



# 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

March 14, 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.

## SACRED TRIDIUM

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1st

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper  
(Adoration in chapel until 9:45 p.m.)

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel  
3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

9:00 p.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th

8:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy  
10:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy

*Please register for all Masses by calling the parish office at 739-3817 by Wednesday, March 31st.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - March 21, 2021****FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Ruth Durantine Sarah Kujawski

Cornelius (Neil) Milliken Barbara Nearing

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle & Eucharistic Hosts:***In fond memory of Harold Reed - Mary Ann Caroscio***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 Thursday, March 18th.***Cemetery Clean Up**Due to heavy snow accumulation, the spring cemetery clean up deadline has been moved to tomorrow, **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****First Reading:**

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

**Psalm:**

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (P137)

**Second Reading:**

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

**Gospel:**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Observances for the week of March 14, 2021**

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today, we arrive at the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, oftentimes referred to as **Laetare Sunday** or Rejoice Sunday. Lent 2021 is at its midpoint, making this a good time to give ourselves a little mid-Lenten checkup. Even though we find ourselves still living with the restrictions imposed on us as a result of the coronavirus, the following are some thoughts for us to think about:

*How faithful have I been to the Lenten program of fasting, prayer and almsgiving?  
Have I taken the time, or made the time, to watch and pray this Lent?  
Have I taken advantage of opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent?  
How has the Lenten season helped me to grow in greater awareness of God's special love for me?*

On Ash Wednesday, I mentioned that Lent is not only a time of "giving up," but a season of "giving" as well. A common practice of many during Lent is to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The **Corporal Works of Mercy** include:

*Feeding the hungry;  
giving drink to the thirsty;  
clothing the naked;  
visiting the imprisoned;  
sheltering the homeless;  
visiting the sick;  
burying the dead.*

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are:

*Admonishing the sinner;  
instructing the ignorant;  
counseling the doubtful;  
comforting the sorrowful;  
bearing wrongs patiently;  
forgiving injuries;  
praying for the living and the dead.*

As you read these works of mercy, let God's grace touch your mind and heart to help you be creative in ways of practicing some of these works during these covid-19 days.

On the front page of today's bulletin, you will find the schedule for Holy Week. We ask that you call the parish office to register for all Masses for Holy Week and Easter. Last weekend's Mass attendance was the highest since last March. With attendance slowly climbing, reservations are all the more necessary, as we still need to comply with the covid-19 restrictions. Recently we had over twenty "walk-ins" at one of the Masses. As our numbers increase, the ability to seat people will become more challenging, especially when all seats have been reserved in advance. Please call the parish office as soon as you can to reserve your seat for Masses on Palm Sunday, the Tridium, and Easter Sunday.

Have a great week. Continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Special Intention of the Scarselletta boys - their family

### Tuesday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Teresa Dobek - her family

### Wednesday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Lydia Ermold - Vince & Judy Kadlec

### Thursday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM John Joseph Byrski - family

### Friday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Darline Bahantka - Ermold family

### Saturday, March 20 Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Bill Dominikoski - Beering family

### Sunday, March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Don Zelko - Peggy, children & grandchildren

10:30 AM John Gough - Mosteller/Arnold family

## A PRAYER WHEN WEARING A MASK

Each time we put on a mask,  
may it be an invitation to remembrance,  
a communal call to pause and grieve  
all those we have lost,  
a number so high it defies imagination.

Apart though we are and must be,  
may we recognize that we are linked,  
all of us held together by these bits of  
fabric and elastic,  
stitched into a beautiful quilt  
of shared humanity,  
wrapping all the way around the globe.

To put on a mask is to light a candle,  
and may our lights be bright indeed,  
bright enough to comfort us in our mourning,  
bright enough to dare us to hope,  
that our love will lead us to a better future.

Amen

*by Cameron Bellon*

**IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**

**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

As of March 5th, we have received pledges of \$72,353.42 from 241 donors or 64.48% 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**

Do you like to win BIG money? Would you like to bid on some fun-themed baskets full of amazing treats and valuable items? Are you looking for some one of a kind artwork, created especially by our students for our Art Auction? Do you enjoy a good fish fry? We have you all covered at this year's E\$cape 2021. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, this entire fund-raising event is going virtual! Visit our online site at [www.32auctions.com/escape2021](http://www.32auctions.com/escape2021) and check out the many baskets and student art auction times that are up for bid. Bidding will be done strictly online, at this site, and will be open for bids beginning on **Monday, March 15th**. The bidding will close on Wednesday, March 24th.

If you would like to take your chances on winning up to \$10,000 in cash with our Big Money Raffle, contact our school office at 607-739-9157. Tickets cost \$100, and the drawing will be held on Saturday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. Purchasers of Big Money Raffle tickets must be 18 years of age. You need not be present at the drawing to win.

Doug's Fish Fry food truck will be visiting St. Mary Our Mother School as a culmination of our E\$cape fund-raiser on **Saturday, March 27th**, 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can preorder by calling 607-753-9184 between 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on that day, to ensure your order will be ready when you arrive to pick it up.

Take a chance! Get some beautiful artwork or fun baskets! Enjoy a delicious meal! Support St. Mary Our Mother School! You won't be sorry you did!



**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.

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- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
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- School Web Site..... [www.stmaryourmother.school](http://www.stmaryourmother.school)
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- 816 West Broad Street..... (607)-739-8214
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REGIONAL EVENTS

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.

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked, Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light, Christ, was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

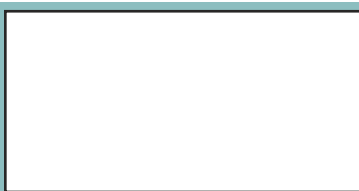
Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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