

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

March 31, 2024



WEEKLY CALENDAR

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, April 1st in observance of Easter. The offices will reopen Tuesday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

Sacramental Wine and Eucharistic Hosts for the week of March 31 - April 6, 2024 have been donated in Thanksgiving for Jesus's Divine Mercy by Mary Ann O'Herron.

The Paschal Candle for this year of 2024 has 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.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Judy Buckley Robert Janowski

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



Today is Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion, and we wave our palm branches in a spirit of joy and triumph. In Biblical times, the palm tree was considered a "kindly" tree because of its lofty height and majestic appearance. The palm tree became a symbol of royalty and victory. Today, we begin to recall Jesus' victory over sin and death. The victory was through Jesus' suffering and death.

We call this week Holy Week...

The name, bestowed by our ancestors, should cause us to enter this week with reverence, embrace its demands with delight and celebrate its rites with all the care, devotion, and energy it deserves. To celebrate Holy Week is, after all, to celebrate who we have become through Christ's paschal mystery.

On Holy Thursday evening, we experience the washing of feet in tender humility. Jesus tells us that we must serve each other in such humble and intimate ways as foot washing. Through what works of charity and justice do we wash the feet of the poor? What humble and intimate service do we offer to each other?

From Good Friday sunset until Holy Saturday sunset is the Paschal Sabbath, the day of rest. In burial, Jesus rested and we rest in Him. We keep watch, learning the lessons of restfulness, silence and darkness. In the quiet of our heart this day, we need to reflect upon the Cross of Christ. We are invited to be reconciled beneath the Cross.

Holy Saturday evening, we come together to keep the Night Watch of the Resurrection of the Lord. On this night, we witness resurrection. Life puts death to death. On this night, we witness resurrection in our midst as we welcome the Elect into full Communion at the Table of the Lord.

We invite you to join us in worship at all our Holy Week liturgies.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Jesus Christ has risen today! For those good stewards of their faith who die with Jesus, they rise with Christ their savior every day. They are an Easter people. Our Savior is active, alive, and transforming us and our communities of faith, even the world, at this very moment. Easter is a time of joy, a time of celebration. To have faith in the risen Lord is also to believe that we are disciples who bear witness to Christ in a broken and troubled world. To be good stewards of this faith obliges us to be living witnesses to Christ's peace at home and in public. Jesus cannot be found buried in some long forgotten time, in some far away land. He is risen. He lives within each one of us. ALLELUIA!

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:



HAPPY EASTER! We are delighted to have you joining us this Easter weekend! If you are a long standing parishioner, new to the church, visiting our area, or if it has been a long time since you have attended, we welcome you. On behalf of the staff of our parish and school, we hope you feel welcome and "at home" at St. Mary Our Mother!

There is no day to compare with Easter Sunday. It stands out from the conflicts and turmoil of our world; it lifts our minds and hearts with a joy and love so complete that it conquers death. Early that first Easter morning, a mighty act of God took place, Christ rose from the dead, changing the past and shaping the future. Nothing can be the same again. This makes Easter the primary day of the entire Church year. Everything that we believe as Christians stems from the Easter event. Easter reminds us that there is a way out of darkness, transformation is possible, and change can take place in our lives.

Easter reminds us that death is not the final answer or the end of us. We are meant for more than the present and are not anchored to this world. Human life is not limited to the cycle of birth to death. Easter is the answer to the tears that are shed at the graves of our loved ones as it reminds us that we have a future greater than the one we believe in, provided we open our hearts to the grace that the resurrected Jesus won for us. Christ has shared the gift of life with us, and His resurrection from the dead points to the resurrection of all people.

The Easter event is the turning point inviting us to live an entirely new way that goes beyond the limits of this world. Each of us is challenged to become part of a new creation, inspired by the life of God given to each of us at baptism. Life depends on a person's perspective. At times, life can seem like a series of Good Fridays, an empty tomb, full of bitterness and confusion. There are also times when life is full of joy, hope, and endless possibilities. The challenge facing each of us is to appreciate God and to see God's plan in the events that surround our lives. This can be done if we remain faithful to our baptismal promises, and are aware of God's grace and presence in our lives.

The gospel for Easter tells us that the stone at the entrance to Christ's tomb has been rolled away. The question that is before each of us is, have I risen to the new life of Christ, or are the stones of one kind or another still weighing me down and keeping me imprisoned: difficult relationships, disappointments, sorrows, losses, reflections, and so on?

