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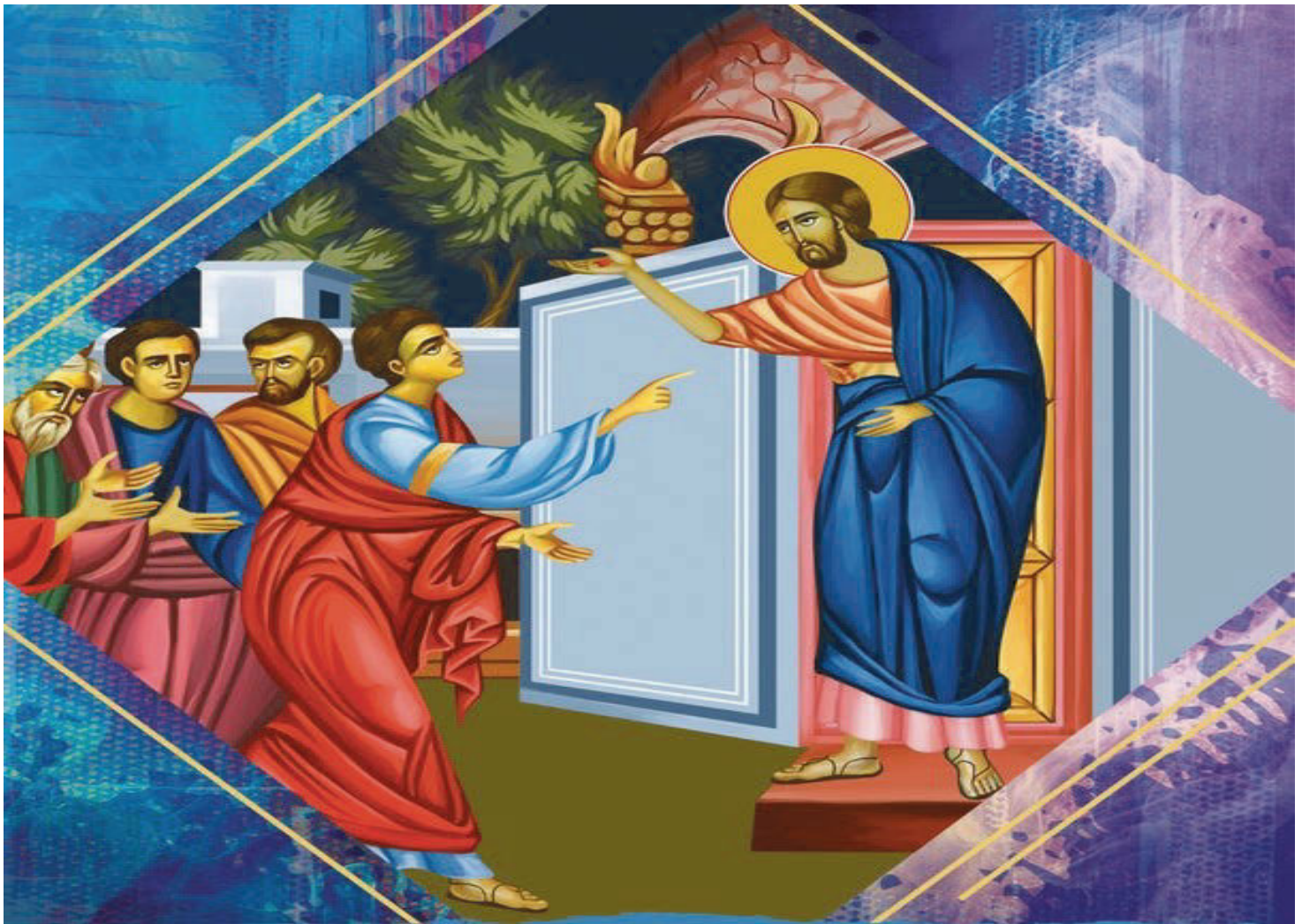
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St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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April 27, 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.” - Jn 20:29

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Thursday, May 1**

7:00 p.m.—Adult choir rehearsal—church

Saturday, May 3

3:30 p.m. —Sacrament of Penance—church

Memorials:

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of April 27 — May 3 have been donated in memory of Leo W. Hoover—the Hoover family

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pope Francis I
Jean Baker
John J. Vargo

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:****SPRINGTIME AT SAINT MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL**

As we welcome the beauty of spring, our students took part in Campus Beautification Day on Friday, April 25th, in honor of Earth Day. This annual tradition allowed our students to care for God's creation by tending to our school grounds, planting flowers, and ensuring our campus remains a beautiful and welcoming place for all. This marked the beginning of our exciting spring events—along with, hopefully, some warmer weather!

We also extend a warm invitation to our parish community to join us for our May Crowning Mass on Friday, May 2nd, at 9:00 AM in the Church. This beautiful celebration honors Mary, our Blessed Mother, and is a cherished tradition for our school. We especially welcome grandparents and special guests, as following Mass, each grade will perform a special song in their honor, led by our talented music teacher, Mrs. Katy Piet.

