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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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PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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.

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.

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.

If you have any questions about the summer program or our school year faith formation programs, please contact the Faith Formation office at 739-8214 or email us at smomfaithformation@gmail.com.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"They all ate and were satisfied." Why read the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves this Sunday? Here we see the mystery of our physical and spiritual realities intermingling. Too often, they can feel separate. When we go to Mass, how often we appear more ordinarily human rather than stretching toward the divine.

Perhaps our experience of the Eucharist is fairly mundane. We notice when a new sacramental wine has been selected. We feel the varying textures of the host and wonder if they'll ever bring back the one that tasted distinctly like wheat. As we shuffle up to the front and stride back to our pew, we notice the looks on people's faces and the clothes on their backs. We get distracted by the crying child, the man blowing his nose, and the mechanical sound of the air conditioner kicking in. How human we are, how earth-bound, how material!

And how good God is for entering into these self-same realities. How good God is for proclaiming "the kingdom of God," for "healing those who needed to be cured," for having mercy on a tired and hungry crowd. How many of the crowd noticed what had been done for them? Did they realize their dinner was a miracle? How often do we miss the deeper reality of the Eucharist? Even if in the moment of receiving Communion we don't experience radical ecstasy and don't feel any different, there is a tangible reality to cling to. Our God loves us enough to become bread for us, not only to feed us but to be fed upon by us.

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He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My heavenly Father."

- Mt 16:15-17

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, June 24**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Saturday, June 29

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, June 30

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

6:00 PM Youth Group meeting - school

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Carol Dailey

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In memory of John Messino - Vern Yonkin***Eucharistic Hosts:***In loving memory of Marguerite Gedatus - her three daughters***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***In celebration of our wedding & marriage - Julie Lynch & Dave Raymond**For Jaime Morales, Junior & Senior - Tina Morales***Chapel Candle Flowers:***In thanksgiving for family - Bill & Patti Rosettie***Blessed Mother – Church:***In memory of brother, Tom - Kathy Willes***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***In memory of Bernard & Florence Weigle - Patricia Weigle***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!

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - June 30, 2019****13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

IN OUR PARISH**You Did It!**

Our parish's Lenten almsgiving project for Catholic Relief Services was able to raise \$3762.61 through the Rice Bowl Project. This is \$200 above last year's donation and exceeded our goal of \$3600. We thank our school and religious education children, our teens, adults, young and old, and all who were willing to sacrifice during Lent and donate to this very worthy cause.

The funds you donated will go to help fund development projects in Gaza, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, and Guatemala. If you wish to see how the CRS funds are used internationally, please visit www.crsricebowl.org and view the stories of how people are being assisted by CRS. Twenty-five percent of our donation will go to the Horseheads Food Pantry to assist those in need in our own local area.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your funds will help make great things happen.

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.

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).

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This is the season for graduations! Many of the colleges and universities have already held their commencement ceremonies in late April, May and June. The past Wednesday, we held the Sixth Grade Celebration for St. Mary Our Mother School in the church. This past Friday, the 2019 graduating class from Notre Dame High School held their commencement exercises. The students from Horseheads High School held their graduation exercises yesterday. Thomas A. Edison, Odessa-Montour Central and the Corning-Painted Post Schools held graduations as well. We offer all our graduates, whether they be from colleges, universities, high school, middle, or elementary schools, our congratulations and best wishes! As members of our parish community, we are proud of you and grateful for the love and support your parents, families and our church community have give you.

Here are a few thoughts and best lines given from notable graduation speakers this year:

Robert F. Smith at Morehouse College: The billionaire investor promised graduates that he would pay off the entire class of 2019's student loans - a pledge that drew cheers from the crowd: *"On behalf of the eight generations of my family who have been in this country, we are going to put a little fuel in your bus...this is my class of 2019. And my family is making a grant to eliminate their student loans."* Smith's announcement was met with surprised glee as students, faculty, and other spectators cheered.

