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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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June 30, 2019

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

Our sixth grade students have truly excelled this past year! I am proud to recognize the following students for earning top honors:

- Overall highest student average - **Olivia Gavin** - 96.925%
 - Highest average in Religion - **Olivia Gavin** - 99.75%
 - Highest average in English/Language Arts - **Riley Murray** - 96.75%
 - Highest average in Mathematics - **Olivia Gavin** - 95%
 - Highest average in Social Studies - **Olivia Gavin** - 96.75%
 - Highest average in Science - **Riley Murray** - 97.75%
- The overall class average was 90.75%. Scholarships awarded by the Knights of Columbus went to the following students:
- \$125 to **Riley Murray** for highest overall scholastic achievement, who will be continuing in Catholic education at Notre Dame Junior High.
 - \$100 to **Olivia Gavin** for highest overall scholastic achievement, who will be continuing in a secular middle school.
 - \$75 to **Jessica Als** for best exhibiting the Christian attributes of St. Mary Our Mother School, who will be continuing in Catholic education at Notre Dame High.

The NYS Triple "C" Awards (Commitment, Character, Courage) were awarded to **Kirafiki Alsworth** and **Miles Woodhouse**.

The Father O'Brien Memorial Scholarship, in recognition of community involvement and service, as well as a strong spirit of perseverance was awarded to **Abigayle Perry**.

The Office of the State Comptroller of New York, Thomas P. DiNapoli Award in recognition of hard work, dedication and success for academic excellence and civic commitment was awarded to **Virginia Curione** and **Jessica Als**.

President Donald Trump's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence was awarded to **Ian Balster**, **Jack Fesetch**, **Olivia Gavin**, **Riley Murraray**, **Miles Twomey** and **Miles Woodhouse**.

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to all of the students on their individual achievements. They move on with our prayers for continued success as they enter the next phase of their lives.

Blessings always,
Mrs. Jean Yorio, Principal

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
you have given us the gifts of life and liberty
and entrust to your people
the duty to guard these gifts
wherever they are threatened.

Help us to protect the freedom of all
to follow the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to bring His light and truth
to the ends of the earth.

Guide all who play a role
in enacting legislation
to uphold the freedom of conscience
of all citizens.

Send us your Spirit to inspire in us
the wisdom and courage needed
to witness to the truth and to stand up for all
whose religious liberty is endangered.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The parish offices will be closed on **Thursday, July 4th** and **Friday, July 5th**, in observance of the Independence Day holiday weekend. The offices will open on **Monday, July 8th**, at 9:00 a.m. We wish you a very happy and safe Independence Day weekend!

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, July 1**

5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Friday, July 5

8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration - chapel

Saturday, July 6

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, July 7

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - July 7, 2019****14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Ruth Barenthaler	Mark Brinthaupt
John Boor	John V. Goff
Jon McGinnis	Linda Massey
Rosalie (Skip) Tate	Ruth Hering
Catherine Stefanowich	Charlotte Pickelhaupt

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:***In loving memory of Gloria Novak - her sister, Joan Mullen Keys***Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:***In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her children & grandchildren***FLOWER DONATIONS:****Main Altar Arrangement:***(2) In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her husband, Ben***Chapel Candle Flowers:***In loving memory of my parents, Carol & William Yee - Joyce Yee**For the special intentions of Bill Dominikoski - his many friends***Blessed Mother – Church:***Special Intention - Mary Anne Quatrano-Holleran***Blessed Mother – Chapel:***In loving memory of Jim Lepkowski - Ronnie & family***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

IN OUR PARISH**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.

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

Thursday of this week we will commemorate the **243rd anniversary** of the ratification of the **Declaration of Independence**, a day to thank God for our nation that began on **July 4, 1776**. Our nation has offered a quality of life unparalleled in history to so many people. It has brought freedoms unimagined of by earlier generations. We know that, like every nation, we are not perfect and do not always live up to the ideals and principles of our founding forefathers. We have yet to fully enshrine in our culture and society a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens, especially those most vulnerable among us - the sick, the fragile, the unborn, immigrants, and those who have special challenges of mind and body. In America, by working together, we can achieve these ideals. We are a nation of believers, dreamers, and builders, capable of so much good that makes life better for others.

