



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 6, 2022

1st Sunday
OF LENT

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2022 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

6:45 a.m. - Monday through Friday

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - March 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Charles Dahlhaus

Joseph Cavaluzzi

Gerald McGinnis

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle:

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February 13.....\$ 8,986.98

February 20.....\$ 7,410.00

IN OUR PARISH

Daylight Saving Time

Please remember that **Daylight Saving Time** begins next **Sunday, March 13th** at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before retiring next Saturday evening.

Cemetery Cleanout and Cleanup

Twice a year, a cleanout and a cleanup of our cemetery is done. Please remove all winter decorations at this time. If you have items you do not wish to have discarded, please remove them by **March 15th**. Thank you!

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

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and He heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Second Reading:

For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Observances for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. John of God, Religious

Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. Christians from the earliest days of the Church have considered this period of time as a "Time of Enlightenment", a period of time to practice these three Lenten disciplines. But just what are these disciplines supposed to accomplish in us? To this day, it is common for people to tell us what they are doing for Lent, or what sacrifices people are making during the season of Lent, whether it is abstaining from dining in restaurants (which many of us have been doing since the start of the pandemic) or abstaining from television, candy, alcohol, or desserts. You may also hear people mention spending less time with their ipods, smart phones and the internet. But what is the reasoning behind these sacrifices people make during Lent? What are these penitential practices to accomplish?

The Lenten practices we embrace during this season are meant to change our hearts. We journey through this Lenten season together as a church, although each of us has the freedom to choose our own Lenten practices. In changing individual hearts, we can change all hearts. The actions of any of us affect all of us, for good or ill. We involve ourselves in these Lenten practices to help not only ourselves but others in the discipline of Lent. We have an opportunity to grow closer to God and to change hearts. Lent is a season when we can remove anything that keeps us from being the person and the people of God wants us to be. Anything that keeps us from growing closer to God and to one another is something we can work on as a part of our Lenten disciplines and penance. The Lenten season is a time when our prayer can help change and transform our lives, in which our acts of penance can build up the community of faith.

The "official" fast days during the season of Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but your personal fasting need not be restricted just to those two days of Lent. Personal fasting can be done at any time. Once again this year, our parish will be participating in **Operation Rice Bowl**, with all monies collected from these rice bowls being forwarded to **Catholic Relief Services**. This is an excellent practice in offering alms for the sake of others, and reminds us of the needs of the hungry throughout the world. On a local level, you may want to include a local charitable organization to be the recipient of your Lenten almsgiving. For those who have not yet given to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, you may want to make a gift to this annual appeal, and help our parish to reach our goal.

Whatever disciplines you choose in Lent this year, know that it is focused on healing to bring about a change of heart in each of us. I invite you, during the Lenten season, to pray, to fast, and to be generous in the giving of alms. Even during these days where we continue to battle the coronavirus together, we also make our Lenten journey together, celebrating this season as a season of growth and renewal.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Bryan Lanahan - family

Tuesday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Curtin family - family

Wednesday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

Friday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Walter Dobek - family

Saturday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Francis Kajiru - John & Theresa Brennan

Sunday, March 13 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Walter (Skip) Chorney - Mark, Lorraine & Matthew

10:30 AM Janet Garlasco - Mom, Dad, brothers, Frank & David

I hope that during these Lenten days tht we continue to pray for each other, that our hearts change in a way that God wants them to change. When change takes place in individual hearts, all hearts can be changed and renewed.

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

Fr. L.

SYNOD GATHERINGS

Our Synod Committee will offer two opportunities this week for the people of St. Mary Our Mother to gather and share our wisdom, listen to the insights of others and submit our reflections that will be included into our parish report that will be submitted to the diocese and then forwarded to the world-wide Synod Committee. These gatherings are open forums on:

Sunday, March 6th at 11:45 a.m. in church

Monday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. in church

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, you may access all information on the Synod by logging into the diocese website at www.dor.org/synod.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

E\$cape 2022

Are you wondering how you can help St. Mary Our Mother School? Do you want a chance at winning some big money? Tickets for the big Money Raffle are on sale now! Please call St. Mary Our Mother School at 607-739-9157 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to purchase your ticket. Tickets are \$100 each and the payout could be as high as \$10,000. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Get yours today!

An online auction including one of a kind art work, created especially by our students will be part of this year's auction. Would you like to purchase a Mother's Day package? Would you like to purchase a Harris Hill glider rider or take a 3 hour excursion on Seneca Lake? Would you like to E\$cape from the winter months and spend a week in Florida? All this and much more will be up for auction beginning March 24, 2022. More information will be shared about the online auction in March. Information will also be shared on the St. Mary Our Mother School Facebook page.

A scavenger hunt will also take place beginning in mid-March to support some of the businesses that are supporting this event. It is open to anyone and clues will be given on the school's Facebook page. Several food trucks will be available for take-out only on **Saturday, April 2, 2022** from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. This will also be the day of the Big Money Raffle drawing.

St. Mary Our Mother School Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2022/2023 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 \$150.00 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. to 3:00 p.m.

REGIONAL EVENTS

An Invitation to Journey Through Lent with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

The Pillars of Lent: *Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving*

As we begin our Lenten journey, we reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can guide us. Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." *Our sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives - deepening our faith and our connection to our one human family.*

SAINTS

St. Catherine of Bologna - March 9th, came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

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- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
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- Mrs. Heather Bill**, School Principal
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

St. Pope John Paul II once noted that, "War should belong to the tragic past, to history; it should find no place on humanity's agenda for the future. Peace is not just the absence of war. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith." And another time, "War is a defeat for humanity."

Pope Francis has called on the prayers of all people, especially on Ash Wednesday for a lasting peace in Ukraine. The invasion of Ukraine has begun. The need for the grace of God to silence the Siren's call for war is deep in our world and in our hearts.

May the prayers of all people together with the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints.

May the love of the Father for all His children being about an end to violence.

May the creative and restorative grace and power of Christ come to bear.

May the healing and peace of the Holy Spirit flow in the hearts of all, especially those who are bent on war.

Amen

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The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and minister in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church.

The diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at Edward.giblin@dor.org for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquire. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to a permanent diaconate.



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