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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.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York
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February 14, 2021

2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17

6:45 a.m. - Mass

5:30 p.m. - Mass

DAILY MASSES:

Monday through Friday: 6:45 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Available by appointment only during the pandemic. Please call Father Linsler at the parish office to schedule.

RITE OF ELECTION

2:00 p.m. - Sunday, February 21
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINANCE

Catholics in good health, ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, the other two meals small enough that together they do not equal one full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2021

Distribution of Ashes during Covid 19 Pandemic

In anticipation of Ash Wednesday on February 17th, this is the procedure for the reverent and safe distribution of ashes that will be used at St. Mary Our Mother Parish.

“The sprinkling of dry ashes are imposed by making a sign of the cross above the crown of the head as the ashes fall upon the hair. This is not an innovation but is in accord with the ancient practice of the Church, as is the practice in parts of Europe and Asia. This remains the practice at the Vatican, recalling the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance: ‘Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth and with earth upon their heads.’” (Nehemiah 9:1)

A more detailed description of this procedure will be given before Masses on Ash Wednesday. We ask that you pre-register for Ash Wednesday by calling the parish office.

fasting + alms + prayer

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 school year 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: 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - February 21, 2021****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Marge Fitzsimmons Deborah Frederick
 Joyce Merritt

MEMORIALS**Sacrament Wine:**

In loving memory of Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr

FLOWER DONATIONS**February 7, 2021****Main Altar Arrangements:**

In loving memory of Mom, Dad & Eugene - Susie and John Alexander

February 14, 2021**Main Altar Arrangements:**

In memory of Deborah Frederick - Aunt Dee Sherwood

IN OUR PARISH**Easter Flowers**

Lilies and plants for Easter, 2021 can be ordered by contacting the parish office at 739-3817.

**Parish Calendars**

Our parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2021 parish calendars. THANK YOU! (At this time, our parish calendars are still available at the parish office.)

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.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS**First Reading:**

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Lv 13:46)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:42)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**Readings for the week of February 14, 2021**

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Observances for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

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 many of us, the season of Lent gives us an annual opportunity to examine and renew our relationship with God, making sure that it is a growing, healthy relationship.

With all the changes, modifications, and protocols that have taken place in the last eleven months due to the coronavirus, the manner in which we will observe Lent this year will be different, particularly our celebration of Ash Wednesday. Recently, *The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*, issued a statement which provided the Rite for the "Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic", changing the manner in which ashes will be imposed, at least for this year. Instead of speaking directly to each person with the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return", and signing each person with ashes in the form of a cross, the priest will direct those words to the gathered assembly. As people come forward, approaching the priest/minister, each person will bow their heads in silence, and a small amount of ashes will be sprinkled on the crown of each person's head. This is an ancient practice that is still used in parts of Europe and Asia, including the Vatican. Current protocols stress safe distancing without touching and directly speaking to people. Please remember that it is not required that a person receive ashes, nor is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation. Remember that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days has been suspended until further notice. If you are not comfortable receiving ashes in this manner or feel it is unsafe to do so, you do not have to receive ashes. There is another article in today's bulletin which explains this further.

For the past few years, we have offered publications for your use during the Lenten season. Two of these you are familiar with. The first is *"The Word Among Us"*, which offers a complete liturgical guide for the Lenten season, including scripture readings, Mass texts, and meditations. This would be a great worship aid for those who miss the missalettes. The second publication is *"The Little Black Book for Lent"*, which offer unique meditations for each day of Lent. Both booklets are available through our parish office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 15 - Weekday

6:45 AM Debra Weiss - Donna, Carl & family

Tuesday, February 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - the Farr family

5:30 PM Daniel Linsler - Haner family

Thursday, February 18 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM John Delgotto - Angie Keating

Friday, February 19 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Saturday, February 20 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

5:00 PM George Cites - the Leipold's

Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Carol Farr - the Pichette's

10:30 AM John Gough - Virginia & Brendan Curtin

A traditional devotion during the season of Lent is the public praying of the **Stations of the Cross**. Due to the covid-19 restrictions on public gatherings, we will not be offering this devotional practice this Lent. The Living Stations of the Cross presented by the sixth grade from St. Mary Our Mother School also will not be offered this year. We are looking into possibly live-streaming this devotion and having it available through our parish website. You may also consult the diocesan website, dor.org, for other options.

As we begin this Lenten season during these pandemic days, let us remember that although we cannot gather together as usual, we are still called to reach out in love to our neighbor. Lent, as a season of penance, is also a time to reflect on how we can change and work towards loving others more readily. The ashes we receive are the outward sign that we are called to love. Since others will not be able to see the ashes on our foreheads this year, we will need to work all the harder in showing our love for others in all that we do and say.

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...
ESCAPE 2021**

Fund-raising is a critical aspect in the life of our school. Our fund-raising allows us to continue to provide the high quality, faith-based education that benefits all our students, as well as our parish and our greater community. The costs involved in operating and maintaining our school continue to rise and fund-raising helps us maintain a viable, sustainable and reliable program for all.

