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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.



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March 13, 2022



SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - March 20, 2022**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Eileen Sheehy

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 26/27.....\$6,352.75

IN OUR PARISH**Flower Signups**

Have you noticed? Our flower sign up form has returned to the bulletin board in the church.

If you wish to remember intentions for Easter, please check out the sign up sheet. All Easter flower intentions must be submitted by April 3rd. Thank you!

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!

EScape 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!

A 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 EScape 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.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to Himself. (Phil 3:21)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While He was praying His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white.

(Lk 9:28b-29)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of March 13, 2022**

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Observances for the week of March 13, 2022

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

In his 2022 Lenten message, Pope Francis reminds us that the season of Lent is a time for personal and communal renewal. It is an exercise in the virtues of patience and perseverance that prepares us for the joy of Easter. Quoting St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, the Holy Father speaks of Lent as an opportunity (Kairos) for "sowing goodness in view of the future harvest."

As you know, Lent 2022 is taking place during a special time of preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops whose theme is synodality itself: **Commun-ion, Preparation, and Mission**. Pope Francis has asked Catholics throughout all regions of the world to commit to a threefold process of: 1) listening to God's Word and to one another; 2) encountering Jesus in prayer, reception of the sacraments, and service to others, especially those who are most in need of our help; and 3) discerning God's will for our Church. Lent is indeed an opportune time to practice synodality, to listen prayerfully, to encounter Jesus, and to discern God's will - if only we can 'seize the moment,' and allow the Holy Spirit to guide and empower us with his sevenfold gifts.

The Holy Father also tell us that "Lent invites us to conversion to a change of mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much as in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness." This is the reason we pray, fast, and give alms during Lent - to renew our minds and our hearts so that we can rediscover the meaning of our life in the sowing and sharing of goodness.

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians, "*let us never grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all.*" (6:9-10). During Lent, fasting and abstinence are important as they are forms of spiritual discipline that prepare us for the foretaste of joy that we will experience at Easter when we celebrate Christ's resurrection and His decisive victory over sin and death. At the same time, "doing good" - active charity towards our neighbors - is also central to our observance of Lent.

Through patience and perseverance, we can overcome our reluctance and indifference and become zealous in our commitment to sowing and sharing goodness. With the guidance and the support of the Holy Spirit, we can make Lent, 2022 a blessed time and a "foretaste of the joy." May that Holy Spirit give us the courage, wisdom, and fortitude we require to persevere in avoiding evil and doing good, during the season of Lent and always.

A Synod reminder: If you were unable to attend one of the listening sessions last week, you may access all information on the Synod by logging on to the diocese website at www.dor.org/synod. You may also use a link at the website to respond to ten topics put forth in the Synod documents.

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Kathy Ruhmel - Janet Ruhmel

Tuesday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Agnes & Jack Purcell - Jane & Joe Gallagher

Wednesday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Members of Ordination Class of March 17, 1945

Friday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Saturday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM Mary Amisano - Ace & Noreen Lanahan

Sunday, March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - Bob

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

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARDS

Ten of our high school seniors have been named recipients of this year's *Hands of Christ* recognition. These young people were so recognized because they have consistently served God, their parish, and the greater community.

We congratulate this year's recipients of the *Hands of Christ Award* from St. Mary Our Mother:

Bethany Balster
Emmalie Barkley
Lily Barr
Eric Bukowski
Brenna Gavin

Steven Gough
Catherine Kurniawan
Emily Nguyen
Liam Scarselletta
Bryson Wood

The *Hands of Christ* recognition ceremony took place last month at All Saints parish in Corning.

GOSPEL SYNODAL CONNECTIONS

Similar to last weekend's Gospel, we hear of Peter, James and John's encountering other "pitfalls" as they are awestruck by Jesus' transfiguration. After experiencing such a wonder, they lost sight of what they saw and heard. Two similar "pitfalls" we can experience during this synodal process are: pitfall #6 - the temptation to lose focus of the objectives of the Synodal Process....we need to be mindful that the goal is of discerning how God calls us to move forward together. The other is pitfall #9 - the temptation to listen only to those who are already involved in church activities....doing so ultimately ignores a significant proportion of the People of God. Don't miss out on this opportunity: there is still time to join in. To learn more and participate visit the webpage, www.dor.org/synod.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**St. Mary Our Mother School Registration**

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2022/2023 school year for grades pre-k3 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.

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

REGIONAL EVENTS**An Invitation to Journey Through Lent with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl****Perseverance to Succeed: *Guatemala***

In some villages in Guatemala, malnutrition is high, which is especially dangerous for children. Many communities struggle with water scarcity, poor education, poverty, and a changing climate. Raul and Lilian Chanchavac live in the village of Xequemeya, where they grow tomatoes that were often destroyed by plant diseases. With help from a Catholic Relief Services program they received agricultural training, learned better ways to manage and care for their crops, and benefitted from nutrition education. The CRS training helped them expand their crops by adding onions, chili peppers and oranges. CRS helped them register with the government to begin selling their produce to local schools. This helped the school children and allowed them to provide jobs for their family and others in the community. Our sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives - deepening our faith and our connection to our one human family.

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for canned fruit for the month of March, although all canned goods are always needed. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

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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, for a lasting peace in Ukraine. 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 bring 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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