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May 25, 2025



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you.”
- Jn 14:27a

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

The **parish offices** will be closed on **Monday, May 26th** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The offices will reopen on **Tuesday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m.** We wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday weekend.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday of this week is the Solemnity of the Ascension. The following is the Mass schedule for the holiday:

Wednesday, May 28th
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29th
6:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Memorials:

The sanctuary candle for the week of May 25—31, 2025 has been donated in celebration on the 80th birthday of Guy Amisano by Mary and Tom Sweet.

Our main altar flowers for May 25—31 have been donated in memory of all Kordyl and Woodard families by Evelyn Kordyl and family.

In the Peace of Christ:

Mary Eileen Clarke

NEW FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

spaghetti
elbow Macaroni
canned Peas

Please bring your food items to the main vestibule and place them in the cart that is provided.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**JOIN US FOR THE LEGACY GALA—
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!**

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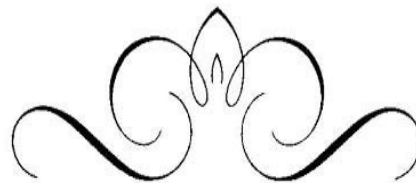
Big Money Raffle tickets are \$100 each, giving you a chance to win one of three prizes: \$500, \$1,000, or \$5,000! Tickets will be available for purchase after Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 A.M. Mass this weekend!

We hope you will join us for this wonderful evening and help support St. Mary Our Mother School. Your generosity directly benefits our students and ensures the continued success of our school community.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Blessings,

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

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

In today's Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with His disciples before His death. He has already made it clear that His followers will show their love for Him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells His disciples that He and His Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God's presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The Memorial Day weekend has arrived! This weekend is more than just a three or four day holiday that marks the beginning of summer, and all the seasonal opportunities that the beginning of summer has to offer. This weekend is also a time for us to reflect and remember the many women and men who have given the ultimate gift of their life for our freedom, our country and its citizenry. Whenever we visit a cemetery (and I hope you will take the time to visit a cemetery this Memorial Day weekend), we often think of the massive loss of American lives that have been sacrificed for our country. President John F. Kennedy, (whose 108th birthday is Thursday) once said that the value of society is not measured by what it has done, but by how it remembers. If America's sons and daughters are willing to march, fight and die for their country, then the least we can do is to remember. And remember we do, each Memorial Day.

If anything positive resulted from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, it has been an increased awareness of patriotism for our country and a deeper appreciation and respect for those who serve our country, risking their lives in protecting us and our way of life. Whether it is the spontaneous recognition in an airport given to troops arriving home from military deployment, or the more organized and public recognition offered by various groups and organizations to honor the military, each of these occasions are particularly touching and heartwarming. One incident I recall focused on a military honoree who was a staff sergeant, who had served one tour of duty in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. As the public address announcer read a statement summarizing the staff sergeant's military career, the spectators in the stadium, one by one, including players, coaches, umpires, broadcasters, media members, came to their feet and broke into thunderous applause. By the time the public address announcer announced his name, everyone was standing and applauding wildly, many with tears of appreciation in their eyes. True to form, the sergeant simply acknowledged this tribute with a grateful wave.

It has been said that heroes are those people who are willing to put their lives on the line for what they believe, be it principles, a family, a country, a world. A person does not have to die to be a hero, but death does seem to be the crown of heroism. Memorial Day does not glorify death, nor does it encourage sacrifice. But it is a call to remember those whom we promise to remember. This Memorial Day, I encourage you to take some time to remember. I hope you will offer a prayer to God to watch over and protect the women and men of today's military who are serving throughout the world. I hope you will ask God to embrace those who have made the ultimate sacrifice with peace and life in the Kingdom; those people we have promised never to forget. And I hope you will offer a prayer of gratitude for those people who serve us on a daily basis along with our military,

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	May 26—Memorial Day On the joyful occasion of the wedding of Rachel Vandervort & Stephen Baker— Barb Matterazzo & family
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	May 27—Easter Weekday Pablo & Elisea Atienza-Macapinlac and family—Macapinlac family
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	May 28—Easter Weekday Living & deceased Amisano & Lanahan families —Adele Lanahan Christina O'Herron Regula—her Mom
5:30 P.M. Thursday, 6:45 A.M. 9:00 A.M.	May 29—Easter Weekday John Kordyl—Peggy Woodard James Piet—staff & faculty of St. Mary Our Mother School
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	May 30—Easter Weekday Deceased of the Curtin family--family
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	May 31—The Ascension of the Lord Robert Kovarick—The Matterazzo family
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	June 1—The 7th Sunday of Easter— The Ascension of the Lord— Raymond Sherwood—Deloris, Frances, and Alsworth family. Helen M.. Linsler

Pastor's perspective continued:

members of the police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and those who always walk the extra mile. You make the United States of America the great country that it is!

Have a happy, enjoyable, and safe Memorial Day weekend. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, on this day, we remember those who have served us by protecting our freedoms.

When we celebrate our long weekend with our friends and family, help us to remember that our freedom to speak of You, and our freedom to worship You, and our freedom to do that which we ought to do, have all been bought at the price and sacrifice of many lives.

Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven. So too, your children died protecting us here on earth.

Help us be mindful this weekend and always of the sacrifices made by those in uniform for all our freedoms.

