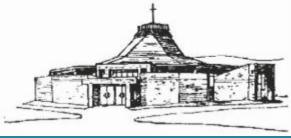


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting His body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains His wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As He reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2019/2020 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of marriage on **Sunday**, **May 19th** at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 25, 50 or more years are invited to be recognized. Please register at http://conta.cc/2Ep7Ptw.

Additionally, as part of the recognition, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50 years or more) to be included, please send an email, or a letter with the following information: Names, church, town where married, wedding date/year and a wedding photo (optional). Submissions are due by **May 6th**.

Email the above information to weddings@CatholicCourier.com or mail to: Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 29

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, April 30

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

6:00 PM Quilter's Prayer Group - school

Wednesday, May 1

First Holy Communion practice - church 6:00 PM

7:00 PM Social Ministry - rectory

Thursday, May 2

Children's Choir - church 2:45 PM

6:00 PM First Holy Communion practice - church

Friday, May 3

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration chapel

Saturday, May 4

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, May 5

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church Regional Mass - St. Patrick 5:00 PM Adult Choir - church 7:00 PM

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Bless my family - Joyce Yee

FLOWER SIGN UPS

Flowers in the church and the chapel are always available to remember special people - living or deceased or special times in our lives. Please check the forms on the Church bulletin board. Thank you!

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:00 p.m. this coming Friday, May 3th.

STEWARDSHIP April 14, 2019

Sunday Offering: \$12,241.66

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - May 5, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,

40b-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

IN OUR PARISH

Lost & Found

Many items have been left in the Church and are available at the parish office. Might you have misplaced your hat, your gloves, your scarves, maybe your glasses? Please call or stop by the office during office hours. Thank you.

Coming Soon: Math Olympiads at St. Mary Our Mother School

The new Math Olympiads team forming at St. Mary Our Mother School needs volunteer coaches to help get it off the ground. Please consider offering your time as much as once a week from October through March. Weekly practices prepare student "mathletes" five monthly competitions starting November. But much more important are the objectives of encouraging children to explore math and ask questions about anything they don't understand, no matter how basic, and providing guidance for students who want to challenge themselves. This will be an easy -going, learn-as-we-go activity for 3rd through 6th graders and their coaches. Practice materials and guidance will be provided. No special math expertise required-just enthusiasm.

For more information, contact parent coordinators Matthew Lori Meritt 607-329-5178/ and at matthewdmeritt@gmail.com or Nick and Katy Piet at 607-873-4505/nkjpiet@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

Horseheads Council 6158 of the Knights of Columbus reminds its members that on Saturday, May 4th, we will celebrate our 50th year as a council with a dinner at Lib's Supper Club in Elmira. The cost is \$20.00 per person, social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

(In Our Parish continued page 4, column 1...)

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

St. Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people." Today, I would like to thank so many people who participated in the liturgies of Holy Week, beginning with the solemn rites of Palm Sunday, the Holy Thursday Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper, the solemn liturgy of Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, as well as the festive liturgies of Easter Sunday. My gratitude goes especially to those who served as ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, acolytes, cantors, our Adult, Youth, and Children's choirs, instrumentalists, sacristans, those who helped decorate our worship space, the 'twelve' who participated in the Holy Thursday Ritual Washing of the Feet, and all who worked quietly 'behind the scenes.' I also thank you for your participation in the services of Holy Week and

As the priest presider at these liturgies, I have a unique vantage point where I am able to observe people and their faces during these Holy Week liturgies, all filled with deep faith, obvious hope, and powerful love. Let me mention just a few of these moments which touched me during Holy Week, 2019:

- Beginning with the Palm Sunday liturgy, the Blessing of Palms, proclamation of the gospel, and procession into the church to begin Holy Week;
- the look of anticipation on the faces of twelve parishioners, both women and men, youth and "seasoned" during the Holy Thursday liturgy as they participated in the ritual Washing of Feet;
- the solemn Eucharistic procession through the church to the chapel repository, with many of our preparing for First Eucharist carrying children candles and joining in the procession; the moving and solemn singing of "Gethsemene" by

Jeannette Berretta as the altar was stripped;

the entire congregation coming forth on Good Friday to venerate the cross, some with tears in their eyes, with no two people venerating the cross the same way, but all with the same faith and deep reverence of the loving sacrifice Christ made for each of us on the cross; the most touching gesture was a young child simply 'hugging' the cross;

the intent look on the faces of those gathered in O'Brien Hall for the beginning of the great Easter Vigil, with the blessing of fire, the inscription of the Easter Candle, processing into the church with the light from the Easter candle, slowly spreading among those in procession into the church, as we listened intently to the Easter proclamation;

sitting in a darkened church and listening attentively as the Easter Vigil unfolded with the proclamation of seven Old Testament readings, all serving as a reminder to us of the depth of salvation history;

the blessing of the Easter water, the renewal of our baptismal promises, and concluding the liturgy with the reception of the Eucharist;

