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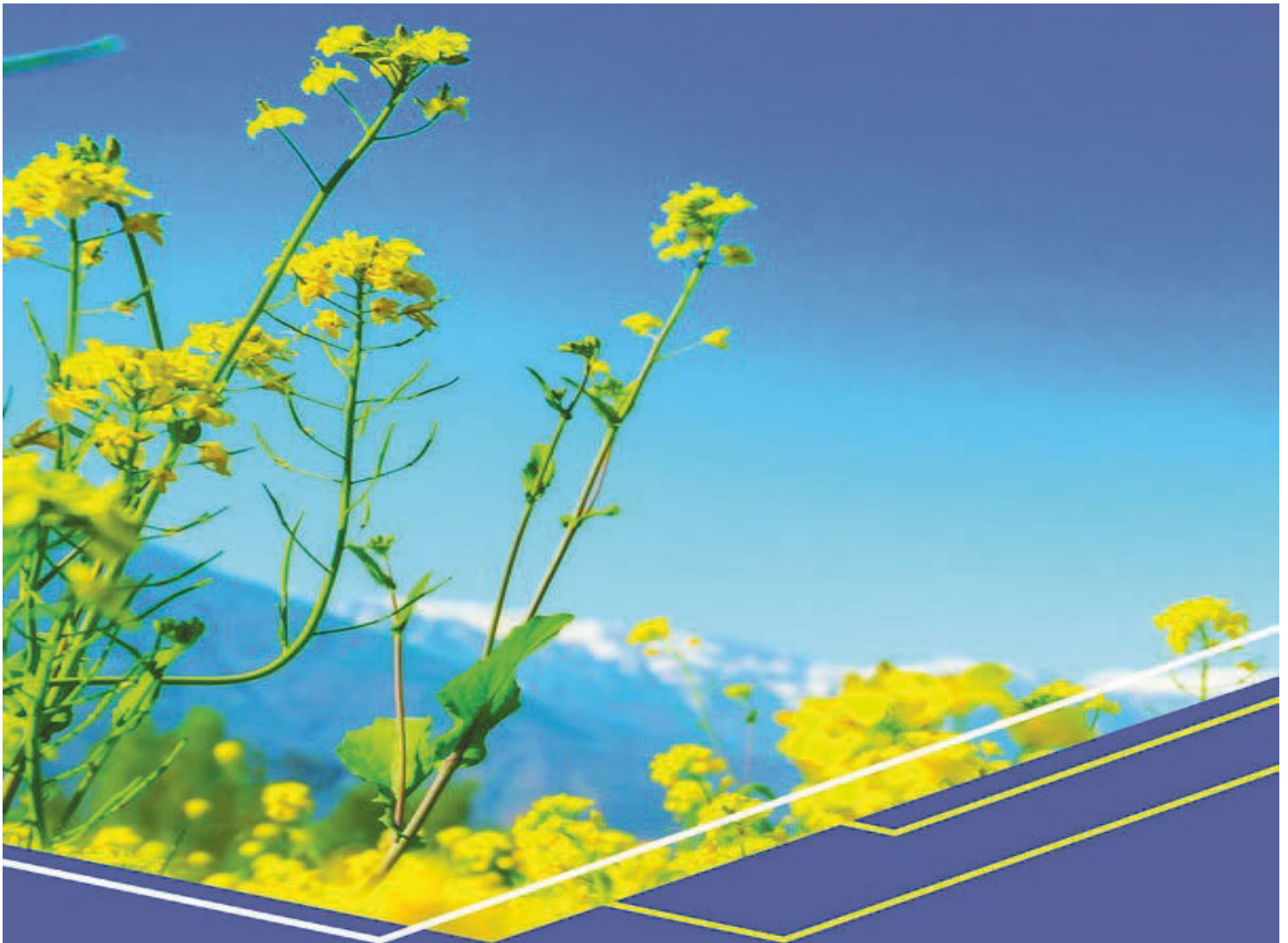
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St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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June 16, 2024



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”- Mk 4:30-32b

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic hosts, Sacramental Wine, the sanctuary candle and Icon candle for the week of June 16 - 22, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Jeannette Berretta by her many friends here at St. Mary our Mother.



Main altar flowers for the week of June 16-22, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Brendan McCarthy by his wife, Killeen and their children.

