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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 20, 2022



3rd Sunday
OF LENT

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a

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SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - March 27, 2022****FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 5/6.....\$18,121.92
 Black, Native American & Hispanic
 Collection.....\$ 398.00

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Edward Baker James Benedict
 Nicholas Boulas Jane Palmer
 Carl Smith

MEMORIALS**Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

*In loving memory of LCP Michael J. Sawester & June
 Sawester - Joan & Barry Sawester*

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!

E\$cape 2022

The St. Mary Our Mother School E\$cape fundraiser is here! The **online auction** begins this **Thursday, March 24th**. Bid early and bid often. There are some awesome items up for auction including family day trips to Vestal, Binghamton, Syracuse and Ithaca, NY as well as Easton, PA. There are many items perfect for Mother's Day and Father's Day as well as St. Mary Our Mother School original art. With 100 packages ranging in value from \$30.00 to \$1,400.00, you're sure to find something. Go to www.32auctions.com/SMOMS2022Escape to check it out. Bidding begins at 6:00 a.m. on March 24th. The auction ends at 11:59 p.m. March 31st. Don't miss it!

Big Money Raffle tickets are on sale in the school office. Call 607-739-9157 to get your ticket. And remember, you can't win if you don't buy a ticket. You don't want to miss out on winning up to \$10,000.

Lastly, several food trucks will be in the church parking lot on **Saturday, April 2nd** from **11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars. Pick up lunch and/or dinner and support St. Mary Our Mother School.

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, up on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

Gospel:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of March 20, 2022**

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
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Observances for the week of March 20, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Monday:
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 Thursday:
 Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Our heartfelt thoughts, prayers and support continue to be with the people of Ukraine who continue to be the innocent victims of the tragic aggression from the leaders of the Russian government. Each day seems to bring sad news of lives lost and disruption, while homes and communities lie in rubble. The following is a prayer to remember the people of Ukraine.

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them
and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.

We pray for the world,
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters' need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice become
a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen

A few years ago, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of Mercy. In announcing this Year of Mercy, the Holy Father pointed to the person of Jesus, the miracles He worked, the relationships He formed, and the parables He taught. His mercy prompted Him to feed the hungry crowds; restore a son to his grieving mother; and speak of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the welcome shown the prodigal son. In the parable of the servant who refused to imitate the master who forgave him debt, Jesus made it clear that mercy is an essential trait for all His followers. "*Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?*" (Matthew 18:33)

The season of Lent invites us to embrace disciplines of greater fasting, prayer and the giving of alms. It also is a time where we can be mindful of the importance of practicing the virtue of mercy. We often hear about both the Corporal Works and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat each other, referred to as "the charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey through life." (USCCB) **The Corporal Works of Mercy** are:

*Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM George Gresock - 6:45 a.m. Mass friends

Wednesday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM George & Elizabeth Bartosch

Thursday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Mary Amisano - 6:45 a.m. Mass friends

Friday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 AM Gne Harrison - the Dobek's

Saturday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Linda Mallare & family - Lapitan family

Sunday, March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Walter Dobek - family

10:30 AM Donna Fessler - Carmella Palladino

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Visit the prisoners

Bury the dead

Give alms to the poor

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of our Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those He ministered, the spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in spiritual needs." The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are:

Counsel the doubtful

Instruct the ignorant

Admonish the sinner

Comfort the sorrowful

Forgive injuries

Bear wrongs patiently

Pray for the living and the dead

Pope Francis has reminded us, "*We are called to show mercy because mercy has been shown to us. It is important for us to listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*" (Matthew 5:7)

Have a great third week of Lent. Please take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

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

Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend Update

Thanks to all who signed the letters/petition to Governor Hochul on February 12th and 13th. We are calling on state leaders to close the loophole in the NYS Child Tax credit so that it will include children at birth (ages 0-4 are currently left out) and for \$500 million investment in mental health services and a 5.4% COLA for service providers. It's not too late. Please call Governor Hochul's office at 518-474-8390 today and leave a message asking her to prioritize funding the state budget for these two initiatives.

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

Driven By a Dream: Rwanda

Gloriose Uwamahoro and her husband, Karekezi Jean Pierre, live in Kigali, Rwanda. They are not strangers to hardship and hard work, selling vegetables and water at a kiosk and a market from morning to late at night. Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda. Their daughter, like many other children in Rwanda, was malnourished. Gloriose joined a U.S. funded project led by Catholic Relief Services to help the Rwandan government combat malnutrition. She learned about balanced meals, importance of good hygiene, and how to grow a kitchen garden for family food. Through a Catholic Relief Services micro-savings group, she learned how loans could help her grow their vegetable-selling business. Now the parents earn enough to feed their family and can afford to fulfill their dream of sending the children to school. Our sacrifices during this holy season of Lent have the power to change lives - deepening our faith and our connection to our one human family.

Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, invites all couples celebrating anniversaries of matrimony to attend a Mass of Recognition on **Sunday, May 8th** at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY. All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition. Please register online at <https://conta.cc/3IDXmKu> or by emailing donald.smith@dor.org. Please register by April 30th.



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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Catholic Relief Services Annual National Collection

Next weekend our parish will join with parishes across the diocese and country to take up the annual Catholic Relief Services collection to provide funding for the U.S. Catholic community's global social ministries: Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund.

This annual collection is separate from CRS Rice Bowl, the Lenten program of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl uses our alms to fund specific projects, while the annual collection provides funding for the basic operating costs of the U.S. global ministries mentioned above, and at present, the humanitarian aid the U. S. Catholic community is providing to brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Thank you for your generous spirit.

Advocate for NYS Environmental Protection

In an effort to protect our beautiful Finger Lakes and other waterways in NYS from plastics and cans, as well as to keep our other natural areas and neighborhoods cleaner, please support the campaign to modernize our 40 year old Bottle Bill.

NYPIRG, Environmental Advocates and others are calling for the expansion of our returnable containers policy, so that more kinds of beverage containers (including

wine and hard cider) would be returnable and that deposit would be increased to 10 cents, which would incentivize returns.

Signing and sending this online letter is an easy way to support this effort: https://actionnetwork.org/letters/modernizing-new-yorks-returnable-container-act-bottle-bill?clear_id=true

GOSPEL SYNOD CONNECTIONS

The Gospel this week cautions us to be patient and nurturing of the process when on this synodal journey and not to set our own expectations but to let the Holy Spirit move and guide the dialogue. The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree brings an awareness to our journey by reminding us that it is tempting to want to reap immediate fruit, to see dramatic change. But perhaps what is needed most is patience, and loving attention to the process, which is ongoing, even after these dialogues are over. Then, we may very well be blessed with abundant fruit. To participate, visit the webpage, www.dor.org/synod.



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