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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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May 12, 2019

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share
your generative love.

Bless those women in our lives
who mirror your love
and bring forth life
through their willingness
to risk bringing new life
into this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and
the gift of a mother's love.

May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them His unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son
and our brother.

Amen

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 13

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, May 14

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

7:30 PM Wounded Healers - school

Wednesday, May 15

6:30 PM Open House - school

Thursday, May 16

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Saturday, May 18

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

6:00 PM Youth Group meeting - school

Sunday, May 19

9:45 AM Junior High Religion - school

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lillian Henry

Richard Hurley

Keith McIntosh

Sheridan Rohde

Donald Zelko

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of Bob Reimsnyder - Nancy

Eucharistic Hosts:

In memory of Sue Beering - husband, Fran

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Chapel Arrangements:

In memory of Catherine Kosty and Florence Ruocco – Bob and Marianne Kosty

Special intention – King and Teresa Fitzpatrick

Blessed Mother – Church:

In loving memory of Sue Beering - husband, Fran

Blessed Mother – Chapel:

In loving memory of the late Grace Kent and Patricia Kaiser and in celebration of our surviving mothers – Tyler and Ellen Kent

Credence Table:

In loving memory of Johanna Fyffe – Pam and Steve Strollo

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!

STEWARDSHIP

April 21, 2019

Sunday Offering: \$9,047.43

April 28, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$8,337.57

May 5, 2019

Sunday Offering:.....\$12,708.12

Easter Offering:.....\$18,722.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY - May 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a. 34-35

IN OUR PARISH

Happy Mother's Day

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all with beautiful carnations distributed by members of our Social Ministry committee.

Annual Baby Shower

Our Social Ministry committee will be sponsoring their annual Baby Shower this weekend, May 11th & 12th, May 18th & 19th and May 25th & 26th. Please bring new, unwrapped baby items to Mass and place them in the bassinet. Monetary donations may also be placed in the box provided. The items received will benefit the Southern Tier Pregnancy and resource Center in Elmira. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

American Flags

As we approach the Memorial Day holiday, we will honor our veterans and service men and women by flying our American flags. Flags are available by calling the school office at 739-9157 or the parish office at 739-3817.

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.

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).

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the parish of St. Mary Our Mother! We honor you today and offer our gratitude to God for you and the unconditional love you give to your children and to us. All Sunday Masses this weekend are being offered for all mothers, living and deceased, of all of our people. With the public conversation today about the role of women in the church, in religious circles in general, we should never fail to appreciate the uniquely womanly role of motherhood.

Like many others who have lost their mothers this past year, this will be the first Mother's Day without my mother for my family. We will remember her fondly throughout the day. I would hope that if your mother is living, that you take the opportunity to speak to her, tell her you love her, and spend some quality time with her. If your mother has passed to the Kingdom, I hope you are blessed with fond memories of her. If you are a person whose mother did not meet your needs or expectations, offer a prayer for her today, and pray for the healing of your memories, acceptance of what cannot be changed, and a decision to thank God for your life and the mother who gave you that life.

Each year, Mother's Day falls during the Easter season. As we experience signs of Easter life, this weekend invites us to center on "Mother." One might say that a mother is the premier sign of Easter. She gives birth to human life to gain this title. Not only does she give birth, but she nurtures, encourages, cares and loves her children. Motherhood is not a 9 to 5 job - nor is it concluded when her child walks out of the house. Motherhood is a life-long process - and, I believe, extends beyond the bounds of time and space to eternity. All that we envision in the life of a mother is envisioned in the life of an Easter person.

A survey was given to a number of mothers in which the participants were asked the question: **"As a mother, what is most important to you?"** The following are some mother's responses:

*The welfare of my children;
Our children's faith;
That my children become everything they are capable of being;
That each of my children somehow enrich humanity as a peacemaker, reconciler, healer, and creative problem solver;
To ask God what I should say and do when my children are in trouble, to listen to God, calm myself down before saying a word;
My children's failures are not my fault and their successes are not to my credit;
That girls can do and accomplish anything;
There can be hundreds of children being picked up from school, yet, when they hear their mother's voice, they know they are safe;
I thank God for letting me be my children's mom. I am grateful for biological mothers for giving these children to parent, praying they know how much we love them;*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, May 13 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Cecelia Wawrzusin - son, Raymond

Tuesday, May 14 - St. Mattias, Apostle

6:45 AM Jack Purcell - the Gallaghers

Wednesday, May 15 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Joseph LeMark - Gramma Ann

Thursday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Curtin family - family

Friday, May 17 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - her husband, Roger

Saturday, May 18 - Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Geri & Evelyn - their sister, Carol

Sunday, May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Delores Sano - Tim Feraldi

10:30 AM Edward J. Linsler 100th Birthday

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

That I do my best to prepare them for life - sharing love and joy, listening well, making peace, modeling the behavior I want to see in them, asking God for help, saying "I'm sorry" and "I love you", - and show it;

To believe in them;

That our children love God with their whole heart and love their neighbors as themselves;

To know that God loves them and that we love them too, unconditionally, as God does;

We hold our children in our hand for a little while and in our heart forever;

That their spouses are kind and loving (and I don't care if they make big money);

That they have the same image I have of my own mother waving from the doorway when I am leaving. She is doing it now at the nursing home as her mother did before her and she can still see her face in her doorway;

My mother always said, "Give me a call when you get home," and now I am saying, "Give me a call when you get back to school" to my children;

I know now that a mother always dies too soon;

My mother's dementia showed me that I had to be a mother's mother. This long good-bye showed me our relationship is still there. When she actually died it was as painful as if she'd died when she was young. She is very much alive to me right now. Maybe even more alive than she was when she died.

Happy Mother's Day! Continue to rejoice in the life of the Easter season. See you in church!

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

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" for five monthly competitions starting in 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 and Lori Meritt at 607-329-5178/matthewdmeritt@gmail.com or Nick and Katy Piet at 607-873-4505/nkjpiet@gmail.com.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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.

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).

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

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting this **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.

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.*"

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- 811 Westlake Street (607)-739-9157
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- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Attention Camp Stella Maris Camper Alumni

Were you a CSM camper between 1926-1969? We'd love to have you back to Camp for our 2019 Alumni Gathering on Tuesday, June 25th! We are looking to show our camper alumni everything that's changed, and everything that's remained the same about CSM over the years. We will be hosting two gatherings that day; a breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and a dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to either event by calling 585-346-2243 or emailing Samantha@campstellamaris.org.

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 creamed soups for the month of May. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Summer Intensive Program

Our Summer Intensive Religious Education program is scheduled for July 8 - 19, (Monday through Friday) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for grades 1 - 7. This is an intensive program and students must be available to attend class daily, both weeks. Registration forms can be found in the church vestibule on the shelves next to the bulletin board, or requested electronically from the Faith Formation Office.

It takes lots of volunteers to make this program happen. If you (adult or High School student) would like to have the opportunity to share your faith with the children of our parish, and you have these two weeks free to volunteer, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 739-8214 or smomfaithformation@gmail.com. We welcome your gifts and talents. This is a great opportunity for high school students who are in need of volunteer hours for next year.

Please note: Young people entering 8th grade in the fall and have completed the 7th grade religion program will be eligible to begin Confirmation preparation in September. Registration forms for Confirmation preparation are also available on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

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