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July 6, 2025



## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Saturday, July 6, 2025**

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

**Memorials:**

Our main altar arrangement for July 6—12, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Jenny Joy on her 7th year in heaven by husband, Roger and her family.

**In The Peace of Christ:**

Joseph Schiefen

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:**

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:**

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee). #GiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

**PRACTICING CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage." If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

**The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.**

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, at all). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: I cannot work in these conditions!

And then, I imagine God, on His celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely He keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And He whispers in my heart what He said to His disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

Due to an early bulletin deadline due to the July 4th holiday weekend, I am writing this column on **Monday, June 23**, awaiting the final days of school for the students of St. Mary Our Mother School, as well as anticipating a number of high school graduations, the final weekend in the month of June, and looking forward to the Independence Holiday weekend. Without a doubt, many of our people will soon begin their summer vacations, while many others have moved to their summer residences. The summer season gives us an opportunity to pull back, change the pace of our lives and take a break from the hectic routine of life that is the norm for many of us. These summer months are great times to be refreshed, renewed, and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

It has been said that the relaxed days of summer are similar to what our Sundays should be like throughout the year: a time to withdraw some normal activity and realize that all of life is a gift from God. Everything we have is a gift from God, and we are called to be good stewards of what God has blessed and shared with us.

If you find yourself traveling these summer weeks, please be observant as you attend Mass in different locations and settings this summer. If you observe some practices from other parishes which you think might be beneficial to our parish family at Saint Mary Our Mother, please bring these ideas back to us. Many of the visitors to our parish during these past few weeks have stopped after Mass and commented very favorably of their worship experience. All felt most welcome while worshipping with us. Many of you are kind as to bring a bulletin back from the parish you attended while away. I always enjoy reading these bulletins, and it offers me a different 'perspective' into church life in parishes throughout our county.

With the July 4th holiday falling on a Friday this year, there is a good chance that many of you are in the midst of your observance and celebration of the Independence Day holiday. As we reflect back on this year's celebration of our nation's independence, it is a good opportunity to reflect on some "**Founders Wisdom**," from two of the original signers of the **Declaration of Independence**:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

*My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.*

**Thomas Jefferson (1743—1826)**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday, July 7— Weekday**  
6:45 A.M. Robert Kosty—Phyllis Barnum and Mike & Linda McDonald

**Tuesday, July 8—Weekday**  
6:45 A.M. Mary Jean Gray—Mary Navone

**Wednesday, July 9—Weekday**  
6:45 A.M. Pat Marks and Jim Marks—Jane & Joe Gallagher

**Thursday, July 10—Weekday**  
6:45 A.M. Cindy Sullivan—Woody and Mary Kay Woodworth

**Friday, July 11 — St. Benedict, Abbot**  
6:45 A.M. Faithful departed

**Saturday, July 12—Weekday**  
5:00 P.M. Deceased Mills family

**Sunday, July 13— Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Ti**  
8:30 A.M. Allan B. Caldwell  
10:30 A.M. Vern Cozad IV—Aunt Nan

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Would you like to offer a Mass Intention. It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for living or deceased person, or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intention(s). Please call the parish office at 739-3817.

**pastor's perspective continued:**

*They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety'*

*We must all stand together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately.*

**Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)**

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

Fr.L.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: Reflecting on a Wonderful School Year:

Our 6th grade students have truly excelled this past year! I am proud to recognize the following students for earning top honors:

\*Overall highest students average—**Amara Cain (98.25%)**

\*Highest average in Religion—**Avaya Schuchardt (98.50%)**

\*Highest average in English/Language Arts—**Amara Cain (98.75%)**

\*Highest average in Mathematics—**Amara Cain (99.25%)**

\*Highest average in Social Studies —**Mara Cain (98.75%)**

\*Highest average in Science—**George Katerji (96.50%)**

The overall average was 89.00%.

The NYS Triple “C” Awards (Commitment, Character, Courage) were awarded to **Madison Teribury** and **Max Adams**.

The Office of the State Comptroller of New York, Thomas P. DiNapoli, Award in recognition of hard work, dedication and success for academic excellence and civic commitment was awarded to **Avaya Schuchardt** and **George Katerji**.

The Knights of Columbus Award was awarded to **Amara Cain** and **Sophia Minier**.

President Joseph Biden’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence was awarded to **Amara Cain**, **George Katerji**, **Avaya Schuchardt**, **Sophia Minier**, **Gianna Cleary**, and **Kaylin Moore**.

Father Thomas F. Brennan Award presented to a Saint Mary Our Mother School graduating student who displays outstanding aptitude and effort in English Language Arts and intends to continue their pursuit of Catholic education was awarded to **Kaylin Moore**.

The Legacy Award in recognition of students who have attended St. Mary Our Mother School from Pre-K3 through Sixth grade was awarded to **Max Adams**.

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to all of the students on their individual achievements. They move on with our prayers for continued success as they enter the next phase of their lives.

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



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# Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



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canned peas

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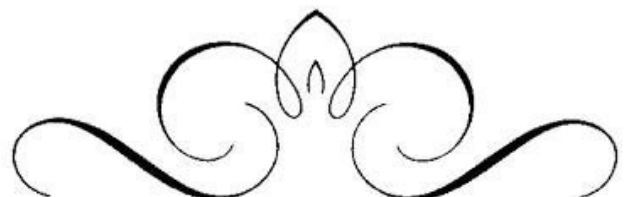
**July 13-18:** Preached Retreat for Men & Women—  
"Meeting God: The Path of Entering Quiet in the Midst of everyday life" with Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM

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

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

Discover for yourselves how the Marriage Encounter Weekend can transform, strengthen and enhance your relationship as husband and wife, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. With open mind and heart, this weekend will allow you to realize and experience how fulfilling marital life can be, just as God desires and designs it to be, a sign of His love in a world that desperately needs it.

The Marriage Encounter will take place at Saint Patrick's Church in Victor, NY on July 19-20. To learn more about this marriage enrichment program, contact Steve and Velinda Pellegrino thru [spelleleg@gmail.com](mailto:spelleleg@gmail.com) or (585) 455-0469. Scan the QR code for additional and registration information.





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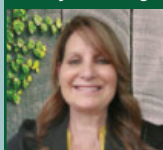
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