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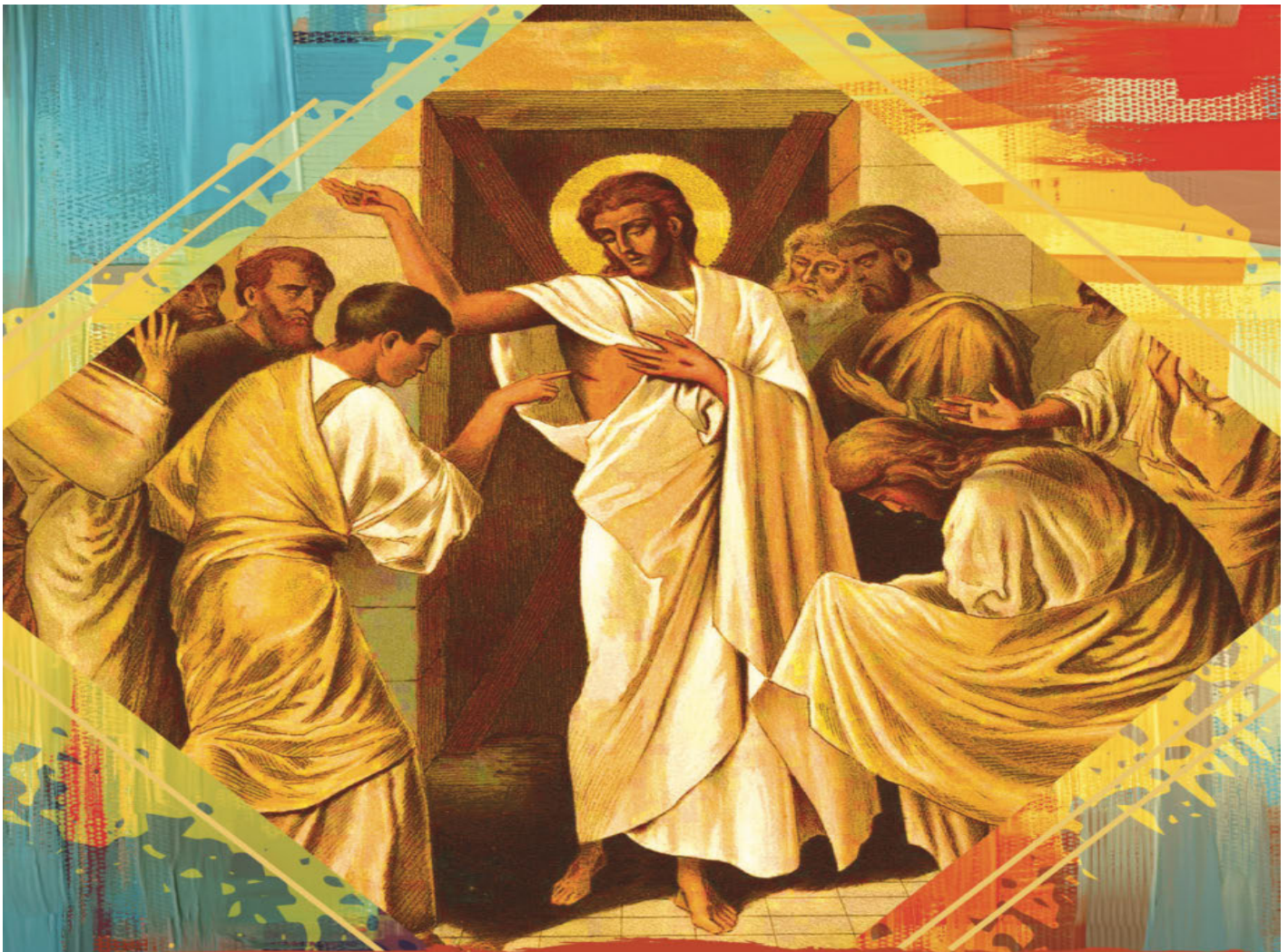
MISSION STATEMENT

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

April 7, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 9,

3:45 Faith Formation classes - school

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

April Augustine
Helene Rickard

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts have been donated for the intention of Michael Langan by Pat Madison.

WRITTEN IN THE WOUNDS

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him. Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts. Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or He is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply. Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before Him and say, "Here is where the world hurt Me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to His hands, His feet, His side. "Here, and here, and here," He can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

BULLETIN EDUCATION:

OPPOSE PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE:

Call to Action from New York State Catholic Conference: Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide.

Our Catholic faith calls us to uphold the dignity and value of human life from conception through natural death. The NYS Legislature is considering a bill (A995/S2445-A) that would allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending a patient's life. Legalizing doctor-assisted suicide would undermine the doctor's role as healer and allow the deliberate and direct act of making the patient dead. The New York State Catholic Conference opposes this bill for many reasons, and reminds us that the current euthanasia scandal in Canada provides an example of how slippery this slope can be. What began in Canada as a limited program for those with irreversible, terminal, painful illness has morphed into legalization for those without terminal illness but with "intolerable conditions and there are plans to expand it further to the mentally ill and even to "mature minors". Assisted suicide has been discussed as a solution to homelessness, for veterans suffering with PTSD, for those who need extra help to live independently, and has been written about as a way to gain costs savings for the healthcare industry.

