



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 28, 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.



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - March 7, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17, 7-8, 12-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25

STEWARDSHIP

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Bryan Meehan

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle:

For Jeanne & Matt Burris - Pat Madison

Eucharistic Hosts:

In memory of Sue Beering - her family

IN OUR PARISH

Easter Flowers

Lilies and plants for Easter, 2021 may be requested by contacting the parish office at 739-3817. *Deadline for ordering is March 18th.*

Cemetery Clean Up

Due to heavy snow accumulation, the spring cemetery clean up deadline has been moved to **March 15th**. Please remove all 'wanted' decorations by that date. Thank you.

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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021

SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS

First Reading:

God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

Gospel:

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Last year, one of our parishioners forwarded to me the following, entitled, "*A Lenten Diet.*" While there was no mention of the identity of the author of this article. I thought these words to be straight forward as we begin this first full week of the season of Lent.

A LENTEN DIET

*Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
Fast from fear, and feast on faith.*

These words capture well the underlying purposes of our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, often times referred to as works of mercy. With the grace and direction of the Holy Spirit, our acceptance of each of these practices helps us to put aside everything that diminishes our status as God's people, and to deepen our life in Christ. In the words of the Ash Wednesday's imposition of ashes, we were encouraged to "turn away from sin and to remain faithful to the Gospel."

Consider the Lenten discipline of fasting. The Church asks, as a minimum, that Catholics fourteen (14) years and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, and those aged 14-59 fast (meaning one full meal and no eating between meals) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The reason for this for our spiritual lives is that we fast and abstain from the luxuries and pleasures of our world so that we can recognize our shortcomings, our sins, repent of them, opening ourselves to the power and God's grace through prayer and service to the poor, and live more fully the Christian life into which we all have been baptized.

While a good number of people in America have to take a serious look at our relationship with food, we need to be reminded that fasting and abstinence are not about a "diet" that helps us lose some excess weight so that we can be slimmer by Easter. It is not about a fasting from something, but rather a fasting for something. Fasting and abstinence are about reducing our selfish pleasures and involvements, and turning to God and others as primary in our lives. A person can fast from food and drink, from surfing the internet, from relentlessly checking e-mail, tweets and Facebook, from shopping, to watching television, or from hundreds of other things that absorb us disproportionately and take us away from others. As the above mentioned article says, we "*fast from selfishness, and feast on service.*"

The Lenten season calls each of us to embrace the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Simply stated, prayer draws us deeper into God's vision of things; fasting empties us of our vision of things, and almsgiving turns us out of ourselves to the

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 1 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Fr. Robert Dwyer - family

Tuesday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

Wednesday, March 3 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, March 4 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Daniel Woodard - his wife, Peggy

Friday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Jeannette Berretta - Cox & Kadlec families

Saturday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Sue Beering - husband, Fran

Sunday, March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

10:30 AM Carolyn Conwell - Eileen & Kevin
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loving service of our neighbor in need, which is itself service to God.

The Lenten Diet reminds me of the advice offered by St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians 5:19-26, which speaks of the desires of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit. This is a scripture passage worth reflecting on.

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

Fr. L.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of February 19th, we have received pledges of \$68,749.00 from 223 donors or 61.27% of our goal of \$112,209. We are most grateful to those who have made a generous sacrifice to the CMA to enable the mission of the Church to continue both locally and throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

To those who have not yet contributed to the CMA, we would be grateful if you would consider doing so. Any amount helps us towards our financial and participation goals. We are moving slowly but we need to achieve our goals by May, 2021.

Thank you for our consideration of this annual appeal.

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!

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.

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**
- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-3817
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- Parish Web Site..... www.StMaryOurMother.com
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
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- 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

Wounded Healers' and Bereavement Support Group

There will be a Zoom Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting on Tuesday, March 9th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to come, listen, share and support each other. We provide a safe, confidential and caring environment regardless of how or when your loved one has died. In order to sign in, go to www.zoom.com, click on "join" and enter the meeting using our meeting ID #828 8706 8618. No password is required. If you are a little early, you will be placed in a "waiting room" and Chris Lloyd will open the meeting to all at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, feel free to call Chris at 607-796-2795.

We Journey Through Lent with CRS Rice Bowl Better Meals in Madagascar

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means that 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. Communities across Madagascar are changing this with the help of Catholic Relief Services. Community health workers trained by CRS use puppets to teach families about how doctor visits, hand washing and rainbow foods - difference colored foods like tomatoes and carrots that have important vitamins and nutrients - are necessary to stay healthy. Every parent wants their children to reach their full potential, and our Rice Bowl alms help CRS make sure they can be just that. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

American Red Cross

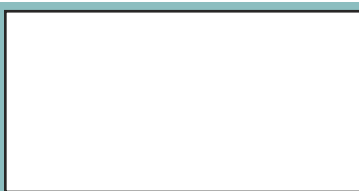
The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. Blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives. The Red Cross is testing all 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 for information.



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