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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.



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June 20, 2021

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 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 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until His disciples woke Him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, He was sleeping because they hadn't woken Him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for Him to act. They gave Him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - June 27, 2021****13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

MEMORIALS**Eucharistic Hosts:**

In loving memory of Billy D - his wife, Diane & family

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangements:**

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 - Marianne & Bob Kosty*

IN OUR PARISH**Daily Mass Schedule Changes**

Beginning this week and throughout the summer months, there will be **no 6:45 a.m. Mass on Fridays.**

Social Ministry Baby Shower

We are unable to have our annual baby shower at this time. The Life Center is currently moving to a new location and they are requesting monetary donations only. You may send your checks to the following address: Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center, 375 W. Water St., Elmira, NY 14905

Please do not leave baby items in the church. Thank you.

Flower Sign Ups

Please call the parish office if you would like to honor special events in your life with a floral arrangement in our Church or Chapel. Flowers are available for the main altar, the chapel, the Blessed Mother in the chapel and the Blessed Mother in Church.

Mass Intentions

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Job 38:11)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps107)

Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

Gospel:

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:40-41)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of June 20, 2021**

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Observances for the week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day
 Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
 Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
 Wednesday:
 Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 Friday:
 Saturday: BVM
 Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

At a wedding I attended a few years ago, a young child was present who thought she should be a little more involved in the wedding than had been planned. Since her mother was the matron of honor, her father was caring for her. When her first scream let loose, her father picked her up and hurried toward an exit. A few moments later, daughter and father returned to the church, and took their place in the congregation. Another scream signaled another exit, and in a few moments, I noticed dad and daughter walking hand-in-hand in the vestibule. When the young child insisted that she join mom in the wedding procession, there was another exit, I am sure this young girl was delighted when the wedding ceremony ended, so she could move on to the next event. Through all of this, her father was wonderfully patient and attentive to his daughter.

I thought of this incident because today is **Father's Day**, a day annually set aside to remember our fathers who were and are present in our lives. It is a day to honor the fathers who often made significant sacrifices for their children. Fathers who take pride in their children stand tall today. It is also a day to remind fathers of the wonderful vocation God has given to them. The very fact that God entrusts innocent human life into our human hands to mold and shape, to love and encourage, and to experience pride and satisfaction, in a wonderful sign of divine trust and reliance. Father's Day gives us the chance to say to our dads what we should probably be saying every day of the year.

For those of us who have given our fathers back to God, Father's Day is a day of warm remembrances. It invites us to travel back in time when we were growing up and needed advice (which we sometimes failed to heed); when we felt security when dad was near, when we felt there was someone to turn to for advice and assurance. These memories also remind us of the powerful influence our fathers had on our lives. Some of their suggestions we might laugh at today, but they were a challenge at the time they were given. Today we can look back and treasure those times and those special moments that we shared with our fathers.

For those who still have the gift of your father, today is a day to be shared. It is the crazy breakfast that is prepared, the fun activities involved in the day, the cards that are exchanged, the "thing" dad likes to do, and the family gatherings. All of these activities are an invitation to share in the ways that set the day apart and make it special. After all, tomorrow's memories are created by what we do today.

Father's Day is a wonderful time to offer a word of prayerful thanks to God for our fathers. It is God who sends people into our lives to nurture us and guide us in God's name. As we offer prayers for our fathers on this day, and every day, for that matter, we ask God to continue to bless our fathers as they continue to live out this vocation that God has lovingly given to them.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, June 22 - Weekday
6:45 AM Dan Linsler - classmate, Peggy

Wednesday, June 23 - Weekday
6:45 AM Rev. Thomas O'Brien - O'Brien family

Thursday, June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:45 AM Fran Marks - Ed & Mary Lee Fairbrother
Friday, June 25 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, June 26 - Weekday
5:00 PM Rev. Lewis E. Brown - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

Sunday, June 27 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM MaryAnne Kane - husband, Joe & family
10:30 AM Rev. Joseph T. Gaynor

Congratulations to all our fathers on this Father's Day! May you enjoy this day which is specially set aside for you. May you experience the love and gratitude expressed for you today. May God's many blessings be yours as you live this very special vocation of fatherhood, being the best father that God calls you to be. Happy Father's Day!

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connects millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and round the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

**REGIONAL EVENTS
A Rice Bowl Thank You**

Our Lenten almsgiving project raised \$2,348.06 for Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. These funds have been sent to our diocesan office. From there, 75% will be forwarded to CRS and 25% to the Horseheads Food Pantry located at the Horseheads First Presbyterian Church on Westinghouse Road. While this was only about 60% of the amount we were able to raise during the pre-pandemic years, it is remarkable given the restrictions and uncertainty caused by the pandemic in early spring. We are most grateful for your generosity.

