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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.



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SUMMER MISSION APPEAL

Each year, the Diocesan Office for the Propagation of the Faith requests that parishes invite an associate of a religious community, mission diocese, or another organization involved in missionary work to make a formal appeal for financial support of their mission endeavors.

On the weekend of July 13th/14th, we will welcome **Father Rijo Jose, O. Carm**, who will be with us to tell us about the mission work of the Carmelites. The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, provide housing for orphans and rejected seniors, and conduct spiritual and religious formation. The mission efforts of the Carmelites are present in almost forty countries on five continents, including Zimbabwe in Africa and in areas of India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Papua, New Guinea.

One hundred percent of funds raised go directly to their missionaries who distribute and monitor the use of these funds. For next weekend's second collection, please make your check payable to St. Mary Our Mother, with the word 'mission' in the memo field. We will be forwarding one check to the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith to support the mission work of the Carmelites.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2019/2020 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157.

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." As Catholic disciples, we are the laborers that the Master is sending. All around us are opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ - our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, even our faith communities! Lest we feel unequipped for the task, Jesus gives us some advice.

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." We might not have a theology degree or training in public speaking, but that doesn't mean we can't share the Gospel. The power of God is at work in simplicity. The disciples went forth with nothing as a reminder to trust in the Providence of God. Say a little prayer that God will speak through you and has a need for your gifts, just as you are.

"Do not move about from one house to another." So much of the life of Jesus was about relationships. He modeled this attitude by journeying with his disciples. Here he makes the same recommendation to them, to remain with the same family for their entire stay in the town. Break bread with others. Invite them to coffee or a game night in your home. Sharing your faith isn't just about saying the right thing, but loving well over time.

"The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off." Sometimes we want to help someone, but for whatever reason, they don't receive it well. Sometimes people aren't interested in our efforts to invite them deeper into faith. When rejection happens, don't carry it with you. Don't let it over-burden your heart. Rejoice that you share in the mission of Christ, and keep on loving the next person he places in your path!

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, July 8**

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school
 5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school
 7:30 PM Wounded Healers - school

Wednesday, July 10

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school

Thursday, July 11

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school

Friday, July 12

9:00 AM Summer Intensive Religion Program - school

Saturday, July 13

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, July 14

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:**

In memory of Ron McCluskey - Dick & Joyce Pirozzolo

Eucharistic Hosts:

In memory of Patricia Schroth - Cathy & David Peckham

FLOWER DONATIONS:**Main Altar Arrangement:**

(2) In loving memory of my husband, Don Zelko on our 56th wedding anniversary - Peggy

Chapel Candle Flowers:

Special Intentions - Mike Stansfield

In thanksgiving - Nancy Kosalek

Blessed Mother – Church:

In memory of my grandmother, Eileen Curran - Kathleen Adams

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

In memory of Raymond E. Benedict - wife, Mary Ellen

ALTAR MEMORIALS

Our altar memorials continue to be a special way to honor those who have gone before us and those intentions we wish to remember for both the living and the deceased.

The weekly donation for these memorials remains the same as in the past:

Sacramental Wine:	\$15.00
Eucharist Hosts:	\$10.00
Sanctuary Candle:	\$10.00
Icon Candle:	\$10.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - July 14, 2019****15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

IN OUR PARISH**Prayers & Squares Quilting Group**

The Prayers & Squares Quilting group makes beautiful quilts for our parishioners' ill family members and friends. Jobs involved in creating a quilt include: cutting, pinning, ironing, and sewing. Completed quilt tops are taken to St. Mary Our Mother School and members work with the 5th graders to tie the quilts together, and then on a separate occasion, members join with the 4th graders to pray the Rosary over the finished quilts. Finally, the quilts are blessed at Mass and offered to people to take to someone who is ill. Our fellowship group meets from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month at St. Mary Our Mother School. No experience is necessary to join our group, and you may work for as long as you choose during our scheduled time. We hope you will consider joining us. For any questions, please contact Wilma Sullivan at 731-8085 or Donna Hammond at 796-5223.

Coming Soon: Math Olympiads at St. Mary Our Mother School

The new Math Olympiads team forming at St. Mary Our Mother School needs volunteer coaches to help get it off the ground. Please consider offering your time as much as once a week from October through March. Weekly practices prepare student "mathletes" for five monthly competitions starting in November. But much more important are the objectives of encouraging children to explore math and ask questions about anything they don't understand, no matter how basic, and providing guidance for students who want to challenge themselves. This will be an easy-going, learn-as-we-go activity for 3rd through 6th graders and their coaches. Practice materials and guidance will be provided. No special math expertise required- just enthusiasm.

For more information, contact parent coordinators Matthew and Lori Meritt at 607-329-5178/matthewdmeritt@gmail.com or Nick and Katy Piet at 607-873-4505/nkjpiet@gmail.com.

Caring Project

Our parish of St. Mary Our Mother continues to provide food for our needy neighbors. One thing that we don't often think about is the continuing need for diapers. As a parish, we are asking you to help. Might you be able to bring diapers - any size, but especially size 4/5, and any adult size diapers to the Church (near the food cart).

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Due to an early bulletin deadline because of the July 4th holiday, I am writing this column on Monday, June 24th, in anticipation of the Independence Day holiday. Without a doubt, many of our parishioners are in the midst of their summer vacations. Many have time to pull back, change the pace of their lives, and take a break from the hectic routine that is the weekly norm for us. These summer months are great times to be refreshed, renewed, and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

It has been said that the relaxed days of summer are similar to what our Sundays should be like throughout the year; a time to withdraw from normal activity and to realize that all of life is a gift from God. Everything we have is a gift from God, and we are called to be good stewards of what God has blessed and shared with us.

