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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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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

So shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which
I sent it. (Is 55:11)



PSALM:

The seed that falls on the good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)



SECOND READING:

I consider that the sufferings of this
present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be
revealed for us. (Rom 8:18)



GOSPEL:

"But some seed fell on rich soil,
and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.
Whoever has ears ought
to hear." (Mt 13:8-9)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

INTRODUCTORY RITES



Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Or: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act (A)

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Penitential Act (B)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Dialogue at the Gospel

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with your spirit.
Deacon/Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

CONCLUDING RITES



Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

What a blessing it was to see so many of you last weekend as we re-opened the church for public worship. Although somewhat subdued because of our pandemic restrictions, the liturgies were powerful in their simplicity. Even though people were masked, I still could recognize them. Thanks to all who helped last weekend, from those who welcomed people at the registration tables, to the ushers who guided our parishioners, many to a new location where they celebrated Mass with a new "view". We indeed are creatures of habit when it comes to choosing a place to sit in church! And thanks to those who stayed after Mass to help clean and sanitize the church. Overall, the re-opening process seemed to go fairly well, with many people commenting that, even with new guidelines, procedures and protocols, people were glad to be back at church.

Elsewhere in the bulletin we have published the Guidelines for Mass that we will be following during these coming weeks. I am fully aware that many of our people are not yet comfortable in attending events that are "open to the public," and I fully understand and support their decision. Please remember that the obligation for attending Mass has been suspended until further notice.

Have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you this weekend.

Fr. L.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jeannette Berretta	Joan Beyler
Ezrah Blodgett	Rev. Francis Erb
Woodie Lange	DeSales Mallette
Barbara Masny	Theresa Shull

IN OUR PARISH**Recorded Masses on Website**

If you are unable to attend our re-opened Masses, or are uncomfortable doing so because of the pandemic, please note that the 5:00 p.m. Mass on each Saturday is recorded and is available on our website. Click on "Mass Schedule" in the upper right hand corner to access.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sunday, July 12 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Christine Beering - her family

8:30 AM Allen B. Caldwell

10:30 AM Eddie Jadoski - his family

Monday, July 13 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Teri Guardi - her family

Thursday, July 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Maria Zelasko, Jeane Joy & Jennie Joy -
Roger Joy

Friday, July 17 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, July 18 - Weekday

5:00 PM Angela Pansero - her family

Sunday, July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Kathleen Tierno - John & Ann O'Mara

10:30 AM Al and DeSales Mallette - Roy Farr family

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**Focus on the Good**

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

We ask that you register each week for the Mass you will be attending, as we need to limit the size of the congregation to 33% of our church seating capacity, approximately 150 people. Please call the parish office or email smomc@stny.rr.com no later than **Thursday at 4:00 p.m.** Remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended until further notice.

To prepare to attend:

- Wash your hands before you leave home.
- Bring a face covering or mask; masks are required from the time you exit your car in the parking lot until you return to your car. (This also applies to private prayer in church.)
- Bring your own hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.
- Bring your own worship materials, as no hymnals or missalettes are available.
- Please do not congregate in the church building or anywhere on the campus.
- One restroom is available, but do not congregate around it.

When you arrive:

- Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass, and check with the person at the registration table.
- Ushers will be available to help you.
- You can deposit your offering envelope in the receptacle near the doors when you arrive. There will not be a collection at the offertory.
- Please sanitize your hands at one of the stations as you enter church.
- You will be directed to a seat in church, with seating beginning in the front to the back.
- The chapel remains closed at this time.

During Mass:

- Generally, there will be little congregational singing, as masks must **always** be worn throughout Mass.
- There will be no acolytes, altar servers or choir, one lector, one Eucharistic Minister, one cantor, when needed.
- There is to be no physical contact during the Lord's Prayer or at the Sign of Peace.
- When approaching to receive Communion, please follow the directions of the ushers or volunteers present. Remain six feet apart from others, observing the markings on the floor.
- As you receive Communion, receive Communion in your hands (there is no safe or hygienic manner to receive Communion on the tongue during the pandemic), walk at least six feet away from the minister before lowering your mask to receive the host, replace your mask, and return to your seat. The Eucharist will only be offered in the form of the Body of Christ.
- You are not obliged to receive Communion at Mass if you are uncomfortable doing so. If you are not receiving Communion, simply step out of your seat and back away to allow others to return to their seat with minimal contact.

Going forth:

- At the end of Mass, the priest will go immediately to the sacristy, and the ushers will direct you to exit from the church building, beginning with the last pew first.
- Private prayer is not available after Mass as to facilitate immediate cleaning and sanitizing of the pews and restrooms.
- Please go directly to your vehicle when you leave church, with no socializing in the Church, side walks, or in the parking lots.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work our way through this phased reopening process. We thank you for your suggestions as we move forward!

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REGIONAL EVENTS

CRS Rice Bowl - Lent 2020

In March, when we were asked to stay home, it was suggested that we delay collecting the Rice Bowl alms until Masses were resumed. CRS is counting on our Rice Bowl to help them help our brothers and sisters around the world. If you have not yet returned your collected coins, it would help to convert them into a check and mail to the parish office. Please note "Rice Bowl" on it. What we gave up for Lent will change lives!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Seeing With the Eyes of God

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Throughout July and August, we will be offering opportunities for households to refocus and refresh their spirits with our "Seeing with the Eyes of God" summer program. This is for every household...for families, for grandparents, for those who just want to reconnect! It's not Vacation Bible School, it's not faith formation, it's a household #dorfaithcation! A great way for you to bring God into every day! We hope you will all log on to stmaryourmother.com, in the menu click "Faith Formation", in the drop-down menu click "summer Journey of Faith", and check it out!

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Observances for the week of July 12, 2020
Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday:
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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