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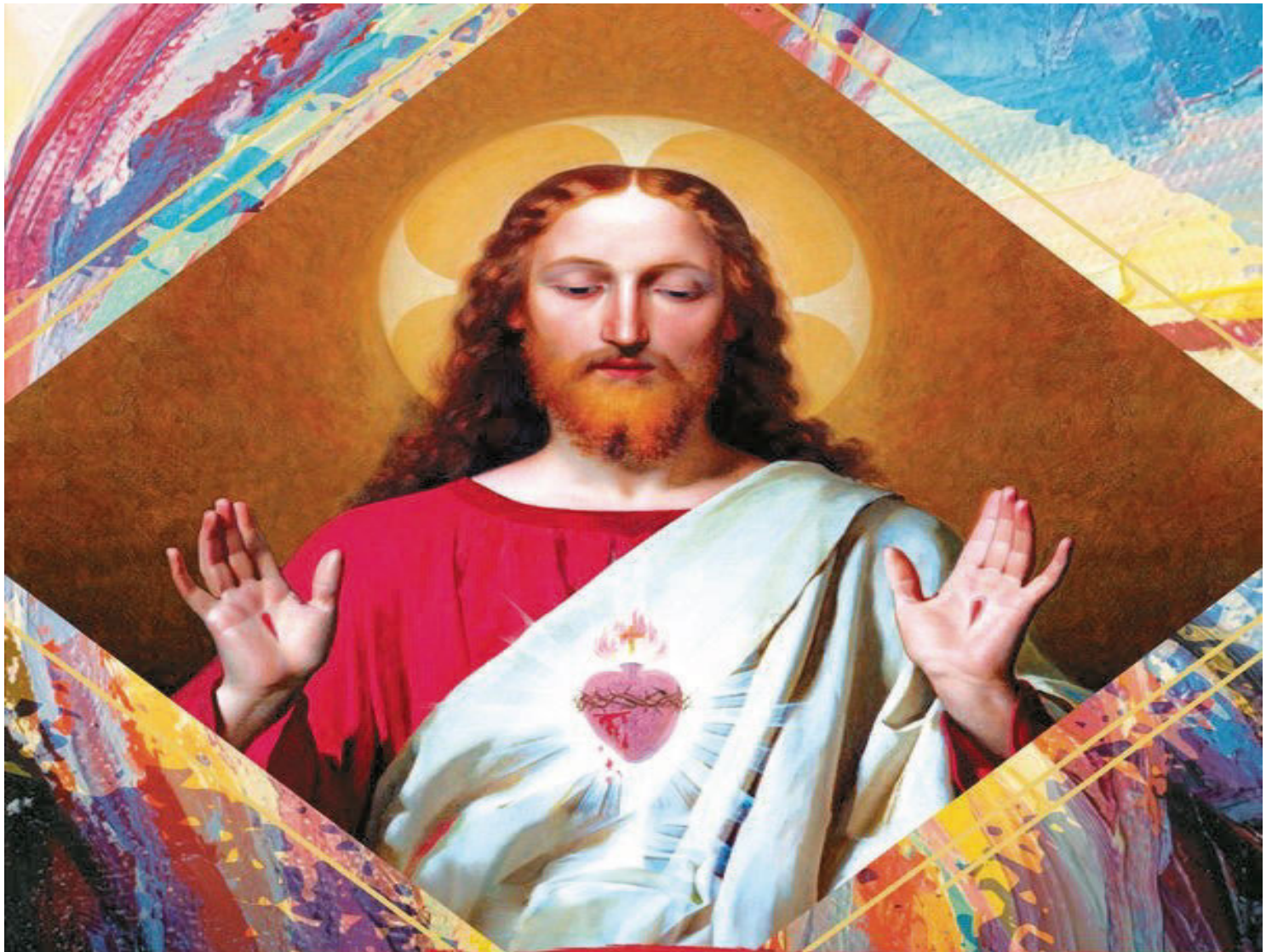
MISSION STATEMENT

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 14, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 16,
3:45 p.m.- Faith Formation classes - school

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads and the Icon candle for the week of April 14 - 20, 2024 have been donated in memory of Donna Berry by the Morris family.

