



# 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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April 18, 2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us.

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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 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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY - April 25, 2021****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

**MEMORIALS****Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of Jack Denhoff - David Ridosh***Eucharistic Hosts:***For a special intention - Beering family***IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Celine Louisnathan

Prince Philip Mountbatten

John Pirozzolo

**IN OUR PARISH****Catholic Ministries Appeal**

As of April 2nd, we have received pledges of \$76,893.42 from 260 donors or 68.53% 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.

**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

**Pamphlets and Booklets Available**

The parish office has copies of the following pamphlets/booklets:

*Today's Missal**The Word Among Us**Little Book for Easter*

Please call the office at 739-3817 or stop at 816 West Broad Street if you like to have a copy of these helpful booklets at home.

**WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE****SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:**

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

**Psalm:**

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4) Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:**

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

**Gospel:**

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name." (Lk 24:46-47)  
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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - DAILY MASS AND PRAYER****Readings for the week of April 18, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

One of the monthly themes that was brought to my attention last month was that the month of March was **Women's History Awareness Month**. That theme caused me to remember the women from the United States whom the church has declared saints. Do you know who was the first to be canonized a saint, or the first American born saint? There are eight women who are canonized saints, who were citizens of the United States, or who worked in our country. These are listed as they appear on the calendar:

January 4 — **Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821)**: A wife, mother of five, founder of the Sisters of Charity in the United States, who laid the foundation for the Catholic school system, opened orphanages, and cared for the poor. She is the first U.S. born saint.

January 23 — **Marianne Cope (1838-1918)**: A Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, who helped found St. Joseph Hospital, and for 35 years cared for the lepers on Molokai Island.

March 3 — **Katherine Drexel (1858-1955)**: Philadelphia heiress who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament dedicated to the education of Black and Native American children, and established Xavier University in New Orleans; a powerful advocate for justice for the poor and oppressed.

July 14 — **Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680)**: Native American who was orphaned at age 4, disabled by small pox, baptized at 20. She was mocked and persecuted for her disabilities and her Christian faith among her own people. She lived an exemplary life of prayer and holiness with perseverance and charity.

October 3 — **Theodora Guerin (1798-1856)**: She came from France at the request of the Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, and founded the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods. She established schools, orphanages, and even a pharmacy. She repeatedly resisted the Bishop's attempts to control the rules and ministry of her order, eventually locking her in her room and excommunicating her. All was resolved when Rome asked for and received the bishop's resignation.

October 6 — **Marie Rose Durocher (1811-1849)**: She came to this country from Canada and founded the American branch of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, and was an educator of poor and orphaned children, especially girls.

November 13 — **Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917)**: She came to America to minister to Italian immigrants, and founded 67 schools and other charities in New York, Chicago, and South America. She was the first citizen of this country to be canonized.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, April 19 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

**Tuesday, April 20 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Special Intention of Eric Macapinlac - family

**Wednesday, April 21 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

**Thursday, April 22 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

**Friday, April 23 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Anita Bifano - Joe & Karen Ronsivalle

**Saturday, April 24 - Easter Weekday**

5:00 PM Eddie Jadoski - family

**Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Walt Dobek - his family

10:30 AM Adelaide Bevilacqua & Natalie Madden - Robert Madden

## Pastor's Perspective (continued)

November 18 — **Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852)**: She was born in France, and upon arriving in New Orleans, founded the U.S. chapter of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, founding schools and orphanages along the Mississippi River for Native American Children.

All of these women's lives speak eloquently of how one's faith can bring vitality to our diverse nation.

Another person who came to mind during Women's History Awareness month was **Kim Ng**. Kim is currently the general manager of the Miami Marlins, and the highest-ranking female major league baseball executive. She is the first woman to serve as general manager of a team in the Big Four Leagues in North America, and the first person of Asian descent to serve as general manager of a major league baseball team. In her career path, she served as assistant general manager of the Dodgers from 2002-2011, and later became an executive vice-president for the league. As a result of her hard work, steadfastness, dedication, and with God's grace, like many of the women saints mentioned earlier, has helped her to realize her dream.

Have a great week, and enjoy these Easter and spring days. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**Where is Your Rice Bowl?**

- ~ You brought or sent it in. Great!
- ~ Never got a Rice Bowl because you have been going to Mass online? You can make a donation without having the actual Rice Bowl box.
- ~ Got one but it is still sitting on the table at home?

It's not too late to turn it in.

Almsgiving is an important part of our Lenten journey. We hope you were able to be a part of our parish's Lenten project of giving to the CRS for their work in reaching out a helping hand to those in impoverished parts of the world.

Your donation can be brought to the parish office or transferred to an envelope and put in the collection box in church. If it is in the form of a check, please make the check payable to the parish (indicating that it is for CRS Rice Bowl). Other options include mailing your check to the parish office or making your donation online at the parish website. Thank you for your participation in CRS Rice Bowl during this Lenten season.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

When circumstances prevent one from attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, such as watching live stream Masses, it is possible to make an *Act of Spiritual Communion*, which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him" when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion (St. Thomas Aquinas).

The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass.

Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The steward questions for us are many: How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?

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**EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP**  
**How to Fail Your Way to Heaven**

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to His disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that He was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when He felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

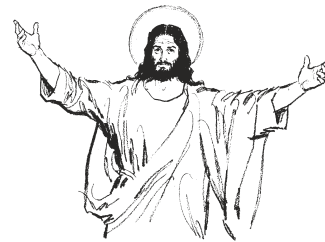
Because He was God, none of those feelings ever led Him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed He could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But He did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t He? And He wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when His friend tempted Him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the

Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

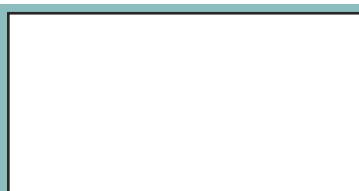
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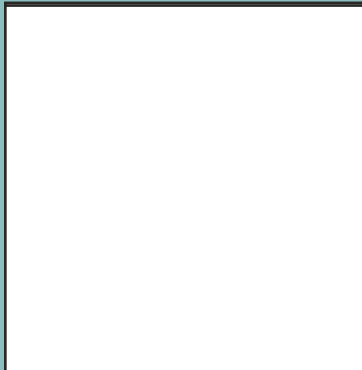
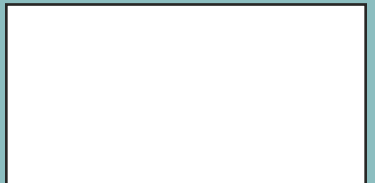


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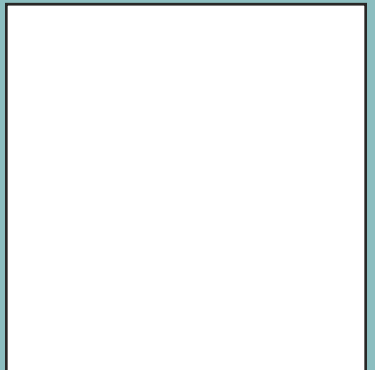
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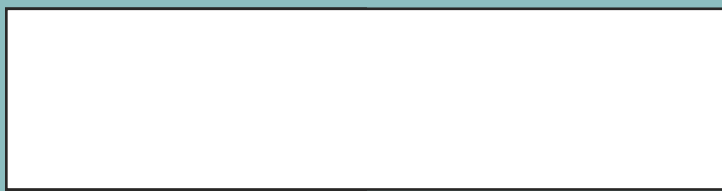
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