



# 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.



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April 3, 2022

A photograph of several dandelion seed heads against a sunset background. The seed heads are in various stages of blowing, with some seeds already detached and floating in the air. The background is a soft, warm glow of orange, yellow, and purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass:**

6:45 a.m. — Monday through Friday

**Sacrament of Penance:**

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.

**SACRED TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday, April 14th:**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - chapel  
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper  
(Adoration in chapel until 9:45 p.m.)

**Good Friday, April 15th:**

*Day of Fast and Abstinence*  
9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - chapel  
3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

**Holy Saturday, April 16th:**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - chapel  
7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 17th:**

8:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy  
10:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**SUNDAY - April 10, 2022**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

**STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of March 19/20.....\$9,117.00

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Casimir Kujawski

**MEMORIALS**

**Eucharistic Hosts:**

*Happy Birthday in Heaven to Ann Barcomb - Nancy & Gene Barcomb*

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:**

See, I am doing something new!  
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is 43:19)

**Psalm:**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

**Second Reading:**

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things (Phil 3:8)

**Gospel:**

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7)

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

**Readings for the week of April 3, 2022**

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

**Observances for the week of April 3, 2022**

- Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
- Monday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- Wednesday:
- Thursday:
- Friday:
- Saturday:
- Next Sunday: Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This past Catholic Schools Week, the National Catholic Educational Association published a promotional chart listing reasons of the benefits of a Catholic School education. I would like to share those reasons with you in this week's 'Perspective'. It was entitled "A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools."

1. *We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.*
2. *We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.*
3. *We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.*
4. *We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.*
5. *We use technology effectively to enhance education.*
6. *We instill in students the value of service to others.*
7. *We teach children respect of self and others.*
8. *We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.*
9. *We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.*
10. *We have 99 percent high school graduation rate; 85 percent of our graduates go to college.*
11. *We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.*
12. *We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.*

Registration for St. Mary our Mother School for the academic year of 2022/2023 began February 1, 2022. If you know of families who have children three years of age through grade six this September, now is the time to contact the school office for further information, and to arrange a visit or a tour of our school. It could make a significant difference in your child's education and formation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the beginning of Holy Week. The complete schedule of Holy Week Services is included in this week's bulletin. Please plan to join us for these Holy Week liturgies.

Have a great fifth week of Lent. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 4 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Francis Kajiru - Yorio family

### Tuesday, April 5 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Dick Sullivan - Carol & his family

### Wednesday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday

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

### Thursday, April 7 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

### Friday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Ann Kelly - Robert Catherwood

### Saturday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Catherine Gresky on her birthday - Cites family

### Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 AM Celine Louisnathan - Pauchard family

10:30 AM Mary & Joseph Sabatura

## IN OUR PARISH

### 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.

### Building & Grounds Committee

We are asking for knowledgeable parishioners to help form a Buildings & Grounds Committee to periodically review the maintenance and upkeep of the parish. The rectory building has significant roof damage that needs replacement, and the parking lots are long overdue for repair. As our buildings age, necessary repairs and remediation will need to be addressed. If you or someone you know, can volunteer a modest amount of time to lend your expertise, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the parish office at 607-739-3817.

### St. Mary Our Mother School Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2020/2023 school year for grades pre-k 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 607-739-9157 during

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Strong words come from Saint Paul in today’s second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is “rubbish.” Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else “rubbish” compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?

**REGIONAL EVENTS**

**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](mailto:donald.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 **spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce & tomato paste** for the month of **April**, 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!

**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](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/modernizing-new-yorks-returnable-container-act-bottle-bill?clear_id=true).

**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 join 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.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving,

eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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