RETRouvaille

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille simply means “rediscovery.” This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. Where there are hurts, it can take away the resentment which gets in the way of healing. It can be a helpful supplement to an addiction program though it is not a recovery program in itself. It is Catholic in nature but open to couples of all faiths or backgrounds.

This world-wide program is in 27 countries and has been in Rochester for over 35 years. It has even helped separated or divorced couples who want to try again.

Please call 800-470-2230 with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER:

Victims of sexual abuse *should always report to the civil authorities*. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah A. Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or
toll free: 1800-388-7177 ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

June 17 Fill Your Soul Day—”Poetry and Prayer—A Presentation for our Jubilee Year ” with Fr. Peter Murray, SJ.

June 18 John Dady and Friends Concert 6:00pm-8:00pm

June 22-27: Women Religious Retreat “Mary in the Scriptures” with Fr. Elliott Dees

July 13-18: Preached Retreat for Men & Women—”Meeting God: The Path of Entering Quiet in the Midst of everyday life” with Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM

July 20-25 Silent Directed Retreat with Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ; Fr. Peter Murray, SJ and Jodie Scordo

FEEL GOOD ADVISE FROM SOME WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US:

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank spent nearly two years in hiding with her family during World War II where she kept a diary chronicling what happened in the Secret Annex. Her entries offer great quotes and sayings that reveal her rich inner life and show that she never lost her faith in people even in one of modern history’s darkest moments.

“If you hear a voice within you say ‘you cannot paint,’ then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced.” Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh painted images with bold colors and textures that contrasted with the dark moods he felt during bouts with mental illness. He didn’t let the strong emotions prevent him from creating great works of art, living his belief that people should create even when they don’t feel like doing anything.

“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.” Babe Ruth remains one of the best known baseball players of all time. He earned a spot in the Baseball Hall of Fame during its inaugural year, in part, because he didn’t let disappointment and mistakes hold him back from playing the game.

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JUBILEE YEAR REFLECTION/ACTION- TANGIBLE SIGNS OF HOPE

During this holy Jubilee Year, our beloved late Pope Francis asked us to be alert to the opportunities to be a tangible sign of hope for brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. Our risen Lord shows us how to respond with compassion to neighbors-in-need. Following Jesus, the Catholic Church is committed to providing comfort, hope, and relief to those who are poor and suffering through Catholic Charities agencies, Catholic hospitals, long term care facilities, and parishes who serve our most vulnerable neighbors with dignity providing a range of help. The Church's closeness to the poor informs our advocacy on their behalf. We know first-hand that many brothers and sisters are struggling. Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), the Child Tax Credit, community services that help our elders age well, all help.

Please contact our US House of Representative, Nick Langworthy (Corning office 607-377-3130).

Our Message: *As congress works towards budget reconciliation legislation, please protect programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, the Child Tax Credit, and services that help elders age well. Tax cuts that favor wealthier persons should not be made possible through cuts to healthcare, food and other vital services for those struggling to make ends meet and should not place additional burdens on the most vulnerable.*

Be sure to leave your name and county. This phone call will take a minute or two, but can make a big impact.

Thank you for caring.



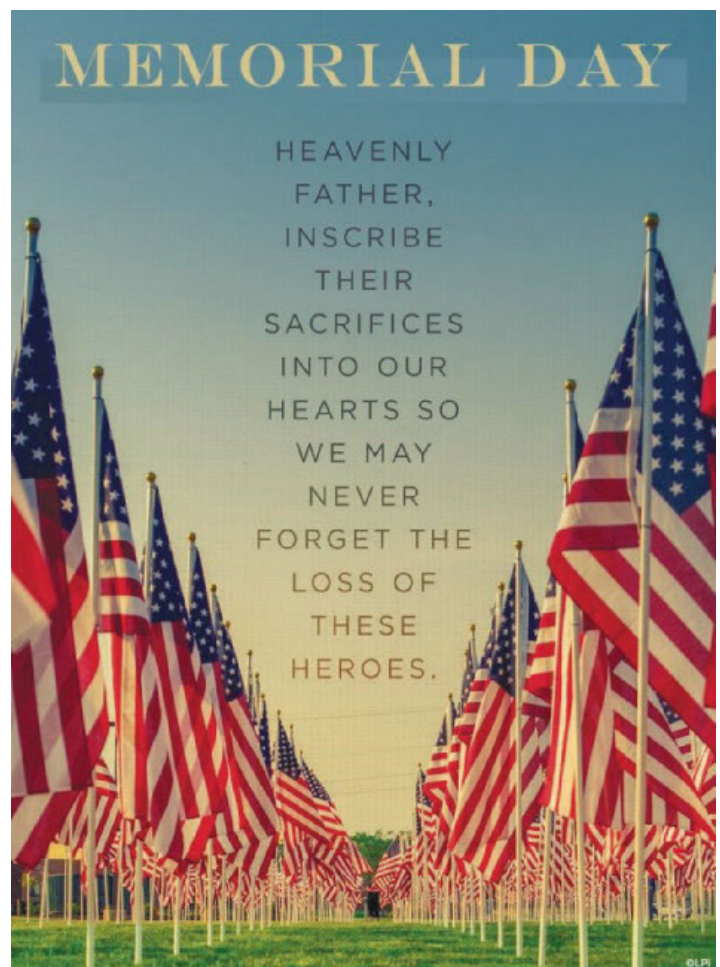
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