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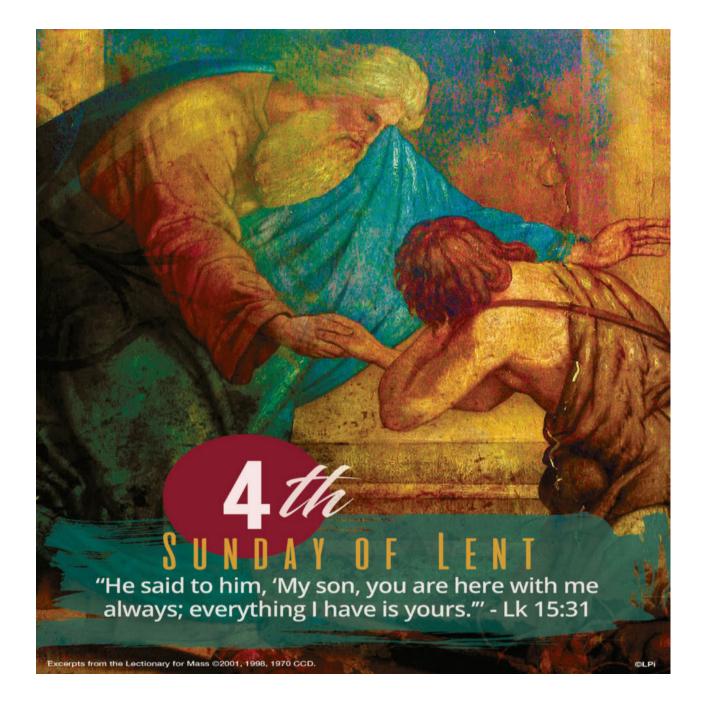
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St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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March 27, 2022



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

6:45 a.m. - Monday through Friday

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.

SCRIPTURE READINGS SUNDAY - April 3, 3022 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 42:16-21 Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel: John 8:1-11

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 12/13.....\$6,633.00

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Patricia Agan-Mailey James T. Marks Matty Princiotto

MEMORIALS

Votive Candle:

In loving memory of George Gresock - Nancy Kosalek

IN OUR PARISH

E\$cape 2022

The St. Mary Our Mother School E\$cape fundraiser is here! The **online auction** began on **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.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel:

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a

and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1

-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn

5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21

and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn

7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/

Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Observances for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: April Fools' Day

Saturday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today, we arrive at the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, oftentimes referred to as **Laetare Sunday** or Rejoice Sunday. Lent, 2022 is at its midpoint, which makes this a good time to give ourselves a little mid-Lenten checkup. Here are a number of thoughts we might like to ponder:

How faithful have I been to the Lenten program of fasting, prayer and almsgiving?

Have I taken the time, or made the time to watch and pray this Lent?

Have I taken advantage of the many opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent?

Sunday and daily Mass; reading of scriptures; reading the daily reflections offered through The Little Black Book for Lent, as well as The Word Among Us; clearing my busy schedule; allowing me to spend more quiet time with the Lord?

How has this season of Lent helped me to grow in greater awareness of God's special love for me?

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, and that peace will soon come to that country and all countries around the world.

The following prayer was recently prayed by **Pope Francis I** at his general audience on March 16th. This prayer was composed by **Archbishop Domenico Battaglia** of Naples:

Forgive us for the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, for the 20 year olds sent to the front line, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us, if not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue like Cain to take the stones from our field to kill Abel. MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday 6:45 AM Dick Burdulis - Killeen McCarthy & family

Tuesday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday 6:45 AM Florence & Bernie Weigle - their family

Wednesday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday 6:45 AM Carmen De Stevens - his family

Thursday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday 6:45 AM Johnny Madden - the Margesons

Friday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM John Delgotto - Jerry Ann & Brian O'Donnell

Saturday, April 2 - Lenten Weekday 5:00 PM Teri Guardi - Bob

Sunday, April 3 - Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM Anne Schneider - Welsh family 10:30 AM Special Intention to St. Jude

Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimize the cruelty of our actions.

Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore you to stop the hand of Cain, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord, stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him also. He is our brother.

O Lord, stop the violence.

Stop us, Lord.

Amen

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

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED... Online Giving

As many of you are aware, our online giving program has been down since the beginning of February. At the end of January, Parish Soft (the provider) shut down the processor for our online contributions and began using a new processor. We were not made aware of this change until we heard from parishioners that they were unable to process their online giving contributions. Parish Soft is in the process of setting us up with their new processor. This should be completed soon, and we will update you as soon as the new program is available with instructions for any changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process.

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.

Flower Signups

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!

REGIONAL EVENTS

Catholic Relief Services Annual National Collection This Weekend

This 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, almsgiving. This annual collection 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 support.

Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

The Most Reverend Šalvatore 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 by emailing or ald.smith@dor.org. Please register by April 30th.

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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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED... 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-vorks-returnable-container-actbottle-bill?clear id=true

It's Not Too Early To Think About Summer Camp

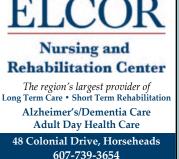
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GOSPEL SYNOD CONNECTIONS

In this week's Gospel we hear the well-known Parable of the Prodigal Son. In Pope Francis' Lenten message he reminded us of what he shared in his Apostolic letter, "Fratelli Tutti" - "It is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others" (#196). This is what the older son should have understood, that the good we do is not for our own benefit alone but also for the good of others. As we close out this synodal process here at our local level, let us pray that the good seeds we have sown through our dialogues bear strong and healthy fruit towards the Church of the Third Millennium on the grass roots and globally. To continue praying for the process as it enters the continental phase, visit the webpage, <u>www.dor.org/synod</u>. You can also visit Facebook and search #DORsynod to see the highlights of our journey.













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