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	April 1 - Monday within the Octave of	
·	Easter	
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed	
Tuesday:	April 2 - Tuesday within the Octave of	
·	Easter	
6:45 A.M.	Deceased members of the Mills family -	
	family	
Wednesday:	April 3 - Wednesday within the Octave	
•	of Easter	
6:45 A.M.	Teri Guardi - Bob	
Thursday:	April 4 - Thursday within the Octave of	
-	Easter	
6:45 A.M.	Special Intentions	
Friday:	April 5 - Friday within the Octave of	
·	Easter	
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed	
9:00 A.M.		
	St. Mary Our Mother	
Saturday:	April 6 - Saturday within the Octave of	
•	Easter	
5:00 P.M.	Jeannette Berretta - Joyce & Dick	
Sunday:	April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter	
8:30 A.M.	Dick Sullivan-his wife, Caral and family	
10:30 A.M.	Joseph & Mary McCarthy Sabatura	

Pastor's perspective continued:

The good news of Easter is that the boulders, stones, and restraints that weigh on us have been rolled away by the power of Jesus' resurrection. The tomb of Christ is empty; Jesus lives; and as people who share His life, we live as well.

The alleluias we sing today and throughout the fifty days of Easter are acclamations of great gladness and joy that Jesus is risen, and the hope of resurrection as well. The joy and enthusiasm of Easter cannot be limited to a single day thus the reason we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday for fifty days!

Our entire staff joins me in wishing you and your family a Blessed and Happy Easter! Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L





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 buy April 30.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION:

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

Together with CRS Rice Bowl we have changed lives this Lent. CRS Rice Bowl THANKS YOU for being a part of their effort!

Please bring your Rice Bowls with your donation to church or the parish office as soon as possible. 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. Venerable

Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a cardinal from Huế, Vietnam. Imprisoned for his faith for 13 years, nine of which were in solitary confinement, he never stopped preaching, even from scraps of prison paper. Once released, he continued to serve the Church until his death.



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EASTER LILIES, 2024

In loving memory of Ethel & Charles Clark - The Clemens family

In loving memory of deceased family members - Ginny Pansero

In loving memory of Mom & Dad, Teresa & Al Mallette -Linda Gardner & family

In loving memory of daughter, Katie Gardner-Thomason -Linda Gardner

In loving memory of deceased family members - Linda Gardner & family

In loving memory of my parents, Shirley & Vincent Mitchell - Kathy Geary

In loving memory of my angel Mitchell-Kathy Geary

In loving memory of Daniel Woodard - his wife, Peggy

In memory of John Kordyl - wife, Evie & family

In memory of Mary & Warren Woodard - daughter, Evelyn & family

In memory of Mamie Woodard - sister, Evelyn & family In loving memory of my wife, Ann - Phil Ponzi

In loving memory of Richard Wing - his wife, Judy

In loving memory of George & Johanna Fyffe - Pam & Steve Strollo

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In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - his wife, Deloris

In memory of Stanley John Frederick - Deloris Sherwood In memory of Herbert Pallesen - Deloris Sherwood

In loving memory of Laura Merritt - Douglas & Kiba Painter

In thanksgiving on our 46th wedding anniversary - Bill & Bobbie Conz

In memory of Dad, Robert Mix & sister, Mary Lou Havens - Joanne Belloma, Barb Mix & Kathy Morehouse

In memory of Adriana Lalor - Annie Brink

In loving memory of Richard Margeson - his wife, Roxann In thanksgiving - Hanne & Jeff O'Donnel

In memory of the Frawley family - Bill & Bobbie Conz

In memory of the Conz family - Bill & Bobbie Conz

In memory of John & Jean Brazell - Judy & David Hambruch

In memory of Bob & Natalie Hambruch - Judy & David Hambruch

In memory of Robert & Rilla Jenkins - Marybeth & Ed Gronski

In memory of Robert J. Jenkins - Marybeth & Ed. Gronski In memory of Genevieve & Stephen Gronski, Sr. -

Marybeth & Ed Gronski

In loving memory of Ann Kozlowski & David Kozlowski -Ted Kozlowski

In memory of Phillip, Elise & Leslie Amisano-Rich & Maryann Amisano

In loving memory of Bob VanBurger - Barbara VanBurger In loving memory of my wife, Sue-Fran Beering

