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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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May 12, 2024



## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.” - Jn 17:18

**MEMORIALS:**

The Votive light before the Icon for the week of May 5, 2024 is burning in memory of Josephine and Henry Ryan by Mary and Jim Carr.

The Eucharistic Hosts for the week of May 5 - 11, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Leo W. Hoover by the Hoover family.

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of May 12 - 18 have been donated in loving memory of Kate and Walt Enslin by Joan and Barry Sawester.

The Blessed Mother flowers in the Church for the week of May 18, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering - her husband Fran.

The main altar flowers for the week of May 12 - 18, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Mary Amisano by her husband, Guy, her children and her grandchildren.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Roberta Hess  
Kathryn Dobransky

**OUR WEEEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE  
WEEK ENDING 4/28/2024 TOTAL  
\$6,859.42.**

**TAKE A BREAK! SAVE THE DATE:**

Mark your calendars for a night off from cooking, and support St. Mary Our Mother School. On **Wednesday, May 15th** from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Red Robin will be donating 20% of your total food bill back to our school. Plan your lunch, dinner, or even snack break at Red Robin! All you have to do is mention St. Mary Our Mother School fundraiser when ordering your meal. St. Mary Our Mother School appreciates your kind support! Thank you!

Heather Bill  
Principal

**FAITH FORMATION CELEBRATION:**

Faith Formation Celebration is scheduled for May 19th following the 10:30 Mass. This event is open to the whole parish. There will be light snacks, activities, and information regarding our Faith Formation programs, including summer VBS.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE:  
May 12, 2024 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with the greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "**that they may be one, even as we are one**" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what He ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity and to commit to doing whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.  
— *Father John Muir*

**HUMILITY AND STEWARDSHIP:**

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. . Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal.

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers of our parish of St. Mary Our Mother! We salute and honor you, as well as thank God for you today, and for the love you selflessly give. We offer a prayer for all the mothers, living and deceased. With all the public conversation today about the role of women in the church and society, may we never lose sight of and appreciation for the unique womanly role of motherhood.

I hope you have the opportunity today, if your mother is living, to speak with her and tell her of your love. And if your mother has died, I hope you are blessed with fond memories of her and reasons for thanking God for her. There are some people who do not have good memories of growing up--perhaps because their mother was not all that they had hoped, desired, and needed. If you are such a person, pray today for a healing of your memories, and acceptance of what cannot be changed, and a decision to thank God for your life and for the mother who gave it to you. Occasionally, such a person may need the help of another to achieve such healing. It is a wise thing to do to come to peace.

Each year Mother's Day falls during the Easter season. As we are searching for signs of Easter and new life, this weekend invites us to center on "Mother". One might say that a mother is the premier sign of Easter. She gives birth to human life to gain this title. Not only does she give birth, but she nurtures, encourages, cares and loves her children. Her position as Mother is not a 9 to 5 job, nor is it concluded when her child walks out of the house. Motherhood is a life-long commitment and, I believe, even extends beyond the bounds of time and space to eternity. All that we envision in the life of a mother is envisioned in the life of an Easter person.

The following are from an article entitled **Words of Wisdom My Mother taught me....**

**To appreciate a job well done:** *"If you are going to kill each other, do it outside, I just finished cleaning."*

**Religion:** *"You better pray that will come out of the carpet!"*

**Time Travel:** *"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."*

**Logic:** *"If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."*

**Foresight:** *Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you get in an accident."*

**The science of osmosis:** *"shut your mouth and eat your supper."*

**Contortionism:** *"will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck?"*

**Genetics:** *"You're just like your father!"*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>May 13, Easter Weekday</b> Cecelia Wawrzusin - Ray Wawrzusin
<b>Tuesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>May 14, Easter Weekday</b> George Gresock - Ann and family
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>May 15, Easter Weekday</b> Deceased of the Curtin family - family
<b>Thursday</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>May 16, Easter Weekday</b> Margaret Bellizia - family
<b>Friday</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>May 17, Easter Weekday</b> Charly Graves - his wife, Jan
<b>Saturday:</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>May 18, Easter Weekday</b> John Bennett - Michele, Heather and Dylan
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<b>May 19, Pentecost Sunday</b> Walt Dobek - his family Teri Guardi - Bob

**Pastor's perspective continued.**

**Stamina:** *"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."*

**Weather:** *"You're room looks like a tornado went through it."*

**Hypocrisy:** *"If I told you once, I told you a million times., "Don't exaggerate!"*

**Envy:** *"There are millions of less fortunate children in this word who don't have parents like you do."*

**Anticipation:** *"Just wait until you get home!"*

**Wisdom:** *When you get to be my age, you'll understand."*

**Justice:** *"One day you will have kids and I hope they turn out to be just like you."*

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers of St. Mary Our Mother! Have a great week, and please continue to take care of yourself and each other! Fr. L

**A MOTHERS DAY PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to Mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for their commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. strengthen and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY - “EVERYDAY PEACE”**

Presented by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester on May 20, 2024.

The work of peace can seem overwhelming, meant only for the heroic few. But peace begins within and each of us has something to offer. Over the course of this day together, we will claim our gifts, acknowledge that we need what we need, and explore the unique contribution each of us can make.

**Register at NotreDameRetreat.org.** This event will be held at Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY, (585-394-5700)

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: The Truth We Cannot See**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I’m saying. I know what you’re thinking — *hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door* — but I think if Jesus had to raise children He would understand where I’m coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I’m holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, and how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It’s also an effective way to send a message. “God, I’m sorry I’ve been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting.”

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of His disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for Him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly conversing with His Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary days. So, when He chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up. He wants his kids to hear what He’s saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that He wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundation of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

*“I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.” John 17:14.*



The Wounded Healers’ Bereavement Support Group Meeting will be offered this Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM, in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. 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.

Christine Lloyd

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**A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS:**

“Mother - The most beautiful word on the lips of mankind.” *(Katie Gloran)*

“Motherhood is the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It’s huge and scary - it’s an act of infinite optimism.” *(Gilda Radner)*

“A mother is the one who fills your hearts in the first place.” *(Ann Tan)*

“Nothing is really lost until your mom can’t find it.” *(Unknown)*

“All that I ever am and hope to be I owe to my angel mother.” *(Abraham Lincoln)*

There’s no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.” *(Jill Churchill)*.

“My mother was my role model before I even knew what that word was.” *(Lisa Leslie)*

“A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.” *(Cardinal Mermilod)*

“A mother’s arms are more comforting than anyone else’s.” *(Princess Diana)*

“Life begins with waking up and loving my mother’s face.” *(George Eliot)*

“A mother’s love endures through all.” *Irving Washington)*

“If you’re a mom, you’re a superhero PERIOD!.” *Rosie Pope)*

“MOM: A title just above Queen” *(Unknown)*

**MOM JOKES:**

**What did the Panda give his mommy?** *(a bear hug)*

**What did the Mom spider say to the child spider?** *(you spend too much time on the web)*

**What kind of flowers are best for Mother’s day?** *(Mums!!)*

**Knock, Knock. Who’s there? Justin! Justin who?** *Justin time to say Happy Mother’s Day!*

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