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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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FIRST READING

For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you
lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)



PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)



SECOND READING

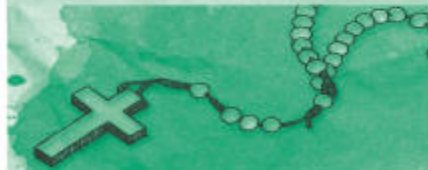
And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because it intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)



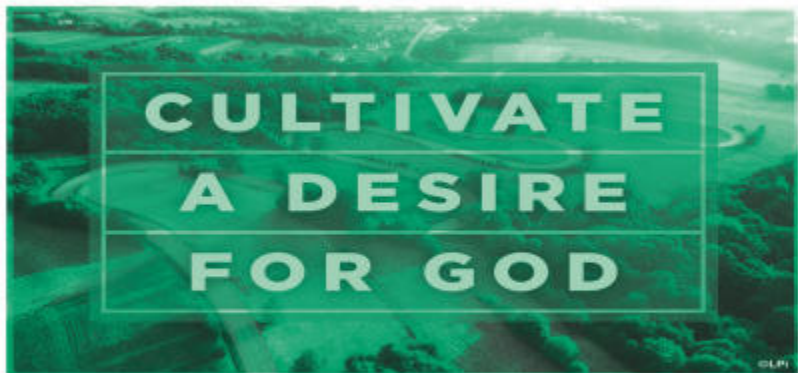
GOSPEL

"Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
"First collect the weeds and tie them
in bundles for burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn."" (Mt 13:30b)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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

This weekend will mark the third weekend we have been back in our church building for Mass. We are still recording the Saturday afternoon Mass that can be accessed on our parish website. The total Mass attendance for the part two weekends has been approximately 180 people. The average attendance prior to the coronavirus pandemic was anywhere between 700 to 900, depending on the season of the year or if a special event, such as First Communion, is taking place. But one most asked question that I have heard in recent weeks is: *"Is it safe to return to church?"*

For those who ask that question, there are a variety of answers. What I can tell you is that we are following, to the letter, all the safety recommendations from both the U. S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as well as the guidelines and protocols issued by the Diocese of Rochester. The church building is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized every day, including the chapel area where daily Mass is celebrated. After each Mass, the pews, door handles, bathrooms, and any other "touchable" surfaces are cleaned and sanitized. In addition, we are limiting the attendance at Mass to 33% of our church capacity, which is about 140 people. The pews have been "roped off" to allow safe distancing for all. A face mask is required of all. The Eucharistic Ministers, including myself, sanitize our hands at least twice during the liturgy. I may have missed something for this list, but the point is that we are doing everything we can to ensure your good health and safety when you come to church.

I also understand that everyone in the parish is not getting any younger, as well as parishioners with conditions that compromise their health. A number of people with whom I am in contact on a daily basis throughout this pandemic, have stated to me that it will be a very long time until they will feel comfortable to return to church. In no way do they want to compromise their health, or the health of family members they are in regular contact with. We can even look to the world of professional sports, and their attempts to bring these sports back. It is interesting to note the number of players who either test positive for the coronavirus, or who have opted out for the 2020 season. Once again, I remind you that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended until further notice. Please know that whatever decision you make in this regard, you have my unconditional support. Be at peace with your decision.

We continue to navigate through a great deal of uncertainty as we face the challenges of this pandemic. Please be assured that your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Have a great week.

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, July 20 - Weekday**

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, July 21 - Weekday

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Wednesday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

6:45 AM Mary Ann Poland - Richie & Maryanne

Thursday, July 23 - Weekday

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Friday, July 24 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle

5:00 PM Robert Roberti - his sister, Rita

Sunday, July 26 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Gene Harrison - the Dobek's

10:30 AM Catherine Mandell - her family

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Richard Castrina

Janice Cattarin

Robert Crowley

Roger Hrasdzira

Francis Mack

Richard Rohde

MEMORIALS

Eucharistic Hosts:

In loving memory of Dad, Joseph Barcomb - Gene & Nancy Barcomb

FLOWER SIGN UPS

Due to the current rules and regulations, the parish has been unable to post a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for flowers.

If you are interested in having flowers in the Church, please call the parish office at 739-3817.



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 140 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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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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!

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!

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

Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

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
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Observances for the week of July 19, 2020
Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Saturday: St. James, Apostle
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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