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June 22, 2025



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Saturday, June 28

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

Memorials:

Main altar arrangement for June 22—28 has been donated in loving memory of Darryl Fink by his wife, Judy and family.

In the Peace of Christ:

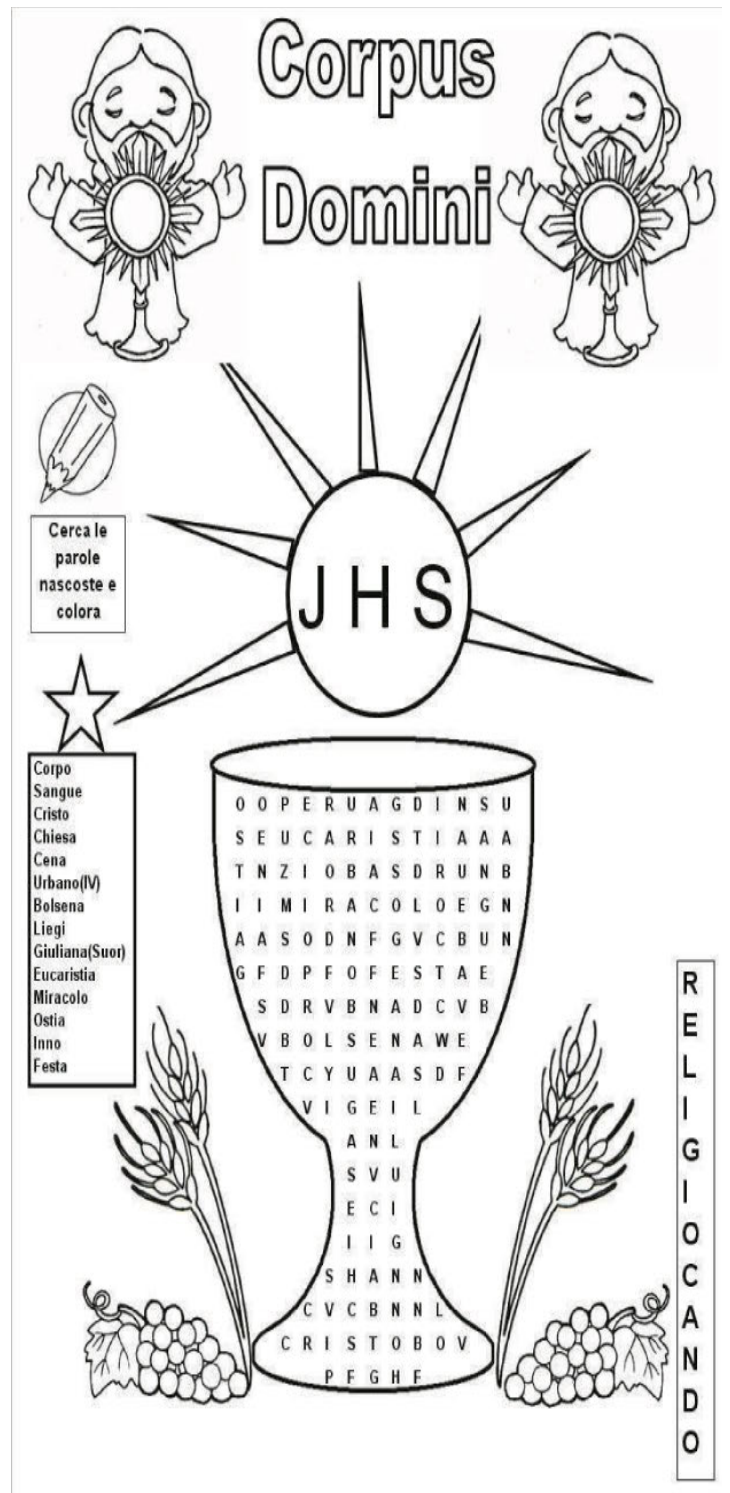
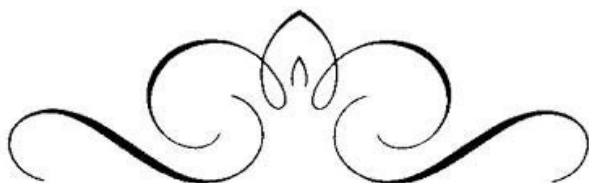
Shirley Olson

