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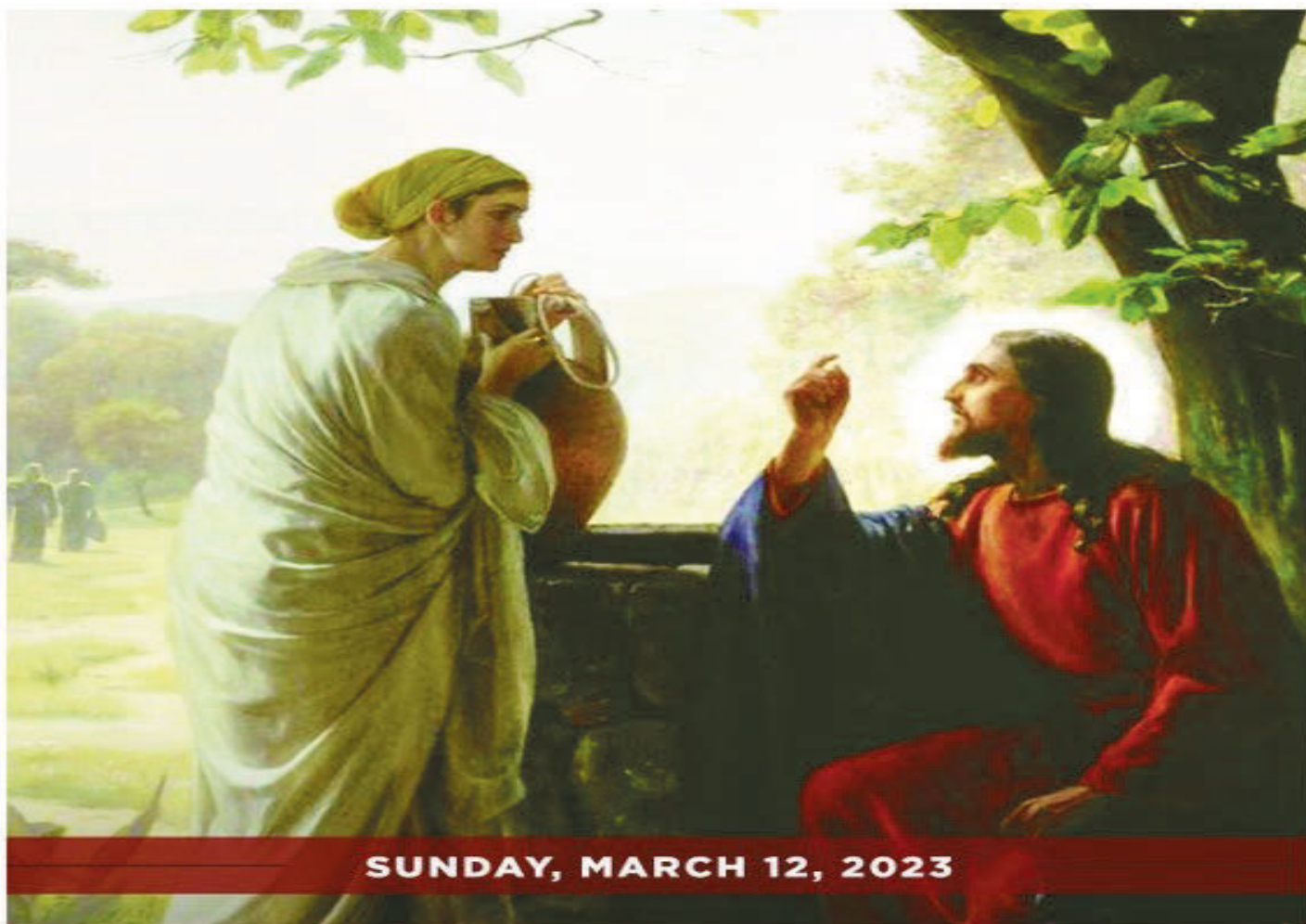
## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

March 12, 2023



**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023**

## **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Tuesday, March 14:**

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

**Thursday, March 16;**

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

**Saturday, March 18:**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

**Sunday, March 19:**

Years, 1 &amp; 2 Confirmation/Youth Group—School

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Russell Lancaster  
Sandra Woodburn  
Maureen Spaziani

**MEMORIALS:**

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of March 12-18, 2023 have been donated in memory of Joe Higgins by the Gallaghers.

**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.

**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.

**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2023:****Sunday:**Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a-40-42**Monday:**2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/  
Lk 4:24-30**Tuesday:**Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,  
8-9/Mt. 18:21-35**Wednesday:**Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/  
Mt 5:17-19**Thursday:**Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 11:14-23**Friday:**Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,  
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34**Saturday:**Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/  
Lk 18:9-14**Next Sunday:**1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,  
5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,  
13-17, 34-38**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2023:****Sunday:**3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time  
begins**Monday:**

Lenten Weekday

**Tuesday:**

Lenten Weekday

**Wednesday:**

Lenten Weekday

**Thursday:**

Lenten Weekday

**Friday:**

St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

**Saturday:**St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one He has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about Him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job.

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**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

Friday of this week is the Feast of St. Patrick. As this feast this year falls on a Friday during Lent, Bishop Matano has granted to all a dispensation to call Catholics from abstaining from meat on that day, and encourages the faithful to observe the abstinence from meat on another day during that week.

With the Feast of St. Patrick later this week, I thought I would use this column today to write about this saint.

St. Patrick, often referred to as the "Apostle to Ireland," is one of the most famous and celebrated saints. His missionary zeal arguably matched that of St. Paul, whose missionary activities, though oftentimes a struggle, remained in the territories governed by Roman law. St. Patrick, however, was the first recorded Christian missionary to evangelize beyond the bounds of Roman rule and into the darkness of what was then considered the end of the earth.

