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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.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York
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February 19, 2023



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When someone strikes you on your right cheek,
turn the other one as well.” Mt 5:39

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Thursday, February 23

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Friday, February 25

5:15 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—chapel

Saturday, February 25

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Salvatore Muccigrosso

Norm LaPrade

Virginia Hozempa



MEMORIALS:

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the week of Feb. 19-25, has been donated in memory of my Mom, Tina by Franca and George Lazzaris.



The Altar bread or Sacramental Wine for the week of Feb. 19-25, has been donated by Mary and Jim Carr in memory of Josephine and Henry Ryan.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER 2023 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

6:45 a.m.— Mass

12:10 p.m.—Liturgy of the Word/Ashes

5:30 p.m.—Mass

Daily Mass:

6:45 a.m.—Monday through Friday

Stations of the Cross:

1:30 p.m.—Fridays with St. Mary Our Mother School
when school is in session

5:15 p.m.—Fridays of Lent

St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations

Wednesday, March 29, 2023—5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31, 2023—1:30 p.m.

Rite of Election:

1:00 p.m.—February 26, 2023

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester

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WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023.

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

OSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023.

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

In another passage from His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn His disciples' way of thinking upside down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today's Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went "the extra mile" for us. Can we be more like Jesus and "go the extra mile" for others?



FAITH, ACADEMICS, AND SERVICE

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2023-2024 school year for grades pre-k 3 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: a 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 the school office at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Wednesday of this week is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent. This season is a sacred time for all Christians, leading to the celebration of Easter. For those preparing to be received into full membership in the Church, it is a time of prayer and preparation for those sacraments. For those who regularly participate in the life of the Church, the season of Lent offers us an opportunity to embrace the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that we can recommit ourselves to living fully our baptismal promises which we will renew on Easter Sunday. For those who have been away from the Church for whatever reason, Lent is a time to reconsider renewing that relationship once again. I believe we all know people who have drifted away from the regular practice of their faith. Please offer a word of encouragement, invitation and welcome to our parish. Wherever you find yourself in your faith journey, please use the season of Lent as a time of spiritual growth and renewal.

Today's bulletin provides information on the Lenten opportunities available to you at St. Mary Our Mother, as well as a Lenten calendar for your use at home.

For the past years, we have offered publications for your use during the Lenten season. Two of these publications you should be familiar with. The first is *"The Word Among Us,"* which offers a complete liturgical guide for the Lenten season, including scripture readings Mass texts, and meditations. The second publication is *"The Little Black Book for Lent,"*, which offers creative and unique meditations for each day of Lent. These books are available today in the vestibule. There also is a children's edition of this book entitled *"The Little Purple Book for Lent,"* which will be distributed to our children in our school and faith formation programs.

A traditional devotion offered in parishes during the Lenten season is the public praying of the Stations of the Cross, a devotion we could not offer in the past three years due to Covid-19 concerns. We will publicly pray this devotion each Friday at 5:15 p.m. in the chapel. Each Friday that St. Mary Our Mother School is in session, the school children will gather in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. for this devotion. St. Mary Our Mother School will present the "Living Stations of the Cross" in the church on Wednesday, March 29th, at 5:15 p.m.

As we begin this Lenten season, let us remember that we are called to reach out in love to our neighbor. Lent, as a season where we incorporate the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, is also a time to reflect on how we can change and work toward loving others more readily. The ashes we will receive this Wednesday are an outward sign of our commitment of showing our love for others in all we say and do.

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

Fr. L

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	February 20—Weekday Patricia Dailey—Woodworth family-
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	February 21—Weekday Pablo and Elisea Atienza—the Macapin-lac's
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY Eleanor Curbeau—Donna and Carl Hammond
12:10 P.M.	Liturgy of the Word with ashes
5:30 P.M.	Devine Limoncelli—Phil Ponzi
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	February 23—Thursday after Ash Wednesday The Faithful Departed
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	February 24—Friday after Ash Wednesday Carol Wawrzusin—Raymond
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	February 25—Saturday after Ash Wednesday Tony Cavaluzzi—Joyce and Dick Pirozzolo
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	February 26—First Sunday of Lent Walter Dobek—his family
10:30 A.M.	John Gough —Brendan and Virginia Curtin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in the process of updating the names of those who have served as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. If you have previously served as a Eucharistic Minister, either in church or to nursing and private homes, and wish to resume this ministry, please contact the parish office at 607-739-3817.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

During Lent, the regulations for fast and abstinence:

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of **fasting** and **abstinence**.