Sacramental Wine and the sanctuary candle for the week of April 14 - 20th have been donated in loving memory of Jean Ciprich by her family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- Rev. Thomas Burr
- Robert Janowski
- Andrea Karabaich
- Eugene Kozemko
- Lynda Seeley

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024:

Weekly Contributions \$ 9,093.69

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024:

Weekly Contributions.....\$18,859.42
Easter Collection.....\$ 9,458.00

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Parish clean up

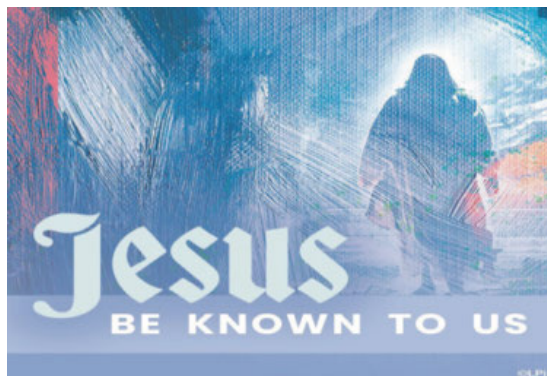
In honor of Earth Day, the youth group will meet on Monday, April 22nd , from noon until 2:00 p.m. to clean up the grounds around the church. We will meet in the main parking lot. Water and snacks will be provided.

This activity is open to families with younger school-age children providing an adult is present during this time.

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING NIGHT:

The Youth Group will be going bowling, April 20th at 6:30 pm, at Crystal Lanes in Corning. Students 6th grade and above are invited to participate. Cost of bowling is \$9.00 for one game, \$12.95 for two and \$16.95 for three. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please contact Lily Barr at lily.barr@dor.org with questions.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: 3rd Sunday of Easter



When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as He connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with His own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus Himself sets our hearts ablaze with His Word so that we know Him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT:

Work has begun to replace the original church roof, which has served us well since the church was opened and dedicated in November, 1979. The process will take a number of weeks to complete. Thank you all for your patience.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

One of the edifying sights that I have observed are the number of families who are bringing their "little ones" to church on weekends. After all, we often refer to ourselves as a church family, and families have children. Children by their nature are still learning about the times to use their "inside voices" and behaviors. There are times when they need to run around and just be kids. I believe it is very important for families to bring their children to church so that this becomes an important part of their normal life. So parents, continue to bring your children to church. You need not worry about them distracting others, or drowning out the homilists! Most of us have big voices, not to mention amplification systems!

However, if your attempts to settle your little one are unsuccessful, just take them for a short walk to the narthex or vestibule. And for our more "seasoned" members, thank you for your patience and understanding. No one ever knows what another person is going through - health challenges, life struggles or personal crises. Each of us needs to be compassionate, patient, and understanding.

The following is an article which started my thought process on this topic. The author is unknown, but his message is spot on.

There you are sitting at Mass. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they are even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the church. All the while, you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "there is no point in coming to church; I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my child."

I want you mothers and fathers to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but he smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their children brightens her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes - if but for a moment - her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of the common good. But, he sees you - a young family - in church, and you don't miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: April 15-Easter Weekday
6:45 A.M. Donna Berry - Jane & Joe Gallagher

Tuesday: April 16 - Easter Weekday
6:45 A.M. Margaret Bellizia - family

Wednesday: April 17 - Easter Weekday
6:45 A.M. Donald and Eleanor Curbeau - Donna and Diane

Thursday: April 18 - Easter Weekday
6:45 A.M. Helen Jewett - Becky & Bob Corcoran

Friday: April 19 - Easter Weekday
6:45 A.M. Deceased of the Curtin family - family

Saturday: April 20 - Easter Weekday
5:00 P.M. Eddie Jadoski - his loving family

Sunday: April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 A.M. Bob Lantzy - Lois & family
10:30 A.M. Jim Cronin - family

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.

Pastor's perspective continued:

Bring your children to church. If you don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep and dead tired, keep on doing what you are doing. You and your family are a sign of hope, and encouragement, and you are starting off your children's lives as you should. My response to the above? Amen!