"Patricius" was born in Roman Britain around the year 384. His father was a public official and church deacon. He was kidnapped by Irish slave traders while in his mid-teens and forced into slavery; herding sheep on remote Irish hillsides under harsh conditions. Spending most of his time in solitude, he grew to trust in God and embraced a life of prayer. After six years, he made a dangerous and harrowing escape over land and sea that finally resulted in a return to his parents. At the age of twenty-three, they found him a serious visionary who sought holiness and friendship with Christ.

Patrick entered the priesthood, and in time, was sent to evangelize the Irish. He was appointed the bishop of Ireland in 435 and established his see or diocese at Armagh in the north.

At a time in history, the Irish were known to be wild, unrestrained, and corrupt. But Patrick's success in making converts to Christianity was nothing less than astonishing, even to him. He traveled to most parts of Ireland, winning the hearts of Celtic people by his deep faith, humility, simplicity, and pastoral care. He took great measures to incorporate pagan rituals into his teachings on Christianity. Since the ancient Celts honored their gods with fire, Patrick used bonfires to celebrate Easter; and he placed the sun, the powerful Celtic symbol, around the Christian cross to create the now familiar Celtic cross. You may also recall Patrick's use of a shamrock to help explain the mystery of the Trinity.

Patrick's profound witness to the Gospel eventually brought an end to human sacrifices, trafficking of women, and slavery in general. He is the first person in recorded history to publicly oppose slavery; a protest that would not be taken up again for another millennium.

St. Patrick's writings reveal that he had a keen understanding of our responsibility as members of the Body of Christ. He wrote that whatever good he had been able to accomplish on behalf of the Lord, in his *"meager, unlearned, and sinful state...has been a gift from God."*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 13—Lenten Weekday</b> Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 14—Lenten Weekday</b> Mary Amisano—husband, Guy and family
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 15—Lenten Weekday</b> Michael Valentino—Jacqueline and Mark, Earl and Andrew and Allison
<b>Thursday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 16—Lenten Weekday</b> Ann Sheehan—Rosa and Ray Giammichele
<b>Friday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>March 17—Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick, Bishop</b> Bryan J. Lanahan, Sr.—Adele
<b>Saturday:</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>March 18—Lenten Weekday/St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop/Doctor</b> Matty Princiotto—Olga Princiotto and family
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<b>March 19—Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Bryan J. Lanahan, Sr.—his wife, Adele Joseph and Mary Sabatura

**Pastor's Perspective continued:**

Over the centuries, Irish immigrants would spread their devotion to St. Patrick as they established the Catholic faith around the world. Patrick is thought to have died on March 17, 461, the date that became his feast day.

Have a great week, and Happy St. Patrick's Day. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

**WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH CRS RICE BOWL: 'From Farming to Fishing'**

For years, Raul and Rhodora worked hard as coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines. After harvesting, they prepared the coconuts for making oil—but it took a lot of work before they made any money. On top of that, periods of heavy rain caused flooding, making farming difficult. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build a fishpond to raise and sell fish, and they also learned how to better prepare for the increasing natural disasters like typhoons, flooding, earthquakes and landslides. In addition they also learned how to make improvements to their house, using stronger, sturdier materials to protect their home and family during disaster. The fish now provide nutritious food for their family and more income that allows their granddaughters to attend school.



**CATHOLIC HUMOR: "Fridays of Lent"**

John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill.

Meanwhile, all of his neighbors were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent, the neighborhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John; he was tempting them to eat meat on Friday and they couldn't take it anymore.

They decided to try and convert John to be a Catholic. They went over and talked to him and were so happy that he decided to join all of his neighbors and become a Catholic.

They took him to church, and the priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic."

The men were so relieved, now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved.

The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighbors were sitting down to their tuna fish dinner, there came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill.

The neighborhood men could not believe their noses! What was going on? They called each other and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was Lent.

The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish."

**WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm, in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. After entering the school driveway and bearing left (the length of the school on your right), drive to the parking lot. Use the door of the school across from the playground to enter the building. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died or a memento of significance. You may have thoughts about how the coming of Spring affects your grief journey. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; hoping to find encouragement and insight from each other. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see *healing* in the very act of helping." Please note: The time is 7:00 pm.

**REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Finance Director for the Southern Tier***

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## NO TO DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE. PLEASE SPEAK OUT.

Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide are pressing state leaders to legalize this deadly practice in New York State, and lawmakers need to hear from us if we hope to avoid another assault on human life. Assisted suicide is dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and people with disabilities. Suicide is not medical care. Please tell your State Senate and Assembly representative that you oppose this dangerous and deadly practice. Contact your state legislators now! Email or call—here is our message:

*I urge you to oppose any legislation that would legalize doctor-assisted suicide, which may be labeled “medical aid-in-dying”. I believe this practice would violate the physician’s oath to heal and comfort their patients, and to do no harm. Death is not a medical treatment. Vote “no” on S2445/A995. This bill is particularly dangerous for some communities, people with depression, and people living with disabilities. Such individuals could be pressured into choosing death over life by health insurance decisions to fund only the least costly treatment; by family members feeling overburdened or even those wishing to exploit their loved ones; by medical professionals who may subtly make judgments about whose lives are worth living. A state policy of physician-assisted suicide can only lead to coercion and abuse.*

Contact your State legislators by email or phone. See contact information below:

Senator Thomas O’Mara (omara@nysenate.gov)  
607-735-9671

Assemblyman Chris Friend (friendc@nyassembly.gov)  
607-562-3602

Assemblyman Phil Palmesano  
(palmesanop@nyassembly.gov)  
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