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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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July 21, 2019

ANNUAL SCHOOL APPEAL

The annual appeal for St. Mary Our Mother School is now underway. This appeal helps the parish of St. Mary Our Mother keep tuition and costs associated with our school affordable for families who desire a Catholic School education. Your generosity to last year's appeal is greatly appreciated.

Please consider making a generous gift to this year's appeal, and help St. Mary Our Mother School continue its tradition of academic excellence.

NURSING HOME EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers this **Tuesday, July 23rd at 9:30 a.m.** in the rectory meeting room for all who bring the Eucharist to the ElCor Nursing facilities (Maple Creek, Hickory Knoll & Colonial Ridge), the Bethany facilities (Courtyard & Manor), and Appleridge Senior Living facility. Those who bring Communion to these facilities are asked to attend. We are in need of more volunteers to assist in this on-going ministry of our parish. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, please join us for this meeting.

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.

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at His feet listening to Him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus Himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, July 22**

9:00 AM Summer Art Camp - school
5:00 PM Mary Queen of Peace - chapel

Tuesday, July 23

9:00 AM Summer Art Camp - school
9:30 AM Nursing Home Ministers' meeting - rectory

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 AM Summer Art Camp - school

Thursday, July 25

9:00 AM Summer Art Camp - school

Friday, July 26

9:00 AM Summer Art Camp - school

Saturday, July 27

3:30 PM Sacrament of Penance - church

Sunday, June 28

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Konrad Ostrowski

MEMORIALS**Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:**

In loving memory of Ann & Joseph Barcomb, Sr. - their family

FLOWER DONATIONS:**Main Altar Arrangement:**

In loving memory of Ann - Phil Ponzi
In memory of Marguerite, Joseph and David Gwin - Sally Gwin

Chapel candle flowers:

For a special intention - Ed and Cathy Jadoski
Special intention - Mary Anne Quatrano-Holleran

Blessed Mother - Church:

In loving memory of Ann - Phil Ponzi

Blessed Mother - Chapel:

For our 25th wedding anniversary - Carl and Linda Masler

Credence Table:

In honor of my parents' anniversary - Ann Brouse

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 - July 28, 2019****17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

IN OUR PARISH**Works of Love Recognition**

Congratulations to Joe & Mary Sue Skelly, Doug & Sandee Johnson, and Mark & Sandy Mentuck of St. Mary Our Mother parish. Together they were recently recognized for their social ministry commitment and leadership, especially with our Advent season Christmas Basket project. This *Works of Love* recognition took place at Catholic Charities annual Social Ministry dinner on June 3rd at Hill Top Inn.

Congratulations and thanks to Joe & Mary Sue, Doug & Sandee, Mark & Sandy!

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, during the school year, 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 starting in September. The summer location for July & August is different. Please call Wilma Sullivan or Donna Hammond (numbers listed below) for information on summer location. 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.

Mass Intention

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.

Flower Donation 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!

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This past week, our parish completed the annual two-week Summer Intensive Faith Formation program. It was a highly successful and rewarding experience for all involved. The program involved and engaged our youth with a desire to experience God's love for them and to learn more about the Christian centered values and traits we are called to embrace. The theme of this year's summer program was **The Paschal Mystery in July: Palm Sunday to Pentecost**. In addition to their curriculum studies, each day focused on one important event in Jesus' final days on earth beginning with Palm Sunday, through the events of Holy Week and Easter, the Ascension and concluding with Pentecost. The program concluded this past Friday with a liturgy which involved the active participation of all involved in the summer program. We hope that the experience of this year's program will benefit both our children as well as the catechists and aides who participated in this program to embrace and integrate all they learned into their lives.

