



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 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!” - Mk 11:9

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 26

3:45 - Faith Formation classes - school



The palm branches for this Palm Sunday have been donated in loving memory of Florence and Al Edwards by their family.

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.

RICE BOWL UPDATE:

We appreciate the many parishioners, families, and students who participated the Rice Bowl program for their Lenten alms giving sacrifice. Rice bowls are still available in the table in the vestibule and on the table at the side door.

Please bring your Rice Bowls with your donation to church on Easter, if possible, or to church or the parish office as soon as possible afterward. Students who received their Rice Bowl through our Catholic School or Faith Formation Program should follow the directions of their teachers for the return of their Rice Bowls.

Feel free to convert the coins in your Rice Bowl to bills or a check for easier transport. Thank you once again for responding to the call to assist our brothers and sisters in need.

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, March 30:

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

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. 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.SMOMSgala.com. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

We begin our solemn observance of Holy Week today with the liturgy of **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**. We commemorate today Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of David, Jerusalem, with the carrying of palms and the singing of anthems. We hear the Gospel proclaimed with its focus being on the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, not only in history, but in our midst as well.

The liturgies of Holy Week are designed to invite us into the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. These liturgies should never be viewed as separate happenings, but one continuous celebration of the sacred mysteries.

Holy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Eucharist, with Jesus giving us the commandment that, as He has done for us, we are mandated to do for others. In loving service we commit ourselves once again to the Eucharist that we receive and that we are called to become. The washing of feet and the institution of the Eucharist are inseparably linked, revealing the heart of God in our midst. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper will be celebrated Holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

On Good **Friday**, we gather at **3:00 p.m.** to celebrate the **Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**. The red vestments worn this day serve as a reminder that deep love often requires the shedding of blood. This day's scriptures recall the role of the Suffering Servant of God, one who would suffer and offer his life for God's people. All sin and evil in the world is brought to the throne of the cross. Jesus pours out His life for the salvation of all people for all time. During the Good Friday liturgy, all are invited to come forth to venerate the Cross, acknowledging the fact that it is through the sacrifice of Jesus on the wood of the cross that we have been made free. Today's liturgy concludes with the reception of the Eucharist. We depart in silence, symbolically remembering Jesus being placed in the tomb, as we await the Spirit to raise Jesus back to life.

Holy Saturday is spent in quiet preparation and anticipation as the Lord rests in the tomb, awaiting the resurrection. The **Easter Vigil Liturgy** begins at **7:00 p.m.** **Holy Saturday** evening. This "mother of all vigils" witnesses the Lord's resurrection, with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of the Easter candle, as well as inspiring readings for scripture, recalling God's activity and work throughout human history. During the Easter Vigil liturgy, we will welcome those who have been preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We also have the opportunity to renew our own baptismal promises during the Vigil. If you have never participated in an Easter Vigil liturgy, I extend a warm welcome to you to join us. On **Easter Sunday**, we continue the same spirit of celebration and joy with our Lord's resurrection from the dead.

It was **St. Augustine** who defined us as an **Easter people**. But to fully experience the joys of Easter, we must walk through the sorrows and suffering of Holy

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: March 25, Monday of Holy Week
6:45 A.M. Our Faithfull Departed

Tuesday: March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week
6:45 A.M. Mary Amisano-Husband, Guy

Wednesday: March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week
6:45 A.M. Margaret Bellizia-family

Thursday: March 28, Holy Thursday
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:00 A.M. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Adoration until 9:30 p.m.

Friday: March 29, Good Friday
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
3:00 P.M. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday: March 30, Holy Saturday
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
9:30 A.M. RCIA rehearsal
5:00 P.M. **No Mass**
7:00 P.M. Easter Vigil-For the people of St. Mary Our Mother

Sunday: March 31, Easter Sunday
8:30 A.M. For the people of St. Mary Our Mother
10:30 A.M. For the people of St. Mary Our Mother

Pastor's perspective continued:

Week. I invite you to join us as we journey in faith through these sacred days. Bring your children to these liturgies with you. It is the events that we celebrate this week that renew us, that make us who and what we are, and helps us to live lives filled with the meaning and purpose that only Jesus can give.

Have a good Holy Week. I hope to see you often during Holy Week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

PALM SUNDAY: A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

This weekend we participated in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to His Father, in much emotional distress. He can save Himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make His way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to His Father and waits for His persecutors. As Saint Paul puts it in the second reading, Jesus is "obedient to the point of death." Jesus' obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will.



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.

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.

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 amandareeves@dor.org or call 607-739-8214.

PALM SUNDAY: HAPPY EASTER!

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children, and men who carry heavy crosses even today, crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How-like Simon of Cyrene-can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsrice-bowl.org/donate

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REGIONAL/DIOCESAN EVENTS:

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.orgjoin-our-team/.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SPRING RETREATS AND EVENTS:

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

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.

HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:

In the vestibule of our Church, there is a food cart to collect donations of food for those in need. The food goes to the Horseheads Food Pantry which is located in the Horseheads Presbyterian Church Annex. All donations dropped in the food cart in the vestibule of our church are donated to the Food Pantry.

This pantry began in 1982 and was originally located in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the Village of Horseheads. At present the pantry is supported by Community Wesleyan Church, First United Methodist, Horseheads Presbyterian, Pine Valley Methodist, St. Mary Our Mother Catholic, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and Our Savior Luthren Church. The pantry serves the families of the Horseheads School District, Elmira Heights, and outlying rural areas such as Erin, Breesport, and Montour Falls.

The Horseheads Food Pantry has two co-directors, Kathy McNulty and Tom Sekiu, who have been doing this for many years. Monetary donations can be brought or sent to the Food Pantry at Horseheads Methodist Church, Westinghouse Road, Horseheads.

If you encounter people in need, tell them about the Food Pantry. The pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursdays from noon to 2p.m.

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