



# ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

## *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

February 25, 2024



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3



**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Tuesday, February 27**

3:45 - Faith Formation Classes - school

**Thursday, February 29**

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

**Friday, March 1**

1:30 Stations of the Cross with St. Mary Our Mother school (when school is in session)

5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Chapel

**Saturday, March 2**

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance - church

**MEMORIALS:**

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental wine for the week of February 25 - March 2 have been donated in loving memory of Jean and Joe Sawester by Joan and Barry Sawester.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Tina Weed

**PRAYER PLAQUE FOR THE SICK:**

The prayer plaque listing the names of persons who have asked for our prayers is posted across from the bulletin board.

If you wish to be listed or know of someone who has asked for our prayers, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

The Gospel story of the Transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the One who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls His stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2024/2025 school year for grades pre-k3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$200 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



Our Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting this year's Valentines for Vets project. We had an amazing response and we sent 451 valentines to the veterans at the Bath VA Facility. We are very appreciative of the groups that made valentines! Thomas Edison High School Key Club, St. Mary Our Mother School and Faith Formation program, St. Mary Our Mother Social Ministry committee and friends, and individual parish families. The Committee is thankful for the support of so many students and adults in showing the veterans our appreciation for their service and sacrifice. **THANK YOU!**

**THE PANTRY BOWL COLLECTION RESULTS ARE IN!**

Our collection for the Horseheads Food Pantry from Super Bowl Sunday liturgies totaled \$738.75. This donation will make it possible for the pantry to purchase much needed grocery items when grocery donations fall short of providing for its clients, as well as allowing for the purchase of meat, dairy, and produce.

Most will agree that the Super Bowl was an exciting game with both teams playing well. The Kansas City Chiefs won again. But our Pantry Bowl was won by the fans of the San Francisco 49ers, who donated over twice as much as the fans of the Chiefs. Thank you, one and all, for your generosity and support.

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

One of the Lenten disciplines that we are invited to practice during the Lenten season is the discipline of fasting. While there is no mention of an author for the following article, I believe these words to be straight forward as we begin this second week of Lent.

**Lenten Prayer: Fast From, Feast On**

*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 up lift.*

*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.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>February 26, Lenten Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>February 27, Lenten Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>February 28, Lenten Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Intentions of 6:45 a.m. Mass family
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>February 29, Lenten Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Jim LeMark - his wife, Ann
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>March 1, Lenten Weekday:</b>
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
9:00 A.M.	Raymond Howard - Faculty and/Staff of St. Mary Our Mother School
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>March 2, Lenten Weekday</b>
5:00 P.M.	Bernie Matterazzo - Ann Gorman
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>March 3, Third Sunday of Lent</b>
8:30 A.M.	Genevieve Orlousky - Phil Ponzi
10:30 A.M.	Robert MacBlane - JoAnn Barbieri

***Pastor's perspective continued:***

While a good number of people in America have to take a serious look at our relationship with food, we need to be reminded that fasting and abstinence is not about a "diet" that helps us lose some excess weight so that we can be slimmer by Easter. It is not about fasting **from** something, but rather a fasting **for** something. Fasting and abstinence are about reducing our selfish pleasures and involvements, and turning to God and others as primary in our lives. A person can fast from food and drink, from surfing the internet, from relentlessly checking e-mail, texting, tweets and Facebook, from shopping to watching television, or from hundreds of other things that absorb us disproportionately to ourselves and take us away from others. As the above article mentions we "***fast from selfishness, and feast on service.***"

The Lenten season calls each of us to embrace the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Simply stated, prayer draws us deeper into God's vision of things; fasting empties us of our vision of things; and almsgiving turns us out of ourselves to the loving service of our neighbor in need, which is itself service to God. Lent 2024 is a wonderful opportunity for us to renew our efforts to living these three Lenten disciplines.

The **Lenten Prayer: Fast From, Feast On**, reminds me of the advice offered by St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians, (5:19-26) which speaks of the desires of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit. A recommended scripture passage you might further reflect upon.

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

Fr. L.



**OVERCOMING HUNGER:** In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately - due to the changing climate - the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's story of hope.

### ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL FUNDRAISER EVENT:

Beat the winter blues and join St. Mary Our Mother School families at the Corning Museum of Glass for the 2024 Gala "Saturday Night at the Disco" on Saturday, April 6th. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$50 each and include admission, silent auctions, cash bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a DJ serving up some of the grooviest tunes of the disco era.

Tickets for the 2024 Gala may be purchased in the main office of the school between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. during school hours. Tickets may be purchased with cash or check. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

Unable to attend and still want to support the event? Purchase a Big Money Raffle Ticket for \$100.00. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased in the school office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A total of 3 monetary prizes will be awarded. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win. For additional information, please contact the school office at 607-739-9157 or visit [www.SMOMS gala.com](http://www.SMOMS gala.com). All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD :

Children's Liturgy will begin Sunday, March 3rd during the 8:30 Mass. Volunteers are needed to make this successful. To volunteer to help, please contact Amanda at the faith formation office 607-739-8214 or email [amanda.reeves@dor.org](mailto:amanda.reeves@dor.org)



We have several children and adults who have spent many weeks preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church. The following candidates will join us at the table of the Lord for the first time at the Easter Vigil Mass:

Karrigan Nichols	Regan Callaio
Aubrianna Prunier	Abrem O'Brien
Liam Painter	Madeline Blide
Kiba Painter	

Please continue to pray and encourage them as they take the final steps in their preparation .

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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The Catholic Action Network (CAN), an arm of the New York State Catholic Conference, gives us all a voice in the halls of government. Through email and social media alerts, CAN reaches tens of thousands of Catholics across New York State to provide educational updates on the important issues being debated and to provide the tools to simplify the process of contacting our elected officials. At present, you will find information on Catholic community efforts to stop the legalization of physician assisted suicide and state aid to Catholic schools. Please consider signing up for the Catholic Action Network: [nyscatholic.org/action-center/](http://nyscatholic.org/action-center/).

**EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON:** Sponsored by Catholic Charities - Chemung & Schuyler.

This Event is scheduled for: **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Notre Dame High School.** All proceeds from this annual event will benefit the **Elmira Community Kitchen.** Advance tickets required. Tickets can be purchased at [www.catholiccharitiescs.org](http://www.catholiccharitiescs.org).

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL****“CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB”**

St. Mary's Church, Elmira

Presented by Rev. Fr. Robert Kennedy

**Monday, March 4th , 6:30 pm, Eucharistic Presence:** Consider how the triune God and God's beloved people make themselves truly present to each other.

**Tuesday, March 5th , 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm - Eucharistic Sacrifice.** Reflect on how the sacrifice of Christ and our "acceptable" sacrifices are joined at the enter of the Eucharistic action.

**Wednesday, March 6th., 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm - Eucharistic Living.** Moving in solidarity with Christ from the Table to the world, we are called to eventually move outside the Eucharistic Liturgy into the realities of Human Life.

**FILL YOUR SOUL DAY - March 5th**

Practicing Lent One Day at a Time" with the Not So Typical Church Ladies (Ann Gallagher, Karen Luke and Vicky Wejko)

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