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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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June 7th, 2026



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” - Jn 6:57-58

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 11

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal— Church

Saturday, June 13

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Wounded Healers

The WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meeting will be offered on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM, in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Use the door of the school across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a memento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful to not dogmatize with "shoulds." We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight, and normalization from each other. You may share or you may just listen. We encourage you to be sensitive to your own needs. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping."

Christine Lloyd, 607-796-2795

Stewardship

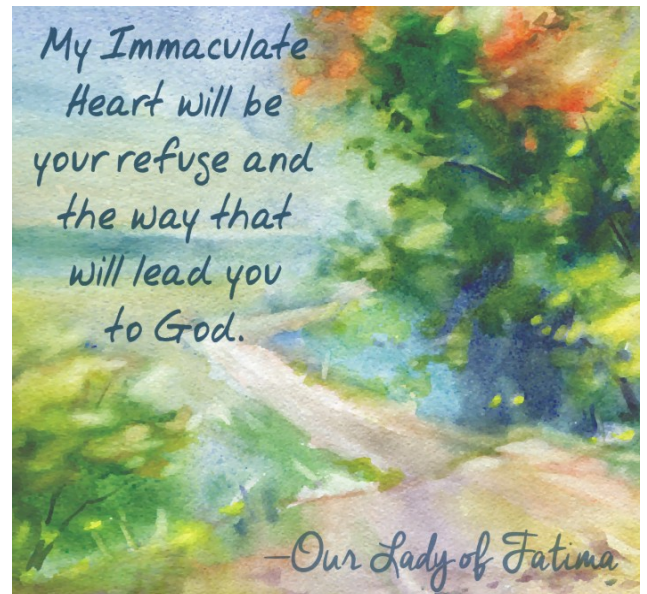
Weekly Contribution for week ending 5/31/2026
Total.....\$ 6,893.73

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Brett Owen
Lucille Panosian
Mary Catherine Whiting

Altar Flowers

The main altar flowers for June 7- June 13, 2026 have been donated in memory of *John Boulas* by his wife, Donna & family.



Celebrate Your Marriage

*Most Rev. John S. Bonnici
Bishop of Rochester*

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

_____ JUNE _____
SUNDAY 14 11:15 AM
_____ 2026 _____

Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park
Rochester, NY 14615

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

*Please help us plan by emailing
donald.smith@dor.org*

**Venturing Outward in Love:
Acting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation,
Delixi Te**

Pope Leo offers a critique of our global economies and societies and how we assign value, often treating the earth, ecosystems, the poor, animals, etc. as if all lack intrinsic dignity. Should the earth be viewed merely as a resource? The current global economic model does not favor investment in people who are slow, weak or less talented. Are those born with fewer opportunities of lesser value as human beings? Should they be limited to merely surviving? We must see the earth as God's creation, as a place to encounter and welcome all the beings who belong to God. Living Faith: Our poor brothers and sisters around the world contribute least to environmental degradation and suffer most from it. Check out the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) website (crs.org) for stories on how we (through CRS) are helping the vulnerable cope with environmental disasters.

*from reflection by Daniel P. Scheid, Professor of Moral Theology at Boston College

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**, oftentimes referred to as **Corpus Christi**. This feast focuses on the Sacrament of the Eucharist, as well as the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), which is at the center and heart of our life as Catholic Christians. When, at Christ's invitation, we eat his body and drink his blood, we are joined to Christ and to one another.

Sixty years ago, prior to the beginning of the **Second Vatican Council**, was a time when few people received the Eucharist on Sunday morning. Those who did receive, likely celebrated the Sacrament of Penance the day before. At that time, anticipated Masses, such as the Saturday afternoon Mass, we unheard of, and the Church had strict laws of fasting, so those who wanted to receive communion would attend an early morning Sunday Mass. There was a great emphasis on a person to "make your Easter duty," which to this day obligates a Catholic to receive Communion at least once from the period beginning Ash Wednesday until Trinity Sunday. I still encounter people who think that one's Easter duty includes the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance during this time period, which it never did. All these customs reflected the reverence and respect people had for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to renew and reaffirm our faith in the tremendous gift that God has given us in the Eucharist. Today also gives us an opportunity to examine the level of respect and reverence we have when we come to church each Sunday. Does my attitude, as well as the apparel and manner in which I dress truly reflect my belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, as well as the living presence of Christ in the sisters and brothers whom I join for Mass?

Each time we approach the ordained minister or Eucharistic Minister to receive the Eucharistic bread or wine, (accompanied by a slight reverential bow) we hear the "*I believe*" or "*Yes!*" In doing so, we are professing our faith and belief that the real and living presence of Christ is present in the Eucharistic bread and wine. Our Lord said; "*Greater love than this no one has than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" In receiving the Eucharist, we enter into a moment of intimate union with our God. However, our "Amen" is not only our profession of our belief in Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. It is also our pledge to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." We go forth to proclaim the Gospel as well as God's living presence to those whose lives we touch—our families, neighborhoods, friends, and most especially the poor. Each time we receive the Eucharist is meant to be a renewal of our commitment to love and serve God and our brothers and sisters.

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we celebrate the real and living presence of Christ among us. It is a presence that nourishes and sustains us as the people of God. May we always approach the Eucharist with a profound sense of reverence, honor, and love. May our "Amen" be our profession of our faith and belief in God's Real Presence, and our commitment to live a life of active service in the name of Christ.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	June 8 Melissa Milazzo—Dick Pirozzolo
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	June 9 Deceased members of the Costello family
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	June 10 Deceased members of the Mills family
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	June 11 Joseph Cesare—Richard Hall family
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	June 12 Living & Deceased members of the 6:45am Mass family
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	June 13 Deceased members of the Madison & Healy families—Pat Madison
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	June 14—11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeannette Berretta (Anniversary) - Chris Lloyd
10:30 A.M.	Bill Cantando—his family

Pastor's Perspective Cont'd

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

Fr. L.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What term describes the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass?