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & **Doctor of the Church**

6:45 AM Don Curbeau - Donna & Carl Hammond Tuesday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM The Sobremonte family - their loving family Wednesday, May 1 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Earl Lantzy - brother, Bob & Lois & family 10:00 AM (Maple Creek) Special Intention

Thursday, May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Fr. Robert MacNamara - the Gallaghers Friday, May 3 - Ss. Philip & James, Apostles

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

9:00 AM For all grandparents

Saturday, May 4 - Easter Weekday 5:00 PM All First Communion Children

Sunday, May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All First Communion Children 10:30 AM All First Communion Children

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

the glorious liturgies of Easter morning, those gathering for the early 7:00 a.m. Mass; those who joined us for the 8:30 a.m. Mass, with the participation of the Children's and Youth Choirs, with youth instrumentalists, and those who gathered for the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, featuring our Adult Choir and instrumentalists. While each of these liturgies had its own distinct 'flavor', each had a common theme - the people of God gathered to celebrate Easter! There is no more appropriate occasion for us to hear Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," than the Youth, Children's and Adult Choirs sang at their respective Masses. Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we enjoyed Wildor's Toccata Symphony #5. All of these components added to the festive character of our Easter liturgies.

These are just a few of the many examples of Easter faith I observed with you during Holy Week and Easter. Thank you for your presence and participating in our Holy Week and Easter liturgies, and for sharing your Easter faith with us!

Have a great week, and continue to celebrate Easter life during these Easter days. See you in church!

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED... Caring Project

Our parish of St. Mary Our Mother continues to provide food for our needy neighbors. One thing that we don't often think about is the continuing need for diapers. As a parish, we are asking you to help. Might you be able to bring diapers - any size, but especially size 4/5, and any adult size diapers to the Church (near the food cart).

REGIONAL EVENTS Anniversary Celebration

Father Scott Kubinski and Father Richard Farrell will celebrate the 35th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood next Sunday, May 5th. The celebration will begin with Mass at St. Mary Church at 11:30 a.m., presided by Bishop Emeritus Matthew H. Clark, the bishop who ordained both Father Scott and Father Rick. A reception will immediately follow Mass in St. Mary gym.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to both Father Scott and Father Rick on this happy milestone.

Annual Social Ministry Conference

The annual Social Ministry Conference, *Open Wide Our Hearts: the Enduring Call to Love*, will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd** from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

The Keynote speaker will be Gaynelle Wethers, the founding director of the Multicultural Affairs Program, Nazareth College and a former Parish Pastoral Associate. Gaynelle will reflect with us on our U.S. Bishops' new pastoral message, *Open Wide Our Hearts: the Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism.*

The workshops offered following the keynote will include a variety of ways we respond to the call to love; pro-life issues, immigration, care for creation and will also explore how the sin of racism hinders our love. The conference begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m. and lunch and concludes with a round of success stories/creative project ideas from parish Social Ministry Committees around the diocese.

The offering for the conference is \$20.00. To register, please call Kathy Dubel at Catholic Charities at 734-9784, extension 2135. All Social Ministers are invited!

Catholic Women: Is There Reason To Hope?

Saturday, June 1st from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is the conference gathering of women and men to hear recent developments at national and international levels to celebrate women's gifts of faith in action, at the SSJ Motherhouse, 150 French Road, Rochester, with FutureChurch executive director Deborah Rose-Milavev. The day includes morning refreshments and lunch. Your \$25.00 registration fee can be mailed along with your name and contact information to Karen Costello, 357 Marion St., Rochester, NY 14610. Please submit by May 22nd. Scholarships are available by written request. Email Karen at DontThrowInTheTowel@gmail.com with any questions.

Mass of Celebration of Individuals with Special Needs

All are invited to Mass at St. John of Rochester on Sunday, May 5, at 12:00 p.m., to celebrate the special members of our community and the unique gifts which they offer to our Church and the world. St. John of Rochester is located at 8 Wickford Way, Fairport, NY. Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Room immediately following Mass. Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, St. John of Rochester and the Knights of Columbus. Info: Steve Coyle 585-503-2858.

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 14th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. This month's topic is "How Grief Affects Us." There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. All are welcome.

Regional Events continued on page 5...

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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Caring for God's Creation

After the recent introduction in the U.S. Congress of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, Bishop Frank Dewane, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, welcomed the legislation as an important step forward in addressing climate change. He states, "this bipartisan bill is a hopeful sign that, more and more, climate change is beginning to be seen as a crucial moral issue; one that concerns all people. If enacted, this proposal is expected to result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. At a time when the dangerous effects of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent, the need for legislative solutions like this is more urgent than ever.

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for Spam or canned hash for the month of April. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection basket during Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day! -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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