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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.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York
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April 24, 2022



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - May 1, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40b-41
Second Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

MEMORIALS

Eucharistic Hosts and Sacramental Wine:

In memory of Jean Ciprich by George and family

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mark Chorney Dorothy Earley
Deacon William Dougherty Maria Sidari

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 9/10\$9,567.44

IN OUR PARISH

Positions Available

Currently, we are looking to fill two positions on our parish staff; the position of administrative assistant in our Faith Formation program, as well as the editor of our weekly bulletin.

These two positions are in addition to our need of a Coordinator of Faith Formation.

If you would be interested in any of these positions, or know someone who might be, please call the parish office. Thank you!

CRS Lenten Rice Bowl

Alleluia! Happy Easter! Our Lenten Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Remember that CRS will use 75% of your donation to serve our global brothers and sisters while 25% will be sent to the Horseheads Food Pantry to assist the needy of our community.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24[1]/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-27/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,
11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv: 5:11-14/
Jn21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Observances for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy),
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and
Martyr

Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Friday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Pius V, Pope

Next

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter, St. Joseph the
Worker



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It is my hope that you and your family enjoyed a very Blessed and Happy Easter! I was edified to see many of our people whom we have missed in recent months joining us for some of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Hopefully this is a sign of people feeling more comfortable in social and in-church gatherings.

A popular devotion of many people during the season of Lent is the praying of the Stations of the Cross, a prayer that invites us to focus on the way of the Cross, the last hours of Jesus prior to His crucifixion. The following is a reflection on the Station of the Cross authored by **Father Peter Cameron, O.P.**, which uses the format of the Stations to reflect on the **Resurrection and Mercy of God**. I believe you will find these reflections quite insightful:

First Station: *Jesus rises from the Dead.* *At your rising the peace, the forgiveness, the display of Your wounds are healing and mercy for me.*

Second Station: *The Disciples find the Empty Tomb.* *The emptiness inside of me is a crushing sore. The mercy of your empty tomb frees me and fills me.*

Third Station: *Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala.* *To a frantic Mary who wants to carry away Your body, you appear in Risen mercy to carry her away.*

Fourth Station: *Jesus walks with the disciples to Emmaus.* *To the two discouraged disciples, Your mercy appears as a sudden accompaniment. Walk with me!*

Fifth Station: *Jesus reveals Himself to us in the Breaking of the Bread.* *All that our heart craves abides in the Last Supper bread breaking. Break through my forgetfulness!*

Sixth Station: *Jesus appears to the Disciples.* *You appear in your humanity: eating, consoling, ridding fear. By your mercy, help me to be more human.*

Seventh Station: *Jesus confers on His Disciples the Power to Forgive Sins.* *You give, not the ability to live without sinning, but the power to forgive sin—the greatest mercy!*

Eighth Station: *Jesus confirms Thomas in Faith.* *In your mercy, doubt will not gain the upper hand. Touching the wound in your hand reclaims us.*

Ninth Station: *Jesus appears to His Disciples on the Shore of Lake Galilee.* *When we are adrift and dispirited, you come as a surprise, cooking us breakfast, calling us “children.”*

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE (continued)

Tenth Station: *Jesus confirms Primary of Peter.* *The unity the Church needs you provide in the Successor of Peter, its visible source and foundation.*

Eleventh Station: *Jesus Entrusts His Disciples with the Universal Mission.* *I believe because of Christian witnesses who shared their faith. Make me a missionary of mercy!*

Twelfth Station: *Jesus ascends into heaven.* *You ascend in your humanity to heaven to give us access to the Father's house and to God's life.*

Thirteenth Station: *Mary and the Disciples await the Holy Spirit's Pentecost.* *Thank you for the Gift of the One who reminds us of all you said and who forms us in the life of prayer.*

Fourteenth Station: *Jesus sends the Spirit promised by the Father to His Disciples.* *Lost though we are in a state of deformity, the Holy Spirit restores our original beauty and fills with grace.*

Have a great week and continue to enjoy these Easter days. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 25 - St Mark, Evangelist

6:45 AM Tom Garrett - Bob & Marianne Kosty

Tuesday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Linda Mallare & Martha Valdrez—the Lapitan family

Wednesday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Jean Ciprich - George and family

Thursday, April 28 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Faithful Departed

Friday, April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Stephen O'Mara - Ann Gorman

Saturday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Bev Ermold - Sal & Michelle Princiotta

Sunday, May 1 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Joseph Ruhmel (wedding anniversary) - his wife, Janet

10:30 AM Art & Marie Maio - Suann, Art, Rick & Steve Maio

REGIONAL EVENTS

Care for God’s Creation

2022 Climate Change Lectures at Tanglewood Nature Center

Tanglewood Nature Center staff will present a series of lectures on Climate Change on Saturdays in April, May, and June from 11 a.m. - 12 noon at the Center, 443 Coleman Avenue, Elmira. Lectures are 30-40 minutes with time for questions after. Increase your knowledge and get ideas on how you can make a difference. Free and open to the public.

- **April 30:** Fossil Fuels and Renewables presented by Sydney White
- **May 28:** Waste and Recycling presented by Ryan Donnelley
- **June 11:** Food and Climate presented by Elaine Smith

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month.

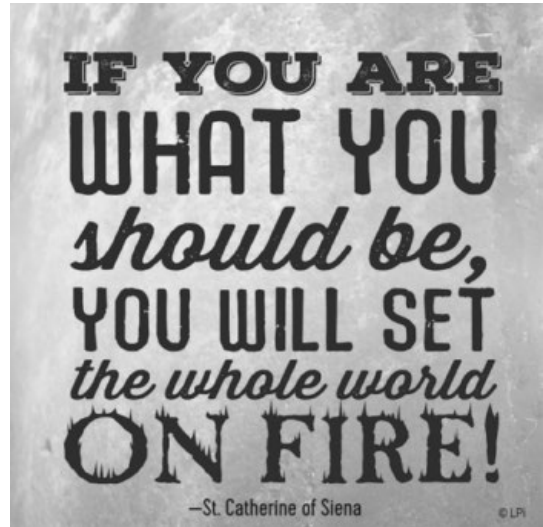
The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for **spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce & tomato paste** for the month of **April**, although all canned goods are always needed. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board.

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!

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REFLECTION — 2nd Sunday of Easter

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

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While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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