



# 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 7, 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.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please remember that **Daylight Savings Time** begins next **Sunday, March 14th** at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before retiring next Saturday evening.

## 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - March 14, 2021****FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Richard Burdulis                      Connie Gresock

Edward Huffman                        Brian Meehan

Marie Mocled                            Jennie Norman

**MEMORIALS****Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of Norma Conz - the Leipold 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

*(In Our Parish continued on page 4...)***SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS****First Reading:**

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day He rested. (Ex 20:11)

**Psalm:**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

**Second Reading:**

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

**Gospel:**

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER****Readings for the week of March 7, 2021**

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m

5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or

9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Observances for the week of March 7, 2021**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. John of God, Religious

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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### PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This past Catholic Schools Week, the National Catholic Educational Association published a promotional chart listing the benefits of Catholic School education. I would like to share those reasons with you in this week's 'Perspective'. It was entitled, "***A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools.***"

1. *We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.*
2. *We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.*
3. *We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.*
4. *We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.*
5. *We use technology effectively to enhance education.*
6. *We instill in students the value of service to others.*
7. *We teach children respect of self and others.*
8. *We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.*
9. *We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.*
10. *We have 99% high school graduation rate. 85% of our graduates go to college.*
11. *We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring, and effective.*
12. *We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.*

Registration for St. Mary Our other School for the academic year of 2021/2022 has begun. If you know of families who have children three years of age this September, now is the time to contact the school office for further information, and to arrange a visit or a tour of our school. It could make a significant difference in your child's education and formation.

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

Fr. L.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Rocco & Theresa Giammichele - Bob & Kim Parasiliti

#### Tuesday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

#### Wednesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Donald Zelko - Edward & Roseann Jaskolka

#### Thursday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Daniel Linsler - Nan & Paul Wyak

#### Friday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Philip Mantes - Mitchell family

#### Saturday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Peter Berry - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

#### Sunday, March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Don Hamilton - Vince & Judy Kadlec

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

### EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin, He's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation, He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid, they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too, the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

As of February 28th, we have received pledges of \$69,598.00 from 229 donors or 62.03% 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 most grateful if you would consider doing so. Any amount helps us toward 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!

**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.



**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**

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**St. Mary Our Mother School**

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**Religious Education Office**

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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.

Stand For Life

Stand up for the unborn and their mothers! Put your faith in action! Come and "Stand for Life" in an hour of prayer and witness on April 11th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., in Corning at the intersection of Denison Parkway and Church Street. Bring pro-life signs and banners, or we will have ones you can use. Social distancing will be followed and all are asked to wear a mask when coming and going. Call Steve at 739-9282 for further information. Pro-life hats will be available for a donation, and donations will be accepted for next year's bus trip to the March for Life 2022 in Washington, D.C.

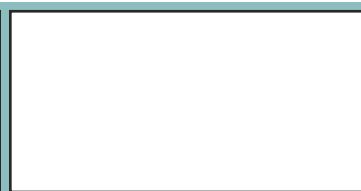
We Journey Through Lent with CRS Rice Bowl Sustainability in El Salvador

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families, and sadly, El Salvador has lost 75% of its rich land because of the large number of trees that have been cut down and harmful agricultural practices like the extensive use of fertilizers, making it one of the most food-insecure countries in the hemisphere. New farming techniques and a new generation of young farmers are making a difference. Thanks to the CRS school program, Raices Ahuachapan, young farmers are learning how to grow vegetables at home - knowledge that was extremely important during the covid-19 pandemic. In the days of the confinement, nearly 1200 families started home vegetable gardens to grow nutritious foods like onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. They can eat what they harvest or sell the produce at their church or the local market for additional income. Our CRS Rice Bowl alms help this happen. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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