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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.



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February 26, 2023



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, February 28

3:45 p.m.—Religious Education Classes—school

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

1:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—chapel

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

Saturday, March 4

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, March 5

5:00 p.m.—Confirmation classes Year 2—school

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Michael Farrell
Theresa Hurley
Frank Nasakaitis, Sr.



MEMORIALS:

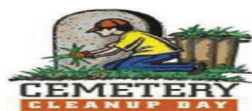
The Votive light before the Icon is burning for the week of February 26—March. 4, 2023 in loving memory of Florence Weigle by her family.

The Eucharistic Hosts for the week of February 26—March. 4, have been donated in memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.



EASTER FLOWERS:

The sign up form for Easter flowers has been posted on the Church bulletin board. The deadline to be included for Easter, 2023 is March 24th.



All Fall and Winter decorations must be removed by March 11, 2023. All items remaining beyond March 11th. will be discarded.

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WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023.

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

OSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023.

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Saturday: St. Casimir

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who He was and commit a grievous sin when He was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin comes at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

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. 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:

Today we welcome Deacon Kevin Carges to St. Mary Our Mother as our guest homilist. Deacon Carges is a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow and will share his experience in visiting Catholic Relief Services project sites in Kenya, and how our Lenten sacrifices and almsgiving through Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl foster hope for the people of Kenya and around the world. We welcome Deacon Carges this weekend and look forward to this message on behalf of Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl.

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. Christians from the earliest days of the Church have considered this period of time as a "Time of Enlightenment," a period of time to practice these three Lenten disciplines. But just what are these disciplines supposed to accomplish in us? To this day, it is common for people to tell us what they are doing for Lent, or what sacrifices people are making during the season of Lent, whether it is abstaining from dining in restaurants or abstaining from television, candy, alcohol, or desserts. You may also hear people mention spending less time with their Gameboys, Ipods, smart phones and the internet. But what is the reasoning behind these sacrifices people make during Lent? What are these penitential practices supposed to accomplish?

The Lenten practices we embrace during this season are meant to change our hearts. We journey through this Lenten season together as a church, although each of us has the freedom to choose our own Lenten practices. In changing individual hearts, we can change all hearts. The actions of any of us affect all of us, for good or ill. We involve ourselves in these Lenten practices to help not only ourselves but others in the discipline of Lent. We have an opportunity to grow closer to God and to change hearts. Lent is a season when we can remove anything that keeps us from being the person and the people God wants us to be. Anything that keeps us from growing closer to God and to one another is something we can work on as a part of our Lenten disciplines and penance. The Lenten season is a time when our prayer can help change and transform your life, in which your acts of penance can build up the community of faith.

The "official" fast days during the season of Lent are, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but your personal fasting need not be restricted just to those two days of Lent. Personal fasting can be done any time. Once again this year, our parish will be participating in **Catholic Relief Services/Rice Bowl**, with all monies collected from these rice bowls being forwarded to **Catholic Relief Services**. This is an excellent practice in offering alms for the sake of others, and reminds us of the needs of the hungry throughout the world. On a local level, you may want to include a local charitable organization to be the recipient of your Lenten almsgiving. For those who have not yet given to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, you may want to make a gift to this annual appeal, and help our parish to reach our goal.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	February 27—Lenten Weekday Sharon O'Brien—Nancy Kosalek
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	February 28—Lenten Weekday Charly Graves—wife, Jan
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	March 1—Lenten Weekday Courtney Bola—Bob and Becky Corcoran
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	March 2—Lenten Weekday Caroline Stewart—Ann Gresock
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	March 3—Lenten Weekday Intentions of Maria and Marcel Lanahan— Adele Lanahan
9:00 A.M.	William Daniel Hess—faculty and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	March 4—Lenten Weekday Dorothy Foray—Bob and Marianne Kosty
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	March 5—Second Sunday of Lent Michael Bonsignore—wife, Anna
10:30 A.M.	Donald Blide Sr.—Rosa and Ray Giammichele

Pastor's perspective continued:

Whatever disciplines you choose for Lent this year, know that it is focused on healing to bring about a change of heart in each of us. I invite you, during the Lenten season, to pray, to fast, and to be generous in the giving of alms. We make this Lenten journey together, celebrating this season as a season of growth and renewal. We continue to pray for each other, that our hearts change in the way we want them to change. When change takes place in individual hearts, all hearts can be changed and renewed.

Have a great first full week of Lent. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other. Fr. L

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.

2023 LENTEN SCHEDULE:**Daily Mass:**

6:45 a.m. —Monday through Friday

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.

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 Living Stations

Wednesday, March 29, 2023-5:15 p.m.

Friday, March 31, 2023-1:30 p.m.

WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH CRS RICE BOWL: *A Season For Slowing Down*

During this sacred season, let us intentionally slow down so that we can pay attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors, and our planet. The Lenten Traditions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can guide our journey for a more enriching experience. In the coming weeks, the CRS Rice Bowl Stories of Hope will take us to Honduras, Kenya and the Philippines, where we'll learn how people are overcoming the causes of hunger and adapting to climate change with our help. As you journey with us during Lent, remember that through prayer God invites us to slow down and look for Him around us—in nature and in people who need us most. Our fasting is an act of solidarity with vulnerable people and it helps us feel a small part of what they are living day by day. It is in this spirit that our almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? Is it something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss Him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Some Catholic trivia humor:

How do you make Holy water?
(boil the Hell out of it!)

What do you call a sleep walking nun?
(a "roamin" Catholic)

"Humor helps to keep us humble, recognizing and admitting our imperfections before God." G.K. Chesterton



MINISTERIAL STAFF

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SUMMER 2023 DATES: July 9-14, July 16-21, July 23-28, July 30 -Aug 4. For more information contact www.CampKoinoniaNY.org.

Thank You!

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of the Valentines for Vets project this year. We were able to send 350 valentines to the Bath VA! Over 100 of the valentines were made by the students from St. Mary Our Mother School. The efforts of a 4th grade parent and Mrs. Smith to involve the school children in this project was very helpful. We were very glad to be able to meet in person again to work on the project.

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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