



# 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  
(607) 739-3817

February 21, 2021

## 2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### 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.



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## 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.

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges His listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent, to be humble enough to open their hearts so they may begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - February 28, 2021****SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Anthony Cavaluzzi

Barbara Cobb

Alexandria Fischer

Curtis Hadley

John Miles

Robert Rohde

Constance Ruger

**MEMORIALS****Sacramental Wine and Eucharistic Breads have been donated for the week of February 21:***"Happy Birthday, Mom"***Sanctuary Candle has been donated for the week of February 21:***In memory of Tina 'Fae by daughter, Franca and George Lazzaris***IN OUR PARISH****Easter Flowers**Lilies and plants for Easter, 2021 may be ordered by contacting the parish office at 739-3817. *Deadline for ordering is March 18th.***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.

*(In Our Parish continued on page 4...)***WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH CRS RICE BOWL — WE ARE CALLED**

Our faith community joins with more than 12,000 Catholic parishes/schools/campuses across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family and our call to take action to end this global injustice. Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers or sisters of His, we did for Him. The cardboard rice bowl be stapled to the bulletins handed out at church. Or, if you are unable to go to church, place an empty bowl on your table and call the parish office (739-3817) to ask that a Lenten calendar be mailed to you. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**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!

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. Christians from the earliest days of the Church have considered this period as a "Time of Enlightenment," a period of time to practice these three Lenten disciplines. But just what are these disciplines supposed to accomplish in us? To this day, it is common for people to tell us what they are doing for Lent, or what sacrifices people are making during the season of Lent, whether it is abstaining from dining in restaurants (which many of us have been doing since the start of the pandemic) or abstaining from television, candy, alcohol or desserts. You may also hear people mention spending less time with their ipads, smart phones, and 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 this season are meant to change our hearts. We journey through this Lenten season together as a church although each of us has the freedom to choose our own Lenten practices. In changing individual hearts, we can change all hearts. The actions 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 discipline 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 person and the people God wants us to be. Anything that keeps us from growing closer to God and to one another is something we can work on as a part of our Lenten disciplines and penance. The Lenten season is a time when our prayer can help change and transform our lives, in which your acts of penance can build up the community of faith.

The "official" fast days during the season 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 the monies collected from these rice bowls being forwarded to **Catholic Relief Services**. This is an excellent practice in offering alms for the sake of others, and remind us of the needs of the hungry throughout the world. On a local level, you may want to include a local charitable organization to be the recipient of your Lenten Almsgiving. For those who have not yet given to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, you may want to make a gift to this annual appeal, and help our parish reach our goal.

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, February 22 - Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle**

6:45 AM Eleanor Curbeau - Donna & Carl Hammond

**Tuesday, February 23 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Diane Tobia Berto - Marianne Kosty

**Wednesday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Carol Wawrzusin - husband, Ray

**Thursday, February 25 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Special Intention of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

**Friday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Annie Friel - Caitlin, Charlie, Kahlea, Savannah

**Saturday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday**

5:00 PM Harold Reed - Anne & Joe Welch

**Sunday, February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Walter Dobek - his family

10:30 AM Jon Mandeville - his parents

## Pastor's Perspective — continued

Whatever disciplines you choose for Lent this year, know that it is focused on healing 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. Even during these days where we continue to battle the Coronavirus together, we also make our Lenten journey together, celebrating this season as a season of growth and renewal. I hope that during these Lenten days that we continue to pray for one another, that our hearts 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. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

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**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**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

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. Blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives. The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for Covid-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this corona virus.

How can you help? Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or contact [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for information.

**RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS**

Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Our Faith Formation Department will take them off your hands. Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the poor. You may drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call the Faith Formation Office at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

**CARING FOR GOD’S CREATION AND LENT**

**Pray:** In gratitude, I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead live in solidarity with the poor and care for God’s creation?

**Fast:** Take a break from electronic entertainment — TV, computer use, cell phone use. Pay attention to people in front of you and the natural world around you. Try to grow comfortable with quiet and stillness.

**Act:** Support efforts in New York State to eliminate throwaway plastic grocery bags. Think about other single-use plastic products and choose *reusable* instead.

**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
- Mrs. Jean Yorio**, School Principal
- Mr. Richard O’Lenick**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner**, RCIA Coordinator
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Jeanne Carney**, Facilities Coordinator
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Mrs. Kim Roemmelt**, School Secretary
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Parish Office**
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- E-mail..... [smomc@stny.rr.com](mailto:smomc@stny.rr.com)
- Parish Web Site..... [www.StMaryOurMother.com](http://www.StMaryOurMother.com)
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street..... (607)-739-9157
- E-mail..... [smoms@dor.org](mailto:smoms@dor.org)
- School Web Site..... [www.stmaryourmother.school](http://www.stmaryourmother.school)
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
- E-mail..... [smomfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:smomfaithformation@gmail.com)

### JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

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](http://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 parish office 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.

### HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY

The Horseheads Food Pantry is open and is collecting non-perishable food and grocery items. They are in need of all food items.

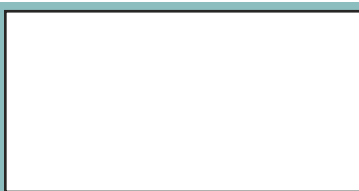
For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located cross from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the church drop box in the vestibule or send to the parish office.

### NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 7 – 12 NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-22

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12 is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 academic year with an online application process. Please visit the ND website for information or contact Mr. Brett Moore, Director of Enrollment at (607) 734-2267, ext. 213 or [mooreb@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:mooreb@notredamehighschool.com). Enrollment information sessions via ZOOM are held every Thursday night from 7 to 8 p.m. January through February. Information and links to register/attend are posted on the ND website homepage at [www.notredamehighschool.com](http://www.notredamehighschool.com).

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