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:

From the rich Eucharistic themes to be drawn from today's second reading, one stewardship theme stands out: the Eucharist is Christ's gift to us. Good stewards are grateful for this gift and realize that no matter their station in life, they are welcome to come to the table and receive the body and blood of Christ. If Jesus could break bread with His betrayer, Judas, His denier, Peter, and the other ten who deserted Him, then He will welcome us. Do we truly appreciate what a tremendous gift it is to approach the Lord's table? Do we realize that the Holy Spirit means to transform us by the gift of Christ's body and blood?

Peter's Pence Collection:

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en./html.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This is the season for graduations! Many of the colleges and universities have already held their commencement exercises in late April, May, and early in the month of June. This past Wednesday, we held the Sixth Grade Celebration for **Saint Mary Our Mother School** in church, and last Friday, the 2025 graduating class from **Notre Dame High School** held their commencement exercises. The senior class from **Horseheads High School** will hold their graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, June 25th. The graduating classes from Elmira High School, Thomas A. Edison, Odessa-Montour, and the Corning/Painted Post Schools, will be holding their commencement exercises as well. We offer all graduates, whether they be from colleges, universities, high school, middle, and elementary schools, our congratulations and best wishes! As members of our parish community, we are proud of you and grateful for the love and support your parents, families, and church community have given you.

This is also the time of year when those who serve in leadership positions of the Church are celebrating anniversaries of their service to the People of God. In the May issue of the *Catholic Courier*, many priests and deacons were listed. Among them were a number of these jubilarians with connections to our local community. Among them are **Father Walter L. Wainwright**, retired pastor of the former Blessed Sacrament Parish in Elmira. Father Wainwright is celebrating his sixteenth year of ordination to the priesthood. Father Wainwright served as pastor of the combined parishes of St. Anthony/St. Patrick/Ss. Peter & Paul, from 2000-2009. Father continues to live in Elmira and occasionally assists at the Most Holy Name of Jesus parish in Elmira. His classmate, **Father Daniel F. Holland** is also celebrating sixty years as a priest. Father Holland served as pastor of St. Patrick in Elmira from 1979 to 1992, during which time the interior of the church was extensively renovated. I had the pleasure of serving with Father Holland from 1982 to 1987. Father Holland resides at the St. Ann Community in Rochester, and continues to offer pastoral assistance at St. Ann. The other priest marking sixty years of ordained service is **Father John T. Reif**, pastor emeritus of St. Rita parish in Webster. **Fathers Wainwright, Holland, and Reif** were ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney on June 5, 1965, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. **Father William F. Laird**, who served here at St. Mary Our Mother with Father O'Brien from 1981-1983, is celebrating his fiftieth anniversary. Father Laird was ordained by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on May 2, 1975, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Rochester. Father Laird has served as the Officialis of the Diocesan Tribunal, and is currently the pastor of St. Matthew parish in Livonia, and St. Mary parish in Honeoye. Other priests celebrating fifty years of ordained service include **Father Stephen R. Kraus, Father August Deasio, and Father Theodore J. Auble**.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, June 23—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Jennie Joy—husband, Roger

Tuesday, June 24—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:45 A.M. Stephen J. Kondrk, Jo-Ann H. Kondrk,
Mia Kondrk—Mike Kondrk

Wednesday, June 25—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Mary Ann Poland—the Scarselletta family

Thursday, June 26—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Leticia Macapinlac—her family

Friday, June 27—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:45 A.M. Joseph Ruhmel—his wife, Janet and family

Saturday, June 28—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 P.M. Carlo Guardi—Bob Guardi

Sunday, June 29—St. Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:30 A.M. Christina O'Herron Regula—her mom
10:30 A.M. Katie and Jon Mandeville—Mom

Pastor's perspective continued:

Others celebrating ordination anniversaries in 2025, some of whom you may know, are the following:

70 years: Father Thomas M. Erdle
Father Daniel P. Tormey
Father William J. Cosgrove

65 years: Father William E. Graf
Father Thomas P. Dugan, C.S.B.