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

Fr. L

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love, we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The stewardship questions for us are many: How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?



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.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SPRING RETREATS AND EVENTS:

April 16th: Fill Your Soul Retreat:
“Light and Life: The Easter Workings of God”
(Fr. Robert Kennedy Diocese of Rochester)

Women’s Retreat Weekend---May 3-5:
“Just as You Are” - encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Fr. Kevin McDonald, C.Ss.R., Sr. Theresa Rutty, RSM, Margie Benza, Jodie Scordo)

Fill Your Soul Retreat - May 7: “A Morning Marian Pilgrimage” (Christine DiNovo).

Social Justice Day - May 20 “Everyday Peace” (Holly Rockwell--Justice & Care for Creation Coordinator for SSJ’s Rochester and Sr. Barbara Lum, Sister of St Joseph Rochester.)



CANS, BOTTLES AND PLASTIC ONLY.

SIX CENTS AT A TIME!

Your clean, refundable cans and both, plastic and glass bottles are worth six cents each to the Horseheads Food pantry when you drop them off at our parish office. The pantry uses the money to purchase the needed items when food donations fall short. Social Ministry is collecting these deposit containers, redeeming them for 6 cents, and sending the money on to the Food Pantry. Consider joining the several families who have been doing this for years. It will give you a “feel good” feeling, knowing that you are helping out our neighbors in need.

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WE CARE FOR GOD’S CREATION: Part 1

The story of creation (Genesis 1:31) tells us how “God saw everything He had made and found it very good.” Pope Francis reminds us, “there is a need for an effective cooperation between men and women of goodwill in assisting the ongoing work of the Creator; we cannot allow our seas and oceans to be littered by endless fields of floating plastic. Our active commitment is needed to confront this emergency. We need to pray as if everything depended on God’s providence and work as if everything depends on us.” (Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation September 1, 2018). Monday, April 22, 2024 marks the annual observance of Earth Day, a secular event that many faith communities incorporate into our work to Care for God’s Creation. This year the Earth Day (EarthDay.org) theme is Planets vs. Plastics. Earthday.org is working toward a 60% reduction in the production of plastics by 2030. Plastic pollution is one of the most important environmental problems that we face today. It impacts the environment and our health and wellbeing. We have all contributed to this problem-mostly unknowingly- and we must work to reduce and ultimately end plastic pollution. Catholic Climate Covenant is calling on the U.S. Catholic community to take action to reduce plastic pollution and its impact on our common home, the earth. How are you Called to participate?

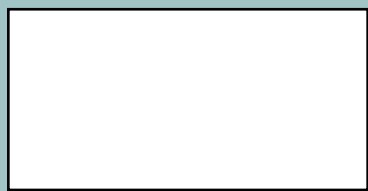
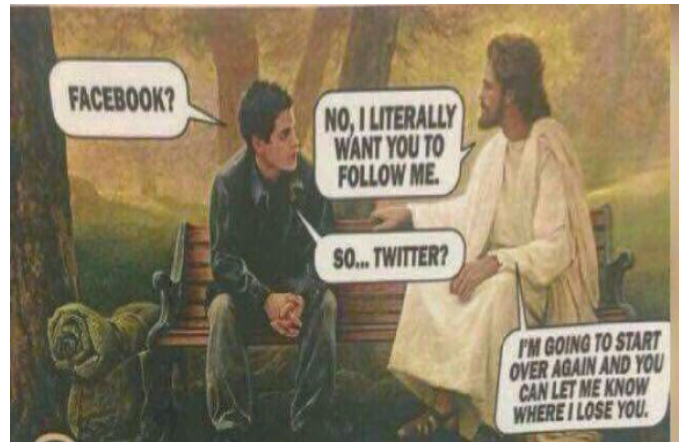
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION:

Practice for May 4th Communion is Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00p.m., in the church.

Practice for May 5th Communion is Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m., in the church.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

Confirmation with the Bishop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th , 7:00 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Church, 113 N Geneva St., Ithaca, NY. Candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.



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