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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
(607) 739-3817

March 5, 2023



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5

5:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class Yr. 2—school

Tuesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 9

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

Saturday, March 11

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, March 12

9:30 p.m.—Home Study—school

12:30 p.m.—First Holy Communion parent and candidate meeting.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Bernadette Kingsley
Ella Colegrove

MEMORIALS:

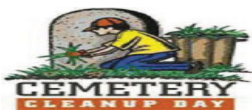
The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of March 5-11, 2023 have been donated in memory of LCP Michael J. Sawester by Joan and Barry Sawester.



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.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP:



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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:

Please remember that **Daylight Savings Time** begins next Sunday, March 12, at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before retiring on Saturday evening.

QR CODE GIVING:

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WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023:

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 5-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023:

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Monday:
Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

PRAY, FASTING, ALMSGIVING:

When I was in parish work, I remember the parish priest talking with the school children about the topic of Lent and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He asked them if any of them knew what fasting was. After a very long wait, one student raised his hand and said, "It is what I do when my Mom is mad at me, I run really fast!" The adults in the assembly burst into laughter. Laughter is good.

However the Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries. As our catechumens and candidates prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christian. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act; it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

I recently found the following article, which offers a creative insight on one of the disciplines of the season of Lent, the discipline of fasting.

Lenten Prayer: Fast from, Feast On

During Lent, let us...

Fast from criticism; feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity; feast on joy.
Fast from ill-temper; feast on happiness.
Fast from resentment; feast on contentment.

Fast from jealousy; feast on love.
Fast from pride; feast on humility.
Fast from selfishness; feast on service.
Fast from fear; feast on truth.

Fast from judging others; feast from Christ within them.
Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on the unity of life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from worry; feast on trust in God's care.
Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of sincerity.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.

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

Fr. L

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	March 6—Lenten Weekday Steven O'Mara—Jackie Conklin/Ann Gorman
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	March 7—Lenten Weekday Jennie Joy—Roger
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	March 8—Lenten Weekday Special intention of Adam, Caroline and Bryan—Ann Gresock
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	March 9—Lenten Weekday Carl Gross—The Corcoran's
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	March 10—Lenten Weekday Dennis Graumann—6:45 Mass friends
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	March 11—Lenten Weekday Pudgie Cleary—Barbara, Glenn and Peter Campbell
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	March 12—Third Sunday of Lent Richard Liotino—Marc Kolonoski and family
10:30 A.M.	Deceased Navone and Rossi families—Mary Navone



Please pick up your Rice Bowl donation box from the table in the vestibule of the church. Thank You!



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.

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

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT THE TRANSFIGURATION

“When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.” Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following Him, learning from Him, watching Him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message, this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus’ face suddenly “shone like the sun” and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle. But Jesus “came and touched them” to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that His friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who He was, but He still understood who THEY were, imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand who He was, , imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change.

But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and He knows the perfect way to reveal Himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let’s be sure we are ready to find Jesus there. LPi

LENTEN TRIVIA:

1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What is the first day of Lent called?
3. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
4. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
5. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
6. What Irish saint’s feast day takes place during Lent?
7. On what day during Lent does the Bishop bless holy oils for the year?
8. On what Sunday during Lent does the priest bless palms.
9. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
10. When does Lent officially end?



- Answers:
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| 1. 40 | 6. St. Patrick |
| 2. Ash Wednesday | 7. In Our Diocese its Tuesday |
| 3. Purple | 8. Palm Sunday |
| 4. Alleluia | 9. Fourteen |
| 5. Pretzels | 10. At sundown on Holy Thursday |

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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.



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.

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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