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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 26, 2019



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,
on this day, we remember those
who have served us
by protecting our freedoms.
When we celebrate our long weekend
with our friends and family,
help us remember,
that our freedom to speak of you,
and our freedom to worship you,
and our freedom to do
that which we ought to do,
have all been bought
at the price and sacrifice
of many lives.

Your Son died for our eternal life
in heaven.
So too, your children died protecting us
here on earth.
Help us be mindful this weekend
and always
of the sacrifices made
by those in uniform
for all our
freedoms.

Amen

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday, May 30th, is the **Solemnity of the Ascension**, a Holy Day of Obligation. The regional schedule for Masses for the Holy Day is as follows:

Thursday, May 30th

6:45 a.m. - *St. Mary Our Mother*

8:00 a.m. - *St. Patrick*

9:00 a.m. - *St. Mary Our Mother*

9:00 a.m. - *St. Mary*

12:05 p.m. - *Ss. Peter & Paul*

12:10 p.m. - *St. Charles Borromeo*

5:30 p.m. - *St. Mary Our Mother*

5:30 p.m. - *St. Casimir*

MEMORIAL DAY

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Christians are no strangers to sacrifice. Jesus lays down his life for our redemption, martyrs remain faithful to the end, and every believer faces "deaths" in the spiritual life when love requires a re-ordering of preference and priority.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who laid down their lives for their nation and for the values we espouse - freedom, justice, and a better world for our children. In a day that often fills with barbecues and boat launches, remember to take some time in prayer! Intercede for those who have died and for the loved ones they left behind, and pray for peace on earth.

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PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be **closed** on Monday, May 27th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The offices will open on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, May 27**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, May 28

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

6:00 PM Quilter's prayer group - school

Wednesday, May 29

6:00 PM Spring Music/Instrumental concert - school

Thursday, May 30

2:45 PM Children's Choir - church

Saturday, June 1

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, June 2

5:00 PM Youth Choir - church

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

7:00 PM Adult Choir - church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

James C. Clark

Diana Meehan

Gloria Novak

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle, Votive Candle, Eucharistic Hosts, and Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - his wife,
Deloris***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***(2) In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - The
Alsworth family***Chapel Candle Flowers:***In loving memory of my husband, Raymond - Deloris***Blessed Mother – Church:***In loving memory of Marijean & Dick - Bill & Patti
Rosettie***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***In thanksgiving - Anita Osborn***ALTAR MEMORIALS**

Our altar memorials continue to be a special way to honor those who have gone before us and those intentions we wish to remember for both the living and the deceased.

The weekly donation for these memorials remains the same as in the past:

Sacramental Wine:	\$15.00
Eucharist Hosts:	\$10.00
Sanctuary Candle:	\$10.00
Icon Candle:	\$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to offer a Mass intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for a 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 to schedule.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - June 2, 2019****SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

IN OUR PARISH**Annual Baby Shower**

Our Social Ministry committee will be sponsoring their annual Baby Shower this weekend, 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.

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).

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](tel:607-329-5178)/matthewdmeritt@gmail.com or Nick and Katy Piet at [607-873-4505](tel:607-873-4505)/nkjpiet@gmail.com

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The **Memorial Day weekend** has arrived! Memorial Day gives us an opportunity to reflect and pray for peace throughout our world. This weekend is much more than just a three day weekend to officially mark the beginning of summer, and all the wonderful opportunities and activities summer has to offer. It is a time for travel, family, and good times. But Memorial Day is also a day to reflect and remember the many women and men who have given the ultimate gift of their life for our freedom, our country, and her citizenry. Whenever we walk the cemeteries (and I hope the opportunity presents itself for you to visit a cemetery over this Memorial Day weekend), we often think of the massive loss of American lives that have been sacrificed for our country. The whole reason for celebrating Memorial Day is to keep their memories alive.

I recently had the opportunity to talk with a member of our military who served two tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He returned home to a hero's welcome, beginning once his group arrived at a U.S. airport. As the members of the troop were deplaning and entering the airport terminal, the people broke into a spontaneous applause. His family embraced him, his neighbors came over to welcome him home, people on the street would stop and say "thank you", a real affirmation for a job well done. While he was glad to be home, there is a part of him who remains with his fellow soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Because of their common experience, a part of him remains with them. Even though his period of deployment is complete, he frequently thinks of his friends still on active duty. Memorial Day has a striking impression on him because he knows of comrades who have died.

As we commemorate Memorial Day this week, our country invites us to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We celebrate life because of them and honor those who continue to serve our country throughout the world. We also pray for peace, that a time will come when younger generations do not have to sacrifice their lives, a time when we can deal with world problems without resorting to violence and war, when there is a trust that binds us to collaboration. Take a moment this Memorial Day weekend to remember and pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, those who remain in the midst of conflict, and pray for peace.

A Memorial Day reflection:

*I watched a flag pass by one day,
it fluttered in the breeze.*

*A young Marine saluted it,
and then he stood at ease.*

*I looked at him in uniform, so young and
yet so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert,
he'd stand out in any crowd.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, May 27 - Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM For all the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, May 28 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Robert Costello - Don & Jan Temple

Wednesday, May 29 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family

Thursday, May 30 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Nadia Lopez - 6:45 a.m. Mass friends

9:00 AM Marian Kwasnowski - Ed & Mary Lee
Fairbrother

5:30 PM Charles Berry - April Whitbeck & Rose
Marie Dougherty

Friday, May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

6:45 AM Al Schillinger - Carol Farr

Saturday, June 1 - St. Justin, Martyr

5:00 PM Geraldine Miles - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

Sunday, June 2 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Frank Navone - his wife, Mary

10:30 AM Helen M. Linsler

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St.Patrick

*I thought how many men like him had fallen
through the years;
how many died on foreign soil, how many mothers'
tears.*

*How many pilots planes shot down?
How many died at sea?*

*How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.*

*I heard the sound of Taps one night, when
everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play, and felt sudden chill.*

*I wondered how many times that Taps had
meant 'amen',
when a flag had draped a coffin of a brother
or a friend.*

*I thought of all the children, of the mothers
and the wives, of fathers, sons, and husbands,
with interrupted lives.*

*I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,
of unmarked graves in Arlington,
no freedom isn't free.*

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...**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.

REGIONAL EVENTS**A Look Back and a Look Forward on Climate Change**

Despite challenges to addressing climate change in this current political climate, the US Catholic community advocated significant steps to support our brothers and sisters around the world in building greater resilience to climate shocks and the changing climate that disproportionately affect those living in poverty. We helped motivate 88 members in the House of Representatives to join the Climate Solutions Caucus. We also helped to reauthorize the Farm Bill which maintained and improved international food security programs that promote sustainable farming practices and the care of the earth, our common home. Let our U.S. House Representative Tom Reed (654-7566) know you are concerned about climate change/disruption here at home and globally. Ask if he joined the Caucus?

Caring for God's Creation

The average U.S. worker uses about 500 throw-away cups per year. Please try to bring a reusable cup with you and please try to avoid foam cups. Coffee shops are often willing to fill your reusable cup rather than using a throw-away cup. *"Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change."* ~ Pope Francis

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.

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!

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with His disciples before His death. He has already made it clear that His followers will show their love for Him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells His disciples that He and His Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God's presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?

REFLECTION

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I."

Jn 14:27-28

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