IN THE PEACE OF CHIRST:

Richard Moriarty



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOSEPH ALONG:

This celebration will be held next Saturday, June 22, from 12 - 3 pm at the Horseheads American Legion on Ithaca Rd. An Honor guard will present arms at 11:30 a.m. Friends of Joseph are invited to attend. Please let us know that you will join us at the celebration by emailing Ellie Along-Messner at ealong2007@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect millions with Christ. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/cc. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection see, usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

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🕒 9 AM - 12 PM

📍 816 W BROAD ST,
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BIBLE-BASED ADVENTURE FILLED WITH SONGS, CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES AND FOOD ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM

Registration Deadline is July 10th.***

Adult Volunteers are also needed to help make VBS a success. If you feel the call to serve the parish in this way, please reach out to Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office. Volunteers are needed for:

- Music leader
- Arts/Crafts Leader
- Classroom Catechists (2)
- High School Helpers

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Congratulations and best wishes to all our fathers on this **Fathers Day!** Our country feels that the role of a parent is so important that each year it designates a day in May for mothers and a day in June for fathers. As we mature, we tend to reflect more about how we have become the person we are today, and we discover that we have adopted many of our traits from our parents. There is a time in our formative years when we view ourselves as completely independent, that all growth and maturation is completely independent from the people and the world around us. Gradually, we discover that many of our personality traits can be clearly identified with our parents. Father's Day is a day to be grateful and appreciative of life itself, the nurturing our fathers have given us, and to actually say a word of thanks to our fathers for what they have given us.

It is also a day to appreciate God the Father in our lives. By assigning God a parental image, the Church hopes to help us recognize in God that desire to share in a child's growth by encouragement, through the recognition of the uniqueness of each individual, and by offering the grace that is necessary to actualize human potential. God loves each of His children and wants them to grow and become the person they are destined to be, knowing full well that each individual is different. Today is a day for all fathers to quietly raise a prayer to God asking that divine guidance be theirs as they share the role of fatherhood with God. It is a day to say "Happy Fathers Day" to all our fathers.

The following is a prayer we can offer in honor of these special men in our lives:

*Blessed are You, Lord and Father of all life:
who has given to us the father of our family.
Today, we honor him and thank You for the numerous
good things that are ours because of him.
His love for us has been a sign of Your divine affection
and a sharing in Your holy love.
His continuous concern for our needs and welfare
is a mirror of Your holy providence.
And so, as we honor him, we praise you,
Father of all peoples.
Bless him this day with your strength and holy power
that we may continue to be a sign of You,
our God, and a priestly parent to your family.
This blessing and all graces, we pray,
Descend upon the father of our family, in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

Some years ago, a good friend of mine composed the following Fathers Day reflection. No names. Only some reflections on "Real Fathers:"

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**Monday, June 17, Weekday**

6:45 A.M. Bob Reimsnyder - sister, Nancy

Tuesday, June 18, Weekday

6:45 A.M. Joseph Along - his family

Wednesday, June 19, Weekday

6:45 A.M. Bernie Matterazzo - Judi and Bob Pichette

Thursday, June 20, Weekday

6:45 A.M. Lynda Seeley - Phyllis Dahlhaus

Friday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga

6:45 A.M. Jill Sobremonte - the Lapitans

Saturday, June 22, Weekday

5:00 P.m. Raymond Howard - faculty and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School

Sunday, June 23, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. Walt Dobek - his family

10:30 A.M. Teri Guardi - Bob

Pastor's perspective continued:

Beaming with joy and holding Mom's hand as we enjoy the birth of a new child:

Missing a meeting because family comes first;

Calling a priest or another trusted professional and wanting to know how to be a better husband and father;

Working too many hours and really wanting to be with you;

Saying "Yes" when you know "No" would be better;

Upset about the dent in the car, but knowing he did it many times as well;

Defending a wife or child that would rival Don Quixote;

Telling you "you're the best," and meaning it;

Walking his daughter down the aisle and praying her fiancé is a better man than he is;

Dying in your arms, not understanding why so soon, and hoping you will have the faith to get through it all;

The list is endless.

As we move through these days of June, we discover many reasons to give thanks to God. On this Fathers Day, we pause to thank our fathers for the blessing and example of their lives.

Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:

Silent Directed Retreat: July 14-19: “Meeting God in the Silence”. A silent retreat for women and men (Spiritual Directors will be assigned to each attendee.)

Discernment Retreat: July 21-26: “Prayer as Discernment”. Preached retreat (Fr. Gerry McKeon S.J.)



GOSPEL MEDITATION: 11th Sunday in Ordinary time.

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only two months between their first meeting and a quiet wedding. They waited for a significant period before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, “**He did not speak to them without a parable, but to His disciples in private He explained everything.**” Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but His identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, His parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what He is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I sometimes wonder why the Lord doesn't just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't He reveal Himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, He teaches us in riddles and only sometimes explains them.

— *Father John Muir*



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Many families in our area count on the pantry to feed their families. During the summer months families who counted on the school lunch program to provide a good lunch for their child/children will now depend on the pantry to feed them.

The pantry can use all non-perishable foods such as packaged, canned and boxed foods of all kinds.

Some popular items are: peanut butter, jelly, box mac and cheese, individually wrapped snacks, non refrigerated snack size puddings and Jello. Please be generous.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:



FINDING A CHURCH ON VACATION:

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