We hope you can join us for these special moments as we celebrate the beauty of God's world and the love of our school and parish community!

Blessings,
Mrs. Heather Bill, Principal,
St. Mary Our Mother School

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SCHEDULE:**WOMEN'S RETREATS:****Walking in Friendship with God: "Pilgrims of Hope"—**

Friday, May 2nd —Sun., May 4th & Friday and May 16th—May 17th

May 13th—Fill Your Soul Day

"Blessed Are You: A Closer Look at the fundamental Message of Jesus"—With Sr. Carole Cimino, SSJ

June 17th—Fill Your Soul Day—"Poetry and Prayer-

A presentation for our Jubilee Year" with Fr. Peter Murray, SJ

**CRS RICE BOWL UPDATE:**

Rice Bowl is the official global assistance program of the Catholic Church. We, as a parish, are proud to be a part of this effort. CRS Rice Bowl programs are working to alleviate hunger in over 120 countries. At this time when government funding for global assistance is being eliminated, your rice bowl donation is more important than ever. If you have not already brought your **Rice Bowl donation to Church, please do so ASAP.**

Continue to pray for the people served by CRS, for the CRS workers in the field around the world, and for those here at home who promote and support CRS projects.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

It is my hope that you and your family enjoyed a very Blessed and Happy Easter! I was edified of the many people who joined us for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Hopefully, this is a positive sign of people feeling more comfortable in social and in-church gatherings.

A Popular devotion of many people during the season of Lent is the praying of the **Stations of the Cross**, a prayer that invites us to focus on the **Way of the Cross**, on the last hours of Jesus prior to His crucifixion and death. The following is a reflection on the Stations of the Cross authored by **Father Peter Cameron, O.P.**, which used the format of the Stations of the Cross to reflect on the **Resurrection and Mercy of God**. Since this is the Second Sunday of Easter, sometimes referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday, I thought today would be a good time to offer these to you. I believe you will find these reflections quite insightful.

First Station: Jesus rises from the dead. *At Your rising the peace, the forgiveness, the display of Your wounds are healing and mercy for me.*

Second Station: The Disciples find the empty tomb. *The emptiness inside of me is a crushing sore. The mercy of Your empty tomb frees me and fills me.*

Third Station: Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala. *To a frantic Mary who wants to carry away Your body, You appear in Risen mercy to carry her away.*

Fourth Station: Jesus walks with the disciples to Emmaus. *To the two discouraged disciples, Your mercy appears as a sudden accompaniment. Walk with Me!*

Fifth Station: Jesus reveals Himself through the breaking of the Bread. *All that our heart craves abides in the Last Supper bread breaking. Break through my forgetfulness!*

Sixth Station: Jesus appears to the Disciples. *You appear in Your humanity: eating, consoling, ridding fear. By Your mercy, help me to be more human.*

Seventh Station: Jesus confers on His Disciples the power to forgive Sins. *You give not the ability to live without sinning, but the power to forgive sin—the greatest mercy!*

Eighth Station: Jesus Confirms Thomas in Faith. *In Your mercy, doubt will not gain the upper hand. Touching the wound in Your hands reclaims us.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	April 28th—Easter Weekday Our Faithful Departed
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	April 29—St. Catherine of Siena, Marcia Gretsinger—Ann Gresock
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	April 30—Easter Weekday Mary & Sid Mann—Mary Navone
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	May 1—Easter Weekday Joseph Ruhmel—his wife, Janet
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	May 2—St. Athanasius, Bishop Living and deceased members of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	May 3—Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles First Holy Communion
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	May 4—Third Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion First Holy Communion

Pastors perspective continued:

Ninth Station: Jesus appears to His disciples on the shore of Lake Galilee. *When we are adrift and dispirited, You come as a surprise, cooking us breakfast, calling us “children.”*

Tenth Station: Jesus Confirms Primary of Peter. *The unity of the Church needs you to provide in the Successor of Peter, its visible source and foundation.*

Eleventh Station: Jesus entrusts His Disciples with the Universal Mission. *I believe because of Christian witnesses who shared their faith. Make me a missionary of mercy!*

Twelfth Station: Jesus ascends into heaven. *You ascend in Your humanity to heaven to give us access to the Father's house and to God's life..*

Thirteenth Station: Mary and the Disciples await the Holy Spirit's Pentecost. *Thank You for the Gift of the One who reminds us of all You said and who forms us in the life of prayer.*

Fourteenth Station: Jesus sends the Spirit promised by the Father to His Disciples. *Lost though we are in a state of deformity, the Holy Spirit restores our original beauty and fills us with grace.*

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

Fr. L.



FROM OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP: Jubilee Year Reflection/Action:

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL ANNUAL LEGACY GALA:

TANGIBLE SIGNS OF HOPE

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This year's event will take place on Friday, May 30th, from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at the Elmira Country Club.

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CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH AT HOME:

FILL YOUR SOUL DAY:

" Blessed Are You: A Closer Look at the Fundamental Message of Jesus, with Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The World Is Watching:

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when He's in front of you.

Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It *does* sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that He could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," He isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when He's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

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