Good Friday is a day of **fasting**

All persons who are fourteen years of age or older are bound by the law of abstinence.

All persons between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive, are bound by the law of fasting.

Catholics are especially encouraged to perform acts of penance during the season of Lent.

Abstinence—refrain from eating meat at all meals that day.

Fasting—only one full meal, the other two meals small enough that together they do not equal one full meal.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through to Holy Thursday, Good Friday has its own rule of fast and abstinence.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

The parish office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00 a.m.

LENTEN REFLECTION:

What is the Catholic view of Lent?

This renewal of life as a disciple of Jesus is meant to prepare Christians for the fullness of life that is promised by the resurrection. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts up to the Holy Triduum which are the three days leading into Easter.

The three main points of Lent.

As you've probably caught on by now, **giving something up—or fasting**—is only one of three things we should be focusing on throughout Lent. The other two, **prayer and almsgiving**, are very much about the "taking up" of things.

What is the reflection of the Lenten season?

Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, **Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."** ?

Why is Lent meaningful?

As an important religious observance in the Christian world, **Lent is the season to observe and commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God, our Savior and Redeemer.** It is an opportune time to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ

How does Lent bring us closer to God?

It is a reminder of Christ's 40 days of temptation and fasting in the desert, and of Israel's 40 years of wandering in the desert. This penitential season of **fasting, alms-giving, and special prayer** is like a spiritual cleansing and renewal to draw closer to God.

What is your reflection about Lent?

Lent is a time to correct our bad habits and make ourselves a little bit more in Christ's image. Lent is also a time for sacrifice. During this season, we have the opportunity to sacrifice something that is meaningful to us.

Lenten Pray for the Comfort of God's Grace

Almighty God, grant that we who deserve to be afflicted for our evil deeds may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Jesus vs Satan



Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and God (the Father) was tired of hearing all of the bickering. Finally God said "Cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run two hours and I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat at the keyboards and typed away. They moused, they did spreadsheets, they wrote reports, and sent faxes. They sent e-mails and sent out e-mail with attachments. They downloaded, they did some genealogy reports, and made cards. They did every known job.

But ten minutes before their time was up, lighting suddenly flashed across the sky. Thunder rolled, the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. The electricity finally flickered back on, and each of them restarted their computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost every thing when the power went out. Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate "Wait! He cheated, how did he do it? God shrugged and said, "Jesus saves."



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IN OUR PARISH: LENT IS COMING!

Our faith community joins nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a transformative Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact global hunger and climate change have on vulnerable brothers and sisters and their communities around the world. Lent is our opportunity to pray for them, fast for them, give alms to help them. Please pick up your CRS Rice Bowl/daily Lenten reflection calendar on the tables near the doors beginning Ash Wednesday (February 22).

Next weekend, we welcome homilist, Deacon Kevin Carges, a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow, who will share his experiences visiting Catholic Relief Services project sites and how our Lenten sacrifices and alms foster hope around the world. Deacon Kevin attended St. Mary's School in Elmira, St. Patrick Jr. High and Notre Dame High School. He currently serves as deacon for Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Mendon and is owner-operator of a printing business in Canandaigua.



REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Finance Director for the Southern Tier

The Southern Tier parishes are recruiting for a highly skilled full time (35 hours per week) Finance Director. This person would preferably be a CPA, MBA and have 7-9 years of financial experience. The successful candidate will need to travel to parishes and schools of the Diocese of Rochester within the Southern Tier region which encompasses approximately 100 mile territory. The Finance Director oversees finance staff within the parishes and the shared finance services office, ensuring the daily financial operations, payroll and general parish/school operation are following Federal & New York State Laws as well as Diocesan Policy and Procedure. A more detailed job description is available by request. Qualified applicants may submit a resume to tammy.sylvester@dor.org, at the Diocesan Human Resource Office.

HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. They are in need of all food items, especially **canned fruits and canned soup, particularly creamed soups.**

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