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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 15, 2025



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Wednesday, June 18:**

6:30 P.M.—St. Mary Our Mother School Sixth Grade
Celebration—Church and School

Saturday, June 21

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

Parish Office Closed:

The parish offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19th in recognition of the “Juneteenth holiday,” and will remain closed on Friday, June 20th. The offices will reopen on Monday, June 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

Memorials:

The Sanctuary candle for the week of June 15—21, 2025 has been donated for a special intention by Helen Tenny.

Our main altar flowers for June 15—21 have been donated in loving memory of Mario Botero by the Enright family.

In the Peace of Christ:

Donna Haraty

**Incredible Generosity:**

Your donation of \$4082.19 for the Rice Bowl Lenten almsgiving project has been sent off to Catholic Relief Services to be used to support their programs that alleviate poverty and hunger, both globally and locally. This generous amount of \$4082.19 that was donated by our parish, and Catholic school, is a **28% increase** over last year's Rice Bowl total.

In the current national situation where there is a significant reduction or cancellation of funding to global and state agencies working to address poverty and hunger, your sacrifices mean more now than ever. Thank you so much for responding to Jesus' call to reach out to those in need through your Lenten sacrifices.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**Celebrating the Class of 2025: A Milestone in Faith and Learning**

As we approach the joyous occasion of the 6th Grade Graduation at St. Mary Our Mother School, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the Class of 2025. On Wednesday, June 18th, we will come together to celebrate the accomplishments and growth of these remarkable students who are preparing to take the next step in their educational journeys.

The following students will be graduating from St. Mary Our Mother School:

Max Adams	Brady Baccile
Amara Cain	Daniel Clark
Gianna Cleary	Diego Condo
Patrice Davis	Landon Friedrich
George Katerji	Sophia Minier
Kaylin Moore	Jacob Mullen
Riley Radford-White	Avaya Schuchardt
Irene Serrano-Bello	Madison Teribury

This milestone marks the end of their elementary school years at St. Mary Our Mother School, but it is only the beginning of their journey into middle and high school. These young people have worked hard, grown in faith, and built lasting relationships that will stay with them throughout their lives. As they prepare to move on to Notre Dame Jr. Sr. High School, Horseheads Middle School, Corning Middle School, and the Elmira City School District, we are confident they will continue to shine and thrive in all their future endeavors.

We ask you to join us in keeping these graduates in your thoughts and prayers as they embark on this exciting new chapter. Let us pray for the continued success, guidance, and faith as they make the transition to the next stage of their academic and spiritual journeys.

We also want to take this moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful parishioners of St. Mary Our Mother for your unwavering support and prayers throughout the 2024-2025 school year. Your dedication and encouragement make a world of difference in the lives of our students, and we are truly thankful.

Please join us in celebrating this special day on June 18th. Let us continue to support and uplift these graduates as they move forward.

With heartfelt thanks and blessing,
Mrs. Heather Bill, Principal

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Congratulations and best wishes to all our fathers on this **Father's 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 all our fathers mean and have given us.

I recently came across an article which contained some wonderful quotes from people on the subject of fatherhood:

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me?"—Jim Valvano

"The greatest thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."—Anjaneth Garcia Untalan

"It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father."—Pope John XXIII

"I have had a hard life, but my hardships are nothing against the hardships that my father went through in order to get me to where I started."—Bartrand Hubbard

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection."—Sigmund Freud

"My father.... He was there when I didn't understand; he was there when I was wrong, he was there when I cried, he was there when I lied. For some reason my dad was always there, when I needed him the most. His love was never ending. And now that he is gone there is an emptiness in my world, but not in my heart."—Michael Jordon

"Fathers, be good to your daughters. You are the god and the weight of her world."—John Mayer

"My father didn't have my hand; he had my back."—Linda Pointexter

"Treat your parent with loving care, you will only know their value when you see their empty chair."—Man of Honor

"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get."—Tim Russert

"No one in the world can love a girl more than her father."—Michael Ratnadeepak

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**Monday, June 16—Eleventh week in Ordinary Time**

6:45 A.M. Jeannette Berretta—her buddy, Dick. Pi-rozzolo

Tuesday, June 17—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Deceased Curtin family

Wednesday, June 18—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Living and deceased Amisano and Lanan families

Thursday, June 19—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Joe Jamison—his family

Friday, June 20—Weekday

Leticia Abadila—the Lapitan's

Saturday, June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga—Religious

5:00 P.M. Pamela Smart Eldred—Virgina and Brendan Curtin

Sunday, June 22—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:30 A.M. Gene Harrison—Dobek family

10:30 A.M. Darryl Fink—his wife, Judy and family

Pastor's perspective continued:

"A father is always making his baby into a little woman. And when she is a woman, he turns her back again."—Enid Bagnold

"The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams, and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family."—John f. Kennedy

"It doesn't matter who my father was: it matters who I remember he was."—Anne Sexton

"Being a father is like shaving. No matter how good you shaved today, you have to do it again tomorrow."—Reed Markham

As we move through the month of June, we discover many ways to give thanks to God. On this Father's Day, we pause to thank our fathers for the blessing and example of their lives.



Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini Reflection: What's so special about Pentecost that it wasn't until this moment — and not any of the equally world-changing moments that came in the weeks before it — that the Apostles became the Church?

Leaving the Room

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church,” and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost was, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come before the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn't until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, the Church, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

It's true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital. They had borne witness to Christ's miracles, to His life and to His passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn't enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It's what makes us the Church. Without it, we're just a bunch of guys in a room.

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.

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THE FAMILY ZONE:

Born on September 14, 1955, Robert Francis Prevost, in Chicago, Illinois, Pope Leo XIV is the 267th pope of our Church. He is the first North American Pope. Pope Leo holds dual citizenship between America and the country of Peru, where he served as a missionary and the Bishop of Chiclayo in Peru; he is also the first pope with Peruvian citizenship. Pope Leo entered the Order of St. Augustine in 1977 and made his solemn vows on August 29, 1981. He also holds the honor of being the first Augustinian Pope! He was ordained as a priest on June 19, 1982. He also holds the honor of being the first Augustinian Pope! He was ordained as a priest on June 19, 1982. He also served as the head (Prior General) of Augustinian Order, and the head of the office that places new bishops around the world called the Dicastery for Bishops. He holds degrees in Mathematics, Theology and Canon Law. He is multilingual and speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese. The last Pope Leo (XIII) is known as the father of our modern Catholic Social Teaching and was a champion of the working class. As Pope, he was known to be an advocate for education, science and diplomacy; it is likely that Pope Leo chose his name to honor the work of Pope Leo XIII, and to hope to continue down that path. In Pope Leo XIV's first address to the faithful he said: "We have to be a church that works together to build bridges and to keep our arms open like this very piazza (St. Peter's Square), welcoming." Other themes in his first address included peace unity. We pray for our new Holy Father and the work he will accomplish in God's name.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW POPE LEO XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Ring of the Fisherman:

This ring is part of the official uniform of the pope. Because every pope is a successor to St. Peter, who was a fisherman by trade, this ring symbolizes the Gospel message for the apostles to be "Fishers of Men." (Mark 1:17) In centuries past, the ring was used to seal official correspondence or documents from the pope, but now it is just a symbolize of the end of a papacy and the beginning of a new one.



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.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

June 17 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

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
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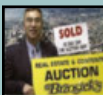


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