If you find yourselves traveling these summer weeks, please be observant as you attend Mass in different parishes and settings this summer. If you observe some practices for other parishes, which you think might be beneficial to our parish family at St. Mary Our Mother, please bring those ideas back to us. Many of you are so kind bringing a parish bulletin back from the parish you attended while away. I always enjoy reading them, and it gives me a different insight into church life in different parishes throughout the country.

In last week's bulletin, we published reminders to all liturgical ministers asking them to dress properly when serving in the various ministries at Mass. All who serve in these ministries exercise roles of both service and leadership during the liturgy, and how we dress influences how we are perceived in these roles. It is a known fact that people draw attention to themselves in the way and manner in which they dress. These summer days are wonderful opportunities for rest and relaxation, but I offer a 'gentle' reminder that we have not relaxed the expectation that one dress appropriately when serving as a minister at Sunday Mass. If you are scheduled to serve as a cantor, lector, or usher, or you expect to volunteer your services as a Eucharistic Minister, please dress appropriately. A recently updated copy of the "Appropriate Dress Guidelines" is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

This week begins one of our "rites of summer" with our annual **Summer Intensive Religious Education Program**. This program will run from Monday, **July 8th** through **Friday, July 19th** in our school and church facilities. A wonderful group of catechists and aides make this program happen, under the able supervision of **Barbara Matterazzo**. It is always a grace filled time for all involved.

With the July 4th holiday this year on a Thursday, there is a good chance that many of you are winding down your observance and celebration of the Independence Day holiday. As we look back on this year's celebration of our nation's independence, I thought you might enjoy some quotes from the author of the Declaration of Independence, **Thomas Jefferson**. Jefferson also served as the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809:

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 8 - Weekday

6:45 AM Art Sullivan - his family

Tuesday, July 9 - Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Curtin family - family

Wednesday, July 10 - Weekday

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - family

Thursday, July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Friday, July 12 - Weekday

6:45 AM Charley Graves - wife, Jan

Saturday, July 13 - Weekday

5:00 PM Christine Beering - Beering family

Sunday, July 14 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Allan Caldwell

10:30 AM Catherine Mandell - her family

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall be as corrupt as Europe."

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing work and give to those who would not."

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can present the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical."

Have a great week. Enjoy these days of July. See you in church!

Fr. L.

REGIONAL EVENTS**The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group**

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting this **Tuesday, July 9th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. Reminder: there is no meeting in August; we will resume on September 10th. All are welcome.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for canned fruit for the month of July. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

A Look Back and a Look Forward on Climate Change

Despite challenges to addressing climate change in this current political climate, the US Catholic community advocated significant steps to support our brothers and sisters around the world in building greater resilience to climate shocks and the changing climate that disproportionately affect those living in poverty. We helped motivate 88 members in the House of Representatives to join the Climate Solutions Caucus. We also helped to reauthorize the Farm Bill which maintained and improved international food security programs that promote sustainable farming practices and the care of the earth, our common home.

Let our U.S. House Representative Tom Reed (654-7566) know you are concerned about climate change/disruption here at home and globally. Ask if he joined the Caucus?

Caring for God's Creation

The average U.S. worker uses about 500 throw-away cups per year. Please try to bring a reusable cup with you and please try to avoid foam cups. Coffee shops are often willing to fill your reusable cup rather than using a throw-away cup. *"Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change."* ~ Pope Francis

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After the recent introduction in the U.S. Congress of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, Bishop Frank Dewane (Venice, FL), Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, welcomed the legislation as an important step forward in addressing climate change. He states, *"this bipartisan bill is a hopeful sign that, more and more, climate change is beginning to be seen as a crucial moral issue; one that concerns all people. If enacted, this proposal is expected to result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. At a time when the dangerous effects of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent, the need for legislative solutions like this is more urgent than ever."*

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**Confirmation Preparation**

The Confirmation preparation process is a two-year program as determined by the Diocese of Rochester. If you have a student or know of a student entering 8th grade or above in the fall who would like to begin their preparation for Confirmation, registration forms are available in the vestibule or contact the Faith Formation office at smomfaithformation@gmail.com or at 739-8214 to request a form.

Pre-registration is required. Registration forms can be emailed, mailed to St. Mary Our Mother, Faith Formation Office, 816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY 14845 or dropped off at the parish office.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

Are you planning a summer party or graduation party? Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Our Religious Education Department will take them off your hands. Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the poor. You can drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call Barbara at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

If you had \$100 to give away, to whom would you give it? Perhaps you would choose someone you love. How about someone on the street at a corner stoplight? You could really make someone's day if you gave it to them as a tip after a modestly priced meal. There are so many possibilities. No matter to whom you give the \$100, you are certainly being generous. No one can debate that.

Let's say you have narrowed it down to two different people. You know both of these people, and you suspect each person would be equally grateful. Does it make a difference who you give the money to in the end? What if I told you that one of the individuals just got a big raise at work, and the other person is at risk of having their water turned off because they have been late paying their bill. Does it make a difference now?

Discernment should always be an important part of any good steward's way of life. If we give simply for the sake of giving, that may not always be the best use of our gifts. In order to gain the most fruit from the seeds we plant, we must plant wisely. All we have been given has value, and we need be good caretakers of it all. If you ever do find yourself with \$100 to spare, be sure to carefully consider all the options and make the wiser choice. In the meantime, pray for wisdom and reflect on how to best use all you have been given for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

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