Oprah Winfrey at Colorado College: *"The most important thing is how you're touching other people's lives. The truth is, you cannot fix everything. But what you can do, here and now, is make a decision, because life is about decisions. And the decision is that you will use your life in service; you will be in service to life. You will speak up; you will show up; you will stand up; you will sit up; you will volunteer; you will vote; you will shout out; you will help; you will lend a hand."*

Kristen Bell at USC School of Dramatic Arts: *"When you respect the idea that you are sharing the earth with other humans, and when you lead with your nice foot forward, you'll win, every time. It might not be today, it might not be tomorrow, but it comes back to you when you need it. We live in an age of instant gratification, of immediate likes, and it is uncomfortable to have to wait to see the dividends or your kindness. But I promise you, it will appear exactly when you need it."*

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at Manhattan College: *"Education is a more important value than money. It is deeply important to our growth as people and as a community. I am often asked if I ever imagined as a child being on the Supreme Court, the highest court in the United States. 'No', I say, 'when I was a child, my family was poor. No lawyers or judges lived in my neighborhood. I knew nothing about the Supreme Court. You cannot dream of becoming something if you do not know about it. You have to learn*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

6:45 AM John Messino - Vern Yonkin

Tuesday, June 25 - Weekday

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - their family

Wednesday, June 26 - Weekday

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family

Thursday, June 27 - Weekday

6:45 AM Joan P. Naylor - Bob & Becky Corcoran

Friday, June 28 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Saturday, June 29 - Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles

5:00 PM Florence & Bernie Weigle - their family

Sunday, June 30 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Nadia Lopez - Donna & Carl Hammond

10:30 AM Richard Lapierre - his family

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St.Patrick

to dream big. Education exposes you to what the world has to offer, the possibilities open you."

Savannah Guthrie at George Washington University: *"Today you are at the top of a summit. Forget the selfie - look out and take a picture with your mind. Screenshot this moment; the image you capture with your memory carries not just what you saw, but how you felt. I promise if you do, you will never forget. You can forget this speech, but don't forget how it felt on this day to be you standing on top of this mountain and ready to climb a few more."*

And an all time favorite of mine:

Vin Scully, when addressing the graduates of Seaver College at Pepperdine University: *"I could never wish that you avoid all the storms of life, but I can encourage you to learn to dance in the rain. You can do it!"*

These final days of June have already found many of our parish making their "summer exodus", and enjoying the more relaxed days of summer. These summer weeks afford us time to connect with family and friends, with these summer days passing all too quickly. During these summer weeks, don't forget your regular support of St. Mary Our Mother. (Have you considered enrolling in electronic giving for your regular contributions?) Our parish operations and ministries continue for twelve months of the calendar year. May these days of summer be a time of relaxation, rest, and renewal for all.

Enjoy this last week of June. See you in church!

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Prayers & Squares Quilting Group

The Prayers & Squares Quilting group makes beautiful quilts for our parishioners' ill family members and friends. Jobs involved in creating a quilt include: cutting, pinning, ironing, and sewing. Completed quilt tops are taken to St. Mary Our Mother School and members work with the 5th graders to tie the quilts together, and then on a separate occasion, members join with the 4th graders to pray the Rosary over the finished quilts. Finally, the quilts are blessed at Mass and offered to people to take to someone who is ill. Our fellowship group meets from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month at St. Mary Our Mother School. No experience is necessary to join our group, and you may work for as long as you choose during our scheduled time. We hope you will consider joining us. For any questions, please contact Wilma Sullivan at 731-8085 or Donna Hammond at 796-5223.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Pilgrimage to St. Mary of the Angels

St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen, NY will have its 9th bus pilgrimage on Wednesday, **June 26th** to Olean, NY to visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. The Basilica is loaded with beautiful stained glass windows, inspiring architectural styles, paintings, and statues. It is the 100th anniversary of the amazing stained glass windows at St. Mary of the Angels. Twentieth century monk and writer, Thomas Merton had a life-changing experience at St. Mary of the Angels also. Bring your own lunch or eat in one of Olean's restaurants along the main street. Cost is \$40.00. Departure is from St. Mary's at 8:30 a.m.; return is by 6:00 p.m. Contact the parish office at 535-2786 to RSVP or for further information.

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 hoping 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 canned fruit for the month of June. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

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?

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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 (Venice, FL), 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."

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Youth Group News

Calling all students entering grade 5 through high school - you are invited to attend our last Youth Group meeting of the year on **Sunday, June 30th** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in O'Brien Hall. This summer themed event will combine faith, food, and weather permitting, some outdoor fun! Sign-up sheets will be available during the meeting for our summer service opportunities (sorting food at the Food Bank and helping serve lunch through the Summer Lunch in the Park Program). A \$2.00 donation is appreciated to offset the cost of food. To help us prepare, please RSVP via email to smomfaithformation@gmail.com or call 739-8214. We hope you are able to kick off your summer with us!



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