CRS will use your donations to help fund their projects in developing countries. This year’s program highlighted the needs of the peoples of Madagascar, El Salvador, and Timore Leste. Through CRS printed materials and videos, we were able to learn more about these three countries. These materials are great resources for families to use with their children to foster global education.

We thank you for your participation in Rice Bowl, whether by learning more about our world, by praying for those in developing nations, and/or by donating to the work of CRS.

**Religious Freedom Week
June 22 - June 29, 2021**

From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom.”

Note from the editor of Justice, Peace, and Life newsletter:

I’ll be honest. When I hear Christians in the U.S. bemoan attacks on their religious freedom, I roll my eyes a little. We are by far the most dominant religious group in this country, and many if not most people who hold power - in elected office and in business - identify as Christian. Compared to countries in which religious minorities are oppressed, exiled and killed, our complaints seem overexaggerated.

But...I challenge myself and all Catholics to study the materials on Religious Freedom Week at www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week.

There you’ll learn about a variety of issues, from rights for health care workers and a disturbing uptick in church vandalism to the violent persecution of Catholics in Nicaragua and of Christians in general in Iraq.

There are many issues related to religious freedom to pray about, and to be vigilant about, as well as many reasons to still be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Fitness Services

Catholic Charities provides free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention services to help homeowners avoid the loss of their homes, and Financial Fitness services to help restore credit and financial stability. This program offers free credit counseling, financial managements, and assistance negotiating with lenders. We work to find solutions for individuals and families, whether it’s saving your home or rebuilding financial solvency, we are here to help. This program serves homeowners in Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. These services are provided free through a grant from the New York State Homeowner Protection Program. For more information or to make an appointment to talk with a Catholic Charities housing counselor, please call Karen Wheeler at 607-734-9784, ext. 2132.

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Thanks to All Who Helped

The NYS legislature voted recently to establish NOURISH New York, the state's farm to food bank initiative as a permanent state program. This initiative, launched in April 2020, provides funding to New York food banks and church and community food pantries to purchase New York State produce and dairy products to distribute to those seeking assistance. To date, food banks have purchased 21 million pounds of agricultural products, which fed 1.3 million food-insecure people throughout the state. In addition to helping provide food to the hungry, NOURISH New York expands market opportunities for farmers and minimizes agricultural product waste. Thank you to those who advocated this program through your legislators.

NYS Legislator on Parole

Elders in the NYS prison system are denied parole again and again, even after being incarcerated for decades. Releasing them to their families would not only save millions of tax dollars, it would give them the opportunity to serve their communities.

There's still time to convince the legislative leaders to call for a vote on the two bills we're supporting:

Fair and Timely Parole (S.1415/A.4231)

Elder Parole (S.15/A.3475)

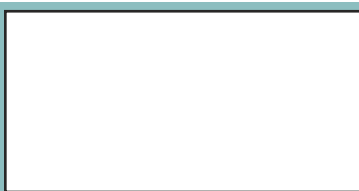
Please take a minute to call Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie at 518-455-3791 and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Cousins at 518-455-2715. Ask that they allow these bills to come to the floor. Now is the time!

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 desperate need of all food items and especially ask for baked beans for the month of June, although all canned goods are always needed. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection basket during Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

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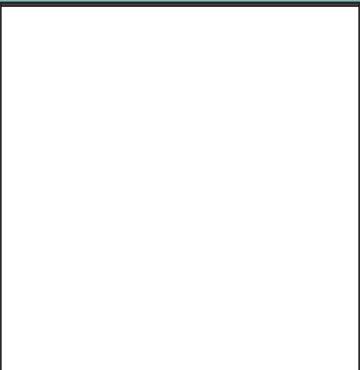


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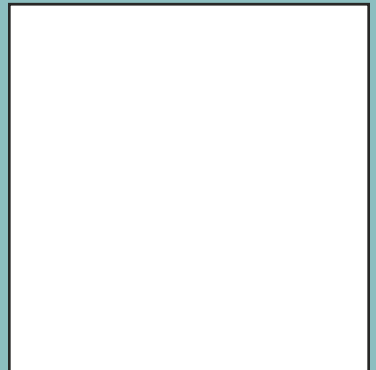
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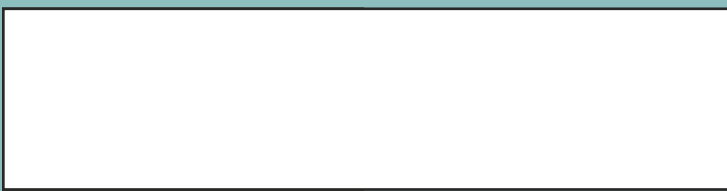

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