Our Catholic faith calls us to uphold the dignity and value of human life from conception through natural death. The bill being considered has fatal flaws. It does not require screening, testing, or treatment for clinical depression. It contains absolutely no safeguards against coercion. It contains no residency requirements, opening the door to out of state visitors obtaining deadly drugs. It requires a physician to list the underlying illness and not the lethal drugs as cause of death, making it impossible to know how widely this form of suicide is being practiced. The New York State Catholic Conference opposes this bill for many reasons. **Let us join them in opposing this legislation** and urge NYS to improve access to palliative care and hospice, improve training of doctors in pain management and the diagnosis/treatment of depression. Please call the office of our NYS Senator Thomas O'Mara (607-735-9671) and your Assemblyman (either) Christopher Friend (607-562-3602) or Phillip Palmesano (607-776-9691). Or message: **"I strongly oppose physician assisted suicide and ask you to oppose any legislation that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in NYS. Please improve access to palliative care, hospice care, the training of doctors in pain management and diagnosis/treatment of depression"**.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

It is my hope that you and your family enjoyed a very Blessed and Happy Easter! I was edified of the many people who joined us for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Hopefully this is a positive sign of people feeling more comfortable in social and in-church gatherings.

A popular devotion of many people during the season of Lent is the praying of the **Stations of the Cross**, a prayer that invites us to focus on the way of the Cross, on the last hours of Jesus prior to His crucifixion and death. The following is a reflection on the Stations of the Cross authored by **Father Peter Cameron, O.P.**, which uses the format of the Stations of the Cross to reflect on the **Resurrection and Mercy of God**. Since this is the **Second Sunday of Easter**, sometimes referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday, I thought today would be a good time to offer these to you. I believe you will find these reflections quite insightful.

First Station: *Jesus rises from the Dead.* *At Your rising the peace, the forgiveness, the display of Your wounds are healing and mercy for me.*

Second Station: *The Disciples find the Empty Tomb.* *The emptiness inside of me is a crushing sore. The mercy of Your empty tomb frees me and fills me.*

Third Station: *Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala.* *To a frantic Mary who wants to carry away Your body, You appear in risen mercy to carry her away.*

Fourth Station: *Jesus walks with the disciples to Emmaus.* *To the two discouraged disciples, Your mercy appears as a sudden accompaniment. Walk with me!*

Fifth Station: *Jesus reveals Himself to the Breaking of the Bread.* *All that our heart craves abides in the Last Supper bread breaking. Break through my forgetfulness!*

Sixth Station: *Jesus appears to the Disciples.* *You appear in Your humanity: eating, consoling, ridding fear. By Your mercy, help me to be more human.*

Seventh Station: *Jesus confers on His Disciples the Power of Forgiving Sins.* *You give not the ability to live without sinning, but the power to forgive sin—the greatest mercy!*

Eighth Station: *Jesus Confirms Thomas in Faith.* *In Your mercy, doubt will not gain the upper hand. Touching the wound in Your hand reclaims us.*

Ninth Station: *Jesus appears to His Disciples on the Shore of Lake Galilee.* *When we are adrift and dispirited, You come as a surprise, cooking us breakfast, calling us "children."*

Tenth Station: *Jesus Confirms Primary of Peter.* *The unity the Church needs-you provide in the Successor of Peter, its visible source and foundation.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: **April 8, The Annunciation of The Lord**
6:45 A.M. Special intention of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

Tuesday: **April 9, Easter Weekday**
6:45 A.M. Howard Coddington-his family

Wednesday: **April 10, Easter Weekday**
6:45 A.M. Doris Dickinson-daughter, Jan Graves

Thursday: **April 11, St. Stanislaus, Bishop/Martyr**
6:45 A.M. Our Faithful Departed

Friday: **April 12, Easter Weekday**
6:45 A.M. Debra Narde- Ann Gresock

Saturday: **April 13, Easter Weekday**
5:00 P.M. Donna Berry-Morris family

Sunday: **April 14, Second Sunday of Easter**
8:30 A.M. Teresa Dobek - her family
10:30 A.M. r Frank Navone- wife, Mary

Pastor's perspective continued:

Eleventh Station: *Jesus entrusts His Disciples with the Universal Mission.* *I believe because of Christian witnesses who shared their faith. Make me a missionary of mercy!*

Twelfth Station: *Jesus ascends into heaven.* *You ascend in Your humanity to heaven to give us access to the Father's house and to God's life.*

Thirteenth Station: *Mary and the Disciples await the Holy Spirit's Pentecost.* *Thank You for the gift of the One who reminds us of all You said and who forms us in the life of prayer.*

Fourteenth Station: *Jesus sends the Spirit promised by the Father to His disciples.* *Lost though we are in a state of deformity, the Holy Spirit restores our original beauty and fills us with grace.*

Have a great week and continue to enjoy these Easter days. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

F. L.

RICE BOWL RETURN:

We appreciate the many parishioners, families, and students who have chosen to participate in the Rice Bowl program for their Lenten almsgiving sacrifice. Please bring your rice bowls with your donation to Church or the parish office as soon as possible.

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.



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.

John 20:28

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NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SPRING RETREATS AND EVENTS:

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.

St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. He went on to be an influential archbishop and hymnist in Crete. His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is chanted during Lent in Eastern Orthodox churches.



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The Wounded Healers meeting will be offered this week on Tuesday, April 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads. You may wish to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a momento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful to not dogmatize. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight and normalization from each other. You may share or you may just listen. We encourage you to be sensitive to your own needs. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping.."

CORRECTION TO THE FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION POSTED LAST WEEK:

The food pantry is located at the Horseheads Presbyterian Church ---not the Methodist Church. The updated hours of operation are 11 a.m - 2 p.m.

HORSEHEADS NIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Horseheads Council #6158 of the Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting tomorrow (April 8th) at the Green Derby restaurant on Second Street in Elmira at 6:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Please call 607-742-2242 with any questions.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

What is a mathematician's favorite book of the Bible?

How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman?

Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?



Answers:

- 1. Numbers, 2. By his net income 3. Moses, he broke all 10 commandments at once.

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