"Freedom" is a word we like to use most frequently when we think of "America". If we think freedom simply reflects the mentality that "I can do what I want, when I want," we are greatly mistaken. Such an idea of freedom is selfishness under a more comfortable disguise. With our nation's founding, and in our Christian tradition, freedom has a much different meaning. We are free as God created us to be free. Freedom is a gift given by God to every human being. Freedom is not something granted by any government. Freedom is the gift we recognize in each other as the capacity to reach our full potential, to develop our God given talents and abilities, a sharing in God's own creative freedom! This freedom allows us to become the person God has created us to be - to bring beauty, life, and goodness to our shared existence and to the future of others.

Living in freedom in our modern day society is not easy. The modern day culture, driven by excessive materialism, attempts to "define" us only as "consumers". Our culture wants us to believe that "something" we might "own" will be the source of our happiness. Thus, modern day culture and society tells us what to wear, what to drive, what to eat, if we are truly "wise" and "in sync!" Our culture tells us to conform or be thought of as rather "odd". Society often discourages creative and independent thinking. Perhaps if we stepped back from the hectic pace of our lives, we might actually discover a better and happier way of life. There are so many aspects of life that can bring us happiness and a sense of peace without economic cost - friendships, conversations, sharing what we have, simply enjoying the beauty of nature.

Please take some time this July 4th holiday to reflect upon your own experience of life and freedom. Take some time this week to thank God for our nation and the freedoms we share. This week is also a wonderful time to remember those who serve us in all areas of government - national, state, and local levels - as well as those who continue to serve us in the military, police, firefighters, and first responders. These people work

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, July 1 - Weekday**

6:45 AM Special Intention of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

Tuesday, July 2 - Weekday

6:45 AM Helen Linsler - Lynda Seeley

Wednesday, July 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle

6:45 AM Elizabeth & George Bartosch

Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Friday, July 5 - Weekday

6:45 AM Christinawati Kurniawan - Cathy & David Peckham

Saturday, July 6 - Weekday

5:00 PM Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr & family

Sunday, July 7 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving on the 60th wedding anniversary of Lois & Bob Lantzy

10:30 AM Genevieve Joy - Terry & Steve Spaulding

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St.Patrick

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED...

selflessly to protect our freedoms we enjoy in this country.

Each 4th of July we have an opportunity to remember our history and to celebrate the lives we live as people of the United States. Have an enjoyable and safe July 4th holiday weekend. May God, as God has done these past 243 years, continue to bless the United States of America!

Fr. L.

A reminder to all liturgical ministers: Please review the guidelines for proper liturgical dress when serving at Mass. These guidelines are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Thank you!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit website www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

**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.

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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REGIONAL EVENTS

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, July 9th** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary Our Mother School. There is **no charge** for the monthly meetings. For more information, please call 796-2795. Reminder: there is no meeting in August, we will resume on September 10th. 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 (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."*

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 July. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Jean Yorio**, School Principal
- Mrs. Elizabeth Berliner**, RCIA Coordinator
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Jeanne Carney**, Facilities Coordinator
- Mrs. Maribeth Leipold**, Faith Formation Secretary
- Mrs. Amy Barr**, Faith Formation Associate
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- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Mrs. Kim Roemmelt**, School Secretary
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Todd Stewart**, Maintenance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Parish Web Site.....www.StMaryOurMother.com
- St. Mary Our Mother School**
- 811 Westlake Street (607)-739-9157
- E-mail.....smoms@dor.org
- School Web Site.....www.stmaryourmother.school
- Religious Education Office**
- 816 West Broad Street (607)-739-8214
- E-mail.....smomfaithformation@gmail.com

REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...
Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

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
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.

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