Gratitude, Explained!

How many of us have been told to "be grateful" when we look a little glum? But the truth is that gratitude is about more than just attitude. This virtue concerns our actions—how we carry ourselves in the world, how we behave toward other people, and how we submit to lawful authority.

"Gratitude answers to the moral debt," St. Thomas Aquinas writes (Sum., II:II, 106, Art. 1). We owe gratitude to those who have cared for us—children owe it to their parents in the form of respect (CCC 215) and citizens owe it to their country in the form of love and service (CCC 215).

The Eucharist is the most perfect act of gratitude. Appropriately, Jesus "gives thanks" for the bread at the Last Supper, just as we give thanks before the Eucharist—acknowledging God as the principal source of all that is good.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Transubstantiation

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

True Food

Like most millennial women, I have a bizarre relationship with food.

I'm so busy and distracted that most days, I forget to eat — until nighttime, when I make some very questionable decisions, usually involving cake. I also came of age in a time when any woman without a visible eating disorder was labeled as “curvy” (and curvy was understood by everyone to be A Very Bad Thing). Thus, I have a deep feeling of shame whenever I do eat, even when I am hungry, and even when it's something good for me.

I'm so messed up when it comes to food that I often wonder if I even have a good point of reference for understanding the Eucharist. What is “true food” and “true drink,” when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful — at least for certain fortunate people like me — that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

But I suppose there's no better way to understand the Eucharist, when you really think about it. The Israelites survived on manna from Heaven — what they would have given for a grocery store. What they would have given for redemption.

I am given both. I appreciate neither to the extent that I should.

True food, true nourishment, true life — physical and spiritual — these are things we all desperately want. And so many of us have them. But our ability to understand what they mean — well, it's hampered. This isn't Eden, after all.

We are reading a book missing half its pages, singing a harmony missing half its parts. We stumble forward, knowing that the fullness can come, will come — one day.

If we keep trying.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign represents a mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Rochester Diocese to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. Your help spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

**DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
PERMANENT DIACONATE**

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate. The diocese anticipates that the next formation class will begin in Fall 2027, with the application process beginning in early 2027.

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
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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street(607)-739-8214

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:

Senior Walk 2026

St. Mary Our Mother School is excited to welcome back graduating seniors for our annual Senior Walk on Tuesday, June 9th at 1:15 PM. We invite all high school graduates who previously attended St. Mary Our Mother School or Holy Family Elementary School to return and walk the halls once again in their caps and gowns.

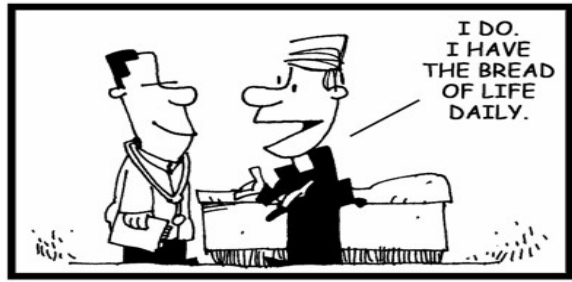
This has become a special tradition for our school community. Our students and staff love cheering on the graduates as they walk through the hallways, celebrating their accomplishments and future plans. Following the walk, graduates will participate in a short assembly where they will be recognized and have the opportunity to share their next steps after graduation.

We look forward to celebrating this exciting milestone with our alumni and school community!

Blessings,

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

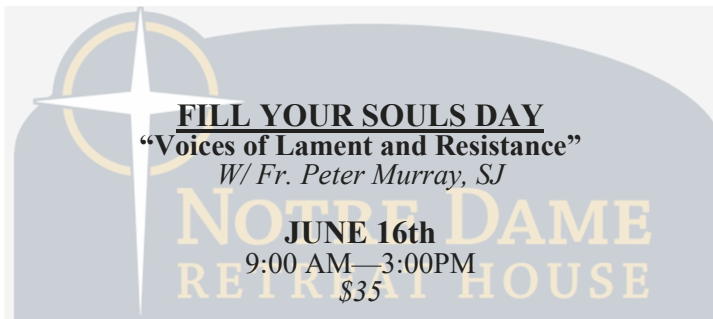
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Action Alert!

The new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit would allow all taxpayers to receive a 100% federal tax credit, up to \$1,700, for donations that fund scholarships helping students with tuition, tutoring, and other education costs. If New York opts in, this program would bring millions of dollars in privately funded support to families, while allowing taxpayers to redirect a portion of their federal taxes to help students across the state, including our Catholic school families. Tell Gov. Hochul to opt in! Go to:

www.bit.ly/federal-scholarship-credit to take action today.



We live during an era when various forces all around us conspire to make us less able to lament, and/or to offer resistance to the goings-on found in our times. Still we know there are many fine people, poets among them, who strive and have striven to offer up voices of a different kind, and to help us in these times of unsettling and untimely transitions, and in trials both political, social and spiritual.

The main poets and writers we will encounter on this day will be Daniel Berrigan, Linda Hogan and Denise Levertov.

FOLK GROUP

An interest in starting up a folk group here at St. Mary Our Mother has been expressed by one of our parishioners who has a background playing bass with a folk group. There would be a need for acoustic guitar players and willing singers in order to create this new ensemble. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817 and leave your name and phone number, or see Cathy Peckham after mass. You will be contacted.

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