As with any parish ministry, program or activity like this summer program just "doesn't happen"! A quality and worthwhile program involves months of planning and preparation. The many facets of our Faith Formation efforts in the parish, which includes sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Eucharist, and the two year program for Confirmation preparation, are ably planned and coordinated by our Faith Formation Coordinator, **Barbara Matterazzo**. She is ably assisted by a dedicated group of teachers, catechists, and aides who help ensure the success of these programs. The following people assisted in this year's summer program:

<i>Bethany Balster</i>	<i>Abby Leipold</i>
<i>Sarah Bancroft</i>	<i>Maribeth Leipold</i>
<i>Amy Barr</i>	<i>Brooke McCarthy</i>
<i>Lily Barr</i>	<i>Jean Oshetski</i>
<i>Meadow Barr</i>	<i>Richelle Riina</i>
<i>Robin Drury</i>	<i>Maddie Robbins</i>
<i>Michaela Frisk</i>	<i>Samantha Robbins</i>
<i>Brenna Gavin</i>	<i>Andrea Schlickbernd</i>
<i>Emma Kelly</i>	<i>Alex Villegas</i>
<i>Jonathan Kimball</i>	<i>Bryson Wood</i>

We thank them for sharing their time, their creative talents, and more importantly, their faith with the young people of our parish.

Have a great week, and enjoy these July days. These summer days, which pass all too quickly, offer us opportunities to relax and be renewed. Be sure to take advantage of this time. See you in church!

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

6:45 AM Charley Graves - his wife, Jan

Tuesday, July 23 - Weekday

6:45 AM Janice Naccarella - Donna & Carl Hammond

Wednesday, July 24 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle

6:45 AM Charles & Doris Dickinson - family

Friday, July 26 - Ss. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Special Intentions of the 6:45 a.m. family

Saturday, July 27 - Weekday

5:00 PM John Knowles - the Castle family

Sunday, July 28 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Fr. Robert MacNamara - Dobek family

10:30 AM Mildred Sheehan - Harvey, Perry, & Hansell families and Lepkowski children

5:00 PM Regional Mass - St. Patrick

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Discover the Catholic Church

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic? Have you been baptized in another Christian tradition and now want to join the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic but did not follow up with celebrating the other sacraments, but now wish to enter into full membership in the Church? If so, our RCIA program is for you.

What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of learning what the Catholic Church believes and teaches, of growing in one's faith and relationship with God, and of discerning what it means to be a member of the Catholic faith community.

Who typically attends RCIA?

- ~ Those who have never been baptized are interested in the Catholic faith.
- ~ Baptized Christians who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and joining the Catholic Church.
- ~ Those who were baptized Catholic but not fully catechized and not having received Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- ~ Non-Catholics married to Catholics and wanting to more fully understand the Catholic faith.

What are the expectations of the program?

- ~ Weekly participation in a group or individually depending on your prior faith formation.
- ~ Weekly participation at Sunday Mass and reflecting on the Sunday scriptures.
- ~ Spending time with God in prayer and being open to the call of God in your life.

When are RCIA sessions held?

Our RCIA groups for the fall are now forming. Sessions will begin on **Tuesday, September 17th** and go until the end of April. Classes for adults (ages fourteen and up) will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and classes for youth (ages 8 to 13) will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, to register for classes, or to just talk about the process needed for your situation, please contact Liz Berliner at home at 796-9702 or at eberliner43@gmail.com.

If you know anyone who might benefit from such a program, please share this information with them.

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

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!

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

Regional Events continued on page 5...

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
- Mr. Richard O'Lenick**, Business Manager
- 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
- Mrs. Sue Wood**, Bulletin Editor
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
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- 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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- 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...

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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation Preparation

The Confirmation preparation process is a two-year program as determined by the Diocese of Rochester. If you have a student entering 8th grade or above in the fall who would like to begin their preparation for Confirmation, registration forms are available in the vestibule or contact the Faith Formation office at smomfaithformation@gmail.com or at 739-8214 to request a form.

Pre-registration is required. Registration forms can be emailed, mailed to St. Mary Our Mother, Faith Formation Office, 816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY 14845 or dropped off at the parish office.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

Are you planning a summer party or graduation party? Do you wish to dispose of your empty returnable bottles and cans? Returnable bottles and cans are collected throughout the year and the money received is donated to the poor. You can drop your returnables off at the parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. or if you have a large quantity, call Barbara at 739-8214 to make a delivery appointment.

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