the Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony on **Sunday, May 17th** at 2:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Bishop Matano will renew their vows. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please register your attendance by emailing donald.smith@dor.org or online at <https://conta.cc/20peLg3>. RSVP is for head count purposes only - join us, registered or not.

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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Notre Dame High School

Notre Dame High School is now accepting applications for the 2020/2021 school year. The school offers students in grades 7 through 12 a comprehensive educational experience while supporting student growth through leadership, service, and athletic programs. Apply online at notredamehighschool.com. Prospective students can visit and tour the school as well as attend classes. For further information, contact Brett Moore at 734-2267, option 9.

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.

**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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