55 years: Father John Healy, O. Carm.

45 years: Father Symon Peter Ntaiya
Fathers John A. Colacino. C.P.P.S.

40 years: Father Jesus Flores-Rivera
Father Stanley G. Kacprzak
Father Alexander H. Bradshaw

35 years: Father Jeffrey Galens
Father Victor W. Bartolotta
Father Felicjan Sierotowicz

25 years: Father William F. McGrath

20 years: Father John f. Loncle

15 years: Father Sriram Sadhanala, H.G.N.

10 Years: Father Michael G. Fowler
Father Carlos M. Sanchez
Father Daniel Ruiz

The *Catholic Courier* also featured in its May issue a number of permanent deacons, as well as vowed religious of the Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph, many of whom served in our area. Two local deacons who are observing fifteen years of service to our area, are **Deacons Joseph Erway and Paul Sartori**, both of whom serve at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Elmira. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Deacon Joe and Deacon Paul.

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

Fr. L.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**A Joyous End to the School Year: Celebrating the Last Week at St. Mary Our Mother School**

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, we are excited to share the many activities that will fill the final week of school at St. Mary Our Mother. This coming week promises to be one of celebration, reflection, and fun as we wrap up an incredible year of learning, growth, and faith.

Hear are just a few of the exciting events we have planned:

Field Day: A day full of friendly competition and physical activity, Field Day is always a highlight of the year! A big thank you to our dedicated PE teacher, Mr. Ketchum, for organizing this fun-filled day, where students will showcase their athleticism and teamwork skills.

Character Traits Assembly: We will conclude our year-long focus on character traits with a special assembly, celebrating the virtues our students have demonstrated throughout the year. This assembly is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the growth in each student's character and faith.

6th. Grade vs Staff Kickball Game: One of our most beloved traditions, the annual 6th Grade vs Staff kickball game, will take place! This exciting game is always filled with laughter and friendly competition, and we are thrilled that many of our alumni will join the staff team, making this event even more special.

Pre K 4 Graduation: Our youngest learners will celebrate their achievements in the PreK 4 Graduation Ceremony. We are so proud of how far they've come this year, and we look forward to watching them continue their journey in the coming years.

Year in Review Slideshow: Thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Nagle, our talented Technology teacher, we will enjoy a heartwarming slideshow that highlights the best moments of the year. It's a great way to reflect on all the memories made, from classroom achievements to special events.

Move-Up Day: On Move-Up day, students will have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their next year's teachers. This special day helps ease the transition to the next grade level and gives the students a chance to get excited about the upcoming year.

Final Blessing from Father Linsler: We will end our year with a final blessing from Father Linsler, thanking God for the year that's passed and asking for His guidance and blessings as we prepare for the summer and the year ahead.

From the Principal's desk continued:

We want to take this moment to express our deepest gratitude to all of our teachers, staff, parents, and parishioners for your ongoing support throughout the year. Together, we have made this year a truly special one, and we look forward to all the wonderful things the next year will bring.

Blessing to all,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School

**HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER VACATION!!****MINISTERIAL STAFF**

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Peter T. Singano, in Residence
Miss Lily Barr, Faith Formation Coordinator
Mrs. Cathy Peckham, Director of Music
Mrs. Heather Bill, School Principal
Mrs. Adriana Enright, School Secretary
Michelle Card, Business Manager
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir



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 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 Bily, C.Ss.R., Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ; Fr. Peter Murray, SJ and Jodie Scordo

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER:

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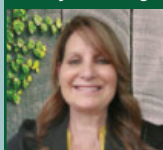
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