



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
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March 17, 2024



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Tuesday, March 19**

3:45 - Faith Formation classes - school

Thursday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 23

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

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of March 17 - 23 have been donated in loving memory of LCP Michael Sawester and June Sawester by Joan and Barry Sawester.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Would you like to offer a Mass Intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for living or deceased person, or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intention(s). Please call the parish office at 739-3817.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Laverne Clark
David Vinish

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:**

During Lent, the regulation for fasting and abstinence are:

All Fridays of Lent are days of fasting. All persons who are fourteen years of age or older are bound by the law of abstinence.

All persons between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive, are bound by the law of fasting.

Catholics are especially encouraged to perform acts of penance during the season of Lent.

Abstinence - to refrain from eating meat at all meals that day.

Fasting - only one full meal, the other two meals small enough that together they do not equal one full meal.

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continues through to Holy Thursday. Good Friday has its own rule of fast and abstinence.

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL
FUND RAISER 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. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event that draws all of creation toward God. When we take part in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, traditionally we say, "Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world." That means all of creation.

As good stewards, we are called to attest to the glory of God in all He has created. Everywhere we look we can see evidence of His handiwork and have the opportunity to reflect on how He has created the world for our benefit. Seeing all of creation as redeemed because of the dying and rising of Christ helps us with this reflection. Truly, all things are made new.

With only two weeks left in Lent, we still have a chance to echo the words of this Sunday's Psalm, "Create a clean heart in me, O God." Perhaps we are unable to see the glory of God in creation because of our own sin. We need to repent and return to God, and then we can see with new eyes. Make this Easter a time for real, meaningful celebration as all of creation sings to the Lord.

PASTER'S PERSPECTIVE:

One of the monthly themes that was brought to my attention recently is that the month of March is **Women's History Awareness Month**. That theme caused me to remember the women from the United States whom the Church has declared saints. Do you know who was the first to be canonized a saint, or the first American born saint? There are eight women who are canonized saints, who were citizens of the United States, or who worked in our country. These are listed as they appear on the calendar:

January 4--Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821). A wife, a mother of five, founder of the Sisters of Charity in the United States. She laid the foundation for the Catholic school system, opened orphanages, and cared for the poor. She is the First U.S. born saint.

January 23--Marianne Cope (1838-1918). A sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, who was active in establishing St. Joseph Hospital, and for 35 years cared for the lepers on Moloka Island.

March 3--Katherine Drexel (1858-1955). Katherine was a Philadelphia heiress who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament dedicated to the education of Black and Native American children, and established Xavier University in New Orleans. She was a powerful advocate for justice for the poor and oppressed.

July 14-- Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680). A Native American who was orphaned at age 4, disabled by small pox, baptized at 20. She was mocked and persecuted for her disabilities and her Christian faith among her own people. She lived an exemplary life of prayer and holiness with perseverance and charity.

October 3--Theodora Guerin (1798-1856). She came from France to the United States at the request of the Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana and founded the Sister of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods. She established schools, orphanages, and even a pharmacy. She resisted repeatedly the Bishop's attempts to control the rules and ministry of her Order, eventually locking her in her room and excommunicated her. All was resolved when Rome asked for and received the Bishop's resignation.

October 6--Marie Rose Durocher (1811-1849). She came to this country from Canada and founded the American branch of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, and was an educator of poor orphaned children, especially girls.

November 13--Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) She came to America to minister to Italian immigrants, and founded 67 schools and other charities in New York, Chicago, and South America. She was the first citizen of this country to be canonized.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	March 18, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Tuesday:	March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Mary
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Wednesday:	March 20, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Special Intention of Mary Ann Shilanski - Ann Gresock
Thursday:	March 21, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Friday:	March 22, Lenten Weekday:
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Saturday:	March 23, Lenten Weekday
5:00 P.M.	Ann Mallare - Lapitan Family
Sunday:	March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:30 A.M.	Teri Guardi - Bob
10:30 A.M.	Nancy McCarthy - Bernadette & Dan Collins

Pastor's Perspective continued:

November 18 - Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1850). She was born in France, and upon arriving in New Orleans, founded the U.S. chapter of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, founding schools and orphanages along the Mississippi River for Native American children.

All of these women's lives spoke eloquently of how one's faith can bring vitality to our diverse nation.

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

Fr. L.

**EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SPRING RETREATS AND EVENTS:

March 18: Lenten Changemaker Series:

Free evenings supper and one hour presentation. (5:30 p.m. Supper and 6:30 p.m. presentation). "Ethical Purchasing" with Grace Adams, Catholic Ethical Purchasing Alliance

April 5-6: Solar Eclipse Retreat - Options of Friday only/ Friday-Saturday/Saturday only.
"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (Michelle Franci)

April 12-14 and May 3-5: "Just as you Are" - Women's Weekend Retreat- encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

April 16th: Fill Your Soul Days:

9 a.m. - 3 p.m., includes lunch and retreat, fee-\$35.00

April 16th: "Light and Life: The Easter Workings of God". (Fr. Robert Kennedy)

For more information contact Notre Dame Retreat House at 585-394-5700.



You Are Cordially Invited

*To a Mass of Recognition
of the
Sacrament of Matrimony.*

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of
Rochester and couples celebrating anniversaries of
Matrimony

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 11:15 a.m.

Sacred Heart Cathedral

296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY, 14615

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by registering at <https://shorturl.at/rEGL3>, or emailing donald.smith@dor.org. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above,) to be included, please send an email, or letter with the following information: your names, Church, town where you were married, wedding date/year, and wedding photo (optional) to: CatholicCourier.com or mail to, Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, PO Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379 Submissions are due by April 30.



FAITH FORMATION
A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place every Sunday during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. It will not take place on Easter Sunday. Volunteers are needed. Email amanda.reeves@dor.org or call 607-739-8214.

The next Home Study meeting will be Sunday, April 14th following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, in O'Brien Hall. This will be our last Home Study meeting before our Faith Formation Celebration in May.

The last RCIC meeting will be held on Sunday, March 24th following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This meeting will include preparation for the Easter Vigil Mass.

Our First Holy Communion Retreat Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th, at 2:45 p.m. in the Church, ending with 5:00 Mass

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Richard F. Kajiru, In Residence
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REGIONAL/DIOCESAN EVENTS:

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Catholic Charities is seeking a mission-centered, strategic and results-oriented individual to serve as Executive Director of our agency serving Steuben and Livingston counties. More details can be found at: <https://ccdor.org/join-our-team/>.

On the lighter side:



What do you call a priest that becomes a lawyer?

(A Father in law)

What do you call a Catholic toaster strudel?

(A pope tart)

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES:

6:45 a.m. - Monday through Wednesday

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer-Chapel

7:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29:

Day of Fast and Abstinence

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY:

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - Chapel

9:30 a.m. - Easter Vigil RCIA rehearsal - Church

No Sacrament of Penance today

7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31:

8:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy

10:30 a.m. - Easter Liturgy

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