In loving memory of Christine, Rosemary and Mathias

Beering - Fran Beering Beering In memory of Angeline, Arthur & James Nennie - Fran Beering In memory of Andy & Dawn - Dorothy Andrewlavage In memory of Ann - Jim Young In memory of Laura Merritt - Jacqueline Alsworth In memory of Raymond Sherwood - the Alsworth family In memory of Alberto, KP Lee - Peter Park In memory of Robert Howland, Jr.- Mary Lou Howland In memory of the deceased Amisano family - Adele Lanahan In thanksgiving for many blessings - Bill & Patti Rosettie In memory of Richard Doughty - his wife, Anne In memory of deceased Knights of Columbus members of Council #6158 - Dale Stanton Happy Easter, God, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Mom & Dad & the Holy Spirit - Suann Maio In memory of Helen & Raymond Hower - their daughters In memory of Robert Mix and Mary Lou Mix Havens -Dolores Mix In memory of Almeda & William Mix - from their granddaughters In loving memory of Gary Brouse, his wife, Ann In loving memory of J. Thomas Rossettie - Theresa Rossettie In memory of the Hervol family - Mary Lou McCullough For the Stevens & Burger families - Susan Lemak In memory of Paul Wyak - Nanette Wyak In memory of family & friends - Mary & Bob Kuhnel In memory of deceased Kosty & Ruocco family members -Bob & Marianne Kosty In memory of Kitty Rajnik-Bob & Marianne Kosty In memory of Jackie Zeigler -Bob and Marianne Kosty In memory of Brent Rodabaugh - Amy Rodabaugh In memory of our parents - Mike & Anita Hesser For family health - George & Franca Lazzaris In memory of Henrikas & Aldona Bankaitis - Ellen & Jonas Bankaitis In memory of Donald & Dolores Roshetko - Ellen & Jonas Bankaitis In memory of Danute Bankaitis-Davis - Ellen & Jonas Bankaitis In memory of deceased family members - Vinnie & Beth Azzarelli In memory of deceased family members - Irene Jarvis & family In loving memory of Jim Mosher - his wife, Joan In loving memory of my wife, Beth - David Mosher In memory of Isaac Tenenbaum - Rich & Cindy Annunziata In memory of our parents - Rich & Cindy Annunziata In loving memory of Dick Sullivan - his wife, Carol & family In memory of deceased members of the Bistran family -Tom & Mary Sweet In memory of deceased members of the Sweet family -Tom & Mary Sweet In memory of Herb Pallesen - The Alsworth family In loving memory of Judi Lynch - Dave & Julie Lynch-Raymond & sons

In Íoving memory of Judi Lynch - Mike & Karla Lynch In loving memory of Judi Lynch - Brian & Deb Lynch & family

EASTER LILIES, 2024 CONTINUED

In loving memory of Judi Lynch - Darby & Quay Thompson & family

In memory of Ruhmel & Narde families - Chuck & Joan Ruhmel

In loving memory of my wife, Judi - Ben Lynch

In loving memory of beloved Jeannette Berretta - Chris Lloyd

In loving memory of Christine, William and Tom Jansen - the Jansen family

In loving memory of Mom & Dad, Anne and Jim Cronin - their family





CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

We are still looking for volunteers willing to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. If you are being called to serve our parish in this way, please reach out to the Faith Formation office by calling 607-739-8214, or emailing amanda.reeves@dor.org

Year 2 Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for April 6th from 12:00 to 5:00 ending with Mass, in the church.

First Holy Communion Retreat: Saturday, April 13th beginning at 2:45 in the church and will conclude with 5:00 Mass together.

Home Study: The next meeting is scheduled for April 14th after the 8:30 Mass in O'Brien Hall.



What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene. I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes - but what else? Kiss His hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon His skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to Him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers -she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find Him, but He will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." - John 20:2.



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- 3 What kind of crown did the Romans give Jesus? Find your answer in John 19:1
- 4 What was written on the cross above Jesus' head Find the answer in John 19:19
- 5 What were Jesus' last words before he died? Find your answer in Mark 15:37

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ON LIGHTER SIDE	
Creation is a thing too: God is talking to one of His ingels. He says, "Do you know what I have just done? have just created 24 hours of alternating light and larkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel says, 'yes but what will you do now?" God says, "I think I will call it a day!."	PUZZLE Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares: The Scriptures said Jesus S would rise to life.
EASTER TRIVIA: Who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver? Find the answer in your bible - Matt. 26 15	
What was the name of a secret disciple of Jesus? Find the answer in John 3:1-6	
What kind of crown did the Romans give Jesus? Find your answer in John 19:1	
What was written on the cross above Jesus' head? Find the answer in John 19:19	
What were Jesus' last words before he died? Find your answer in Mark 15:37	Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at
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