



# 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 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.

## SACRED TRIDUUM

### 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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - March 28, 2021****PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
 Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Stephen Cardamone        | Jack Denhoff      |
| Catherine Howland        | Shirlee Kozier    |
| Anna Lawrence            | Manuel Macapinlac |
| Barbara Nearing          | Elizabeth Triano  |
| Francis (Michael) Weaver |                   |

**MEMORIALS****Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

*In loving memory of Art & Marie Maio - their children,  
 Suann, Art, Rich and Steve*

**IN OUR PARISH****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 |

**SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

**Psalm:**

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

**Second Reading:**

Son though He was, He learned obedience from what he suffered; (Heb 5:8)

**Gospel:**

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (Jn 20:24)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER****Readings for the week of March 21, 2021**

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/  
 Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Observances for the week of March 21, 2021**

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Wednesday:

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Recently, I came across a copy of the pastoral letter on the Eucharist written by **Cardinal Joseph Tobin** of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. This pastoral letter, written to the people of the archdiocese voiced the Archbishop's concerns about the pandemic and its effects on the celebration of the Eucharist. Cardinal Tobin writes: *"When church historians write about the year of the Lord 2020, I predict they will call particular attention to the 'Great Eucharistic Fast.'"* As we are all well aware, with the Covid 19 virus spreading so rapidly, it was necessary to close churches and the Eucharist was not celebrated publicly. Churches throughout our own diocese have reopened, thank God, but we still must take effective measures to make sure that a safe environment is provided for those who come to Mass.

Cardinal Tobin and many other church leaders are concerned about the long-term effects of separation from the Eucharist by so many. *"Will some of us prefer virtual worship, if we worship at all?"* He shares his thoughts about this predicament. He tells the story of who during the first four months of the lockdown, he was not able to visit his mother, who is in her nineties and lives in southwestern Ontario, near the United States - Canadian border. They were able to talk on the telephone and saw each other "virtually" via Zoom calls, but were not able to meet in person. He recalls that when he was finally able to travel during the summer and visit his mother in person at her home, he realized how much he had missed her and how difference it was to sit across the same table and share a cup of tea. Cardinal Tobin acknowledged the truth of the axiom, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." His love for his mother had always been strong, but it deepened as he had been prevented from being physically close to her. When the day came that they were reunited, it was an occasion of great joy!

He compares this experience to what many Catholics have experienced during this pandemic. "One of the greatest blessings of our faith is our deeply held conviction that our Lord is truly present in the Eucharist." In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we receive. This connection cannot be done "virtually". Hopefully, this day will come soon, when we will all be reunited once again at the table of the Lord with each other for the great Eucharist feast.

On the front page of today's bulletin is the schedule for our Holy Week liturgies. I ask that you call the parish office to register for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Compliance to the Covid-19 restrictions - the wearing of masks, social distancing of at least 6 feet from each other, limited church seating - are still in effect. Please call the parish office to register for the liturgies of Palm Sunday, the Sacred Triduum, and Easter Sunday. All reservations need to be received by **Wednesday, March 31st**.

Have a great week. Take care of each other.

Fr. L.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Lois Chorney - Mark & Lorraine

### Tuesday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Joseph Danaher - Bob & Judi Pichette

### Wednesday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Curtin family

### Thursday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - her husband, Roger

### Friday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM John Dam - Bob & Becky Corcoran

### Saturday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM William A. Danaher, Jr. - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

### Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 AM Larry & Lucile Healy - their family

10:30 AM Tom Cincebox - the Dailey 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 began online on March 15th and will close this coming 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.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

**Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor  
**Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence  
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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.

We Journey Through Lent with CRS Rice Bowl Communities Working Together for the Good of Others

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities, and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping in Madagascar and Timor-Leste. Encouraging and training young farmers and caring for God's creation in El Salvador is helping. Our CRS Rice Bowl alms help build communities of hope. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Question: What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer: The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

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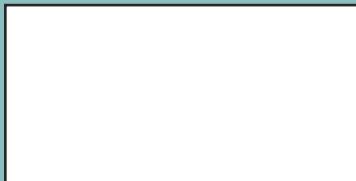
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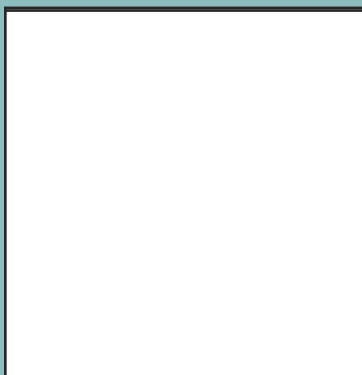
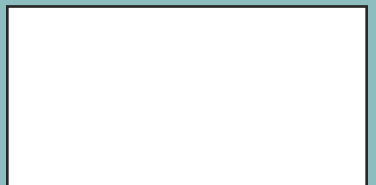


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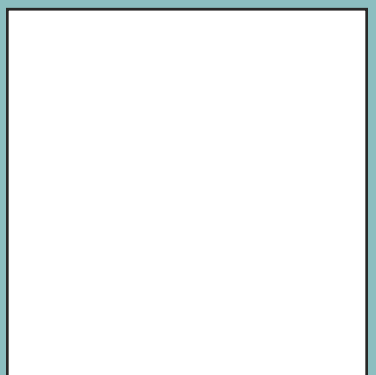
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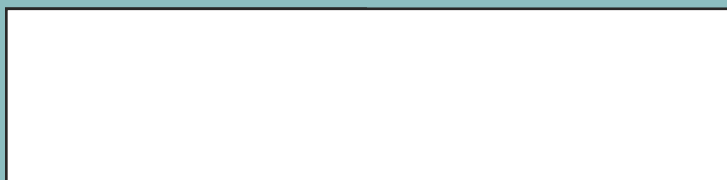
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