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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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March 19, 2023



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 21st:

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

Thursday, March 23rd;

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

Friday, March 24

5:15 p.m.—Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 26th:

Yr. 2 Confirmation—School

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Joyce Ellen Benedict
 Marlene Semesky
 Angie Barbito



MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of March 19-25, 2023 have been donated in memory of Casimir Kujawski—his family.



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.

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WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023:

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:13a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or -Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14-17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10:25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a-8b, -9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk-1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Friday:

Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

St. Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection:

Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts?

Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Today, we arrive at the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, often-times referred to as **Laetare Sunday** or **Rejoice Sunday**. We are at the mid-point of Lent 2023, which might be a good time to give ourselves a mid-Lenten checkup. We might ask ourselves the following:

How faithful have I been to the Lenten spirit of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving?

Have I taken the time, or made the time to watch and pray this Lent?

*Have I taken advantage of the many opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent? Sunday and daily Mass, scripture reading, reading the daily reflections offered through **The Little Black Book for Lent**, as well as **The Word Among Us**; clearing my hectic schedule, allowing me to spend more quiet time with the Lord?*

How has the season of Lent helped me to grow in greater awareness of God's special love for me?

For those looking for creative activities for these Lenten days, I recently came across the following, entitled **"Twenty Ideas to fill the days of Lent and the Beginning of the Easter Season."**

1. *Attempt a more intentional prayer life—start a habit in the morning and evening. Also embrace periods of silence during the day.*
2. *Reading a book on Christian spirituality, one that will enrich our spiritual journey. Also, consider keeping a journal during Lent to reflect on your spiritual highs and lows.*
3. *Attend a daily Mass.*
4. *Pray the rosary.*
5. *Make a point of celebrating the Sacrament of Penance during the Lenten season.*
6. *In abstaining from meat on the Fridays of Lent, don't substitute it with lobster. Make fasting something that is truly sacrificial.*
7. *Resolve to stop engaging in rumors, gossip, and negative chatter that devalues others.*
8. *Begin and end each week with an e-mail or personal hand-written note thanking someone for all that they do.*
9. *Be sure to say grace at any restaurant you frequent (and don't dodge making the Sign of the Cross either!)*
- 10: *Reconcile with someone you have hurt or aren't speaking to.*
11. *Invite someone who has been away from the church to attend Mass with you.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	March 20—St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mar
6:45 A.M.	Stephen and Gloria Costello—their children
Tuesday:	March 21—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Deceased of the Mills family—family
Wednesday:	March 22—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	All souls in purgatory
Thursday:	March 23—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Joan Fussnecker—Nancy Kosalek
Friday:	March 24—Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Rosetta DeVaney—Mary Ann Keyser
Saturday:	March 25—Annunciation of the Lord
5:00 P.M.	Teri Guardi—Bob
Sunday:	March 26—Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30 A.M.	Mike D'Aloisio—Woodworth family
10:30 A.M.	For an end to divisiveness

Pastor's perspective continued:

12. *Make a gift to a charitable cause as part of your Lenten almsgiving. Make it a sacrificial gift, not from what's "left-over."*
13. *Thank a member of your parish staff for their dedication and witness to the Gospel. Invite them out for coffee or a meal.*
14. *Visit someone who's alone.*
15. *Reflect on the most pressing challenges confronting our Church and pray for a spirit-filled response.*
16. *Pray the Stations of the Cross.*
17. *Find out if there is a person participating in your parish's RCIA program and send a note of encouragement.*
18. *Discover the ways your local church is ministering to the poor and see how and where you can help.*
19. *Attend your parish's Holy Week Services.*
20. *Invite someone you know who will be alone for Easter dinner.*

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

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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL FUND-RAISER EVENT:

Beat the winter blues and join St. Mary Our Mother School families at the Corning Radisson for the 2023 Gala—Flappers & Fellas on Saturday, April 29th. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$50 each or a pair for \$90 and includes admission, Silent Auctions, cash bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live music provided by the band, Nik Lite.

Tickets for the 2023 Gala may be purchased in the main office of the school between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased with cash or check. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

Also, back by popular demand, our student artists have been busy creating items for the St. Mary Our Mother School Art Auction! All exhibits will be displayed at the Gala and available for purchase.

Unable to attend and still want to support the event? Consider becoming a Sponsor! Sponsor levels directly support the school and are available in the school office.

TWIN TIERS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPTIONS

Join us for a panel discussion with representatives from local K-12 Christian school and homeschool organizations to learn about their mission, programs and more. The date is Tuesday, March 28, @ 7:p.m. at the American Legion in Corning, NY It is free and open to the public.

RSVP at [HTTPS://CETT.EVENTBRITE.COM.](https://cett.eventbrite.com), by March 26th.



WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH CRS RICE BOWL: *Sharing Success*

Turkana, Kenya is very hot and dry. Temperatures reach the mid-90s year-round. Most people in this area raise livestock such as goats and camels, and a few are farmers. But the climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and her husband, Lotiang, have farmed and raised goats for years. They rely on rain and river water to irrigate their crops and feed their animals. But it is raining less and less in Turkana, and when it does rain it can be unpredictable and intense, leading to floods that wash away the seeds. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and a solar-powered pump and taught them new farming techniques. Now they can irrigate their fields regularly, take care of their goats and grow kale, which provides nutrition for the family and can be sold at the market for a high price. Rebecca, grateful that her family can eat healthy food every day and they save money to send the children to school, is sharing what she learned with her neighbors.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:

This weekend, March 18th/19th, our parish will join with Catholic parishes across the country to take up the annual Catholic Relief Services collection.

This special national collection helps support the U.S. Catholic community's *international social ministry* carried out in our name by six national Catholic agencies, including Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Migration and Refugee Services, United States Bishops Justice, Peace and Human Development Ministry and the Holy Father's Relief Fund. These agencies touch the lives of more than 100 million sisters and brothers all over the world annually...giving hope to refugees, immigrants, the impoverished, victims of war and natural disasters. Thank you for your generous support.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of His sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in

peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help;. Many human beings are living with severe cat-aracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

**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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