Many of you will remember how successful the **ESCAPE** fund-raiser has been for our school. Last year we had our most successful **ESCAPE** yet, raising over \$57,000 for the school! The bar has been set high!

In 2021, **ESCAPE** is going virtual! Our school staff has been working to lay the foundation for the many components of **ESCAPE 2021**. Our students have begun working on their Art Auction items. We are sending out sponsorship requests to our community partners. We are establishing a partnership with an online auction platform that will allow us to efficiently market the baskets and raffle items that you all have grown to love. We have obtained our NYS gambling license and printing tickets so we can run our Big Money Raffle. We have scheduled "Doug's Fish Fry" food truck (take out only) to visit St. Mary Our Mother School on **March 27th**, at the conclusion of our **ESCAPE 2021 event**.

We are looking for businesses to sponsor the event. Do you know someone who owns a business and might want to support our school by sponsoring the event or donate an item/service for our raffles? We hope everyone will consider purchasing Big Money Raffle tickets (\$100 per ticket = Big Payout!) There are so many ways each of you can help make this fund-raiser a huge success.

Be on the lookout for information on ways you can help. We all need an **ESCAPE!** Let's make **ESCAPE 2021** a celebration of St. Mary Our Mother School and all the magic that happens here!

Altar Memorials

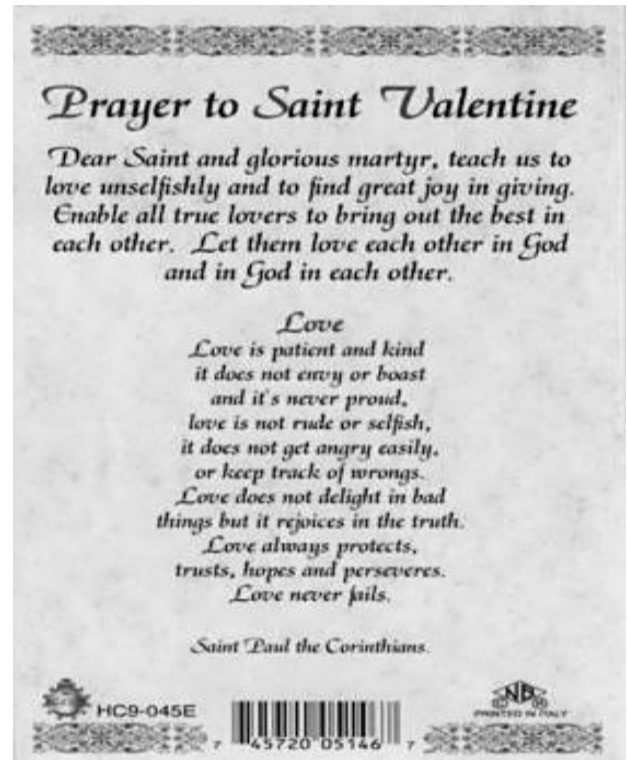
When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.

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

Bulletin

Due to the snowstorm last week, we were not able to print a bulletin.



MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street..... (607)-739-9157
- E-mail..... smoms@dor.org
- School Web Site..... www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
- E-mail..... smomfaithformation@gmail.com

REGIONAL EVENTS

Journeying Through Lent

Lent will begin Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a parish, we have adopted Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl as our Lenten outreach project. We invite you to participate in this through prayer and almsgiving.

Seventy-five percent of the Rice Bowl donations go to funding development projects around the world through CRS. This year, the funds will be focused on projects in Madagascar, El Salvador, and Timor Leste. The remaining twenty-five percent will go to the Horseheads Food Pantry. Go to www.crsricebowl.org to learn more about Rice Bowl and find stories of hope showing the work of CRS in these countries.

Rice Bowls will be available at the parish office and next weekend will be stapled to the bulletin. If you do not get a "Rice Bowl", you can still participate fully by going to the website, leaning more about the program, and placing your donations in any container at home. At the end of our Lenten season, your "alms" can be turned in to the rectory or the church drop box. Even better, you can convert your donations to a check and send to the parish office or post to on-line giving on our parish website. Please make sure to indicate it is for CRS Rice Bowl.

Public Policy Weekend

This weekend, we ask you to call on New York State leaders to provide \$50 million for state fiscal year 2021-2022 to make NOURISH NEW YORK an ongoing program to respond to the need for hunger relief and farm survival across New York State.

Because of safety concerns during this pandemic, the Social Ministry Committee will not be soliciting signatures at Sunday Masses. We ask that you consider contacting our New York State leaders and requesting that they support the reinstatement of the Nourish New York initiative. If you prefer you can call the New York State legislators and leave the following message on their voice mail:

"We call on state leaders to allocate \$50 million for fiscal year 2021-2022 to make Nourish New York an ongoing program to respond to the need for hunger relief and survival of farms, fisheries, food processors in New York State."

Governor Andrew Cuomo (518)-474-8390 (Wait for Option 3)

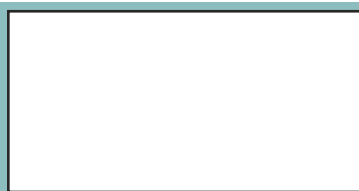
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