



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

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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May 23, 2021



This weekend celebrates the **Feast of Pentecost**. The liturgy is rich in its beauty, as it reminds us of the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and so we pray ...

Come, Holy Spirit

Replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation.

Replace the turbulence within us with a quiet confidence.

*Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.
Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace.*

*Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light.
Replace the coldness within us with a loving warmth.*

*Replace the night within us with your light.
Replace the winter within us with your spring.*

*Straighten our crookedness.
Fill our emptiness.*

*Dull the edge of our pride.
Sharpen the edge of our humility.*

*Light the fires of our love.
Quench the flames of our lust.*

Let us see ourselves as you see us that we may see you as you have promised and be fortunate according to your word.

*Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.
Amen*

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 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.

A PRAYER WHEN WEARING A MASK

Each time we put on a mask,
may it be an invitation to remembrance,
a communal call to pause and grieve
all those we have lost,
a number so high it defies imagination.

Apart though we are and must be,
may we recognize that we are linked,
all of us held together by these bits of
fabric and elastic,
stitched into a beautiful quilt
of shared humanity,
wrapping all the way around the globe.

To put on a mask is to light a candle,
and may our lights be bright indeed,
bright enough to comfort us in our mourning,
bright enough to dare us to hope,
that our love will lead us to a better future.

Amen

by Cameron Bellon

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - May 30, 2021****THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
 Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17
 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Maria Derkacz Joanna Bergquist

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:**

In memory of Mary Ellen Carl - Franca & George Lazzaris

Votive Candle:

In memory of Velma Getch - Ann & Gerald Gresock

Eucharistic Hosts & Sacramental Wine:

In loving memory of the deceased Hower family members - their children & grandchildren

FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangements:**

In memory of Anna & Howard Minchin - Jackie and Warren Conklin

IN OUR PARISH**Calling All Golfers...Golf Classic 2021 Rescheduled**

Due to the community health concerns last fall, our school had to postpone our yearly golf tournament for 2020. Now that the weather is improving, and health and safety protocols are being defined, we are pleased to reschedule the golf tournament.

The 16th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 6th** at Willowcreek Golf Club with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament promises to be a great day of relaxation and fun with some necessary added safety protocols, including face masks, social distancing, etc. We will be attempting some games like double your money, St. Vincent donation for favorable lie, closest to pin and longest drive, all while maintaining players health and safety. We are requiring all registrations be paid in advance of the tournament to avoid money changing hands at registration. We have set up an online tournament website that can accommodate registration and online payments. Please visit the following link to register, <https://st-mary-our-mother-school-16th-annual-golf-fundraiser.perfectgolfevent.com/>. You will also be able to find this link on the St. Mary Our Mother School facebook page. Sponsors and players can register by printing out the registration form found at the tournament website (see above) and sending it to the school office as well. If you have any questions, please contact us at 739-9157. We look forward to a fun day out on the course!

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SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

"But when He comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of May 23, 2021**

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/

Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,

8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Observances for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Friday:

Saturday: St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today is the **Solemnity of Pentecost**. From the red that is worn to the story of the arrival of the Holy Spirit, we are reminded how blessed we are to be children of God. As we conclude the Easter season today, we should be conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our world today.

For Catholics, the sacramental life of the Church is based on the power of the Holy Spirit. I recall telling our First Communion children: *"When you see the priest extending his hands over the bread and wine, he prays that the Holy Spirit will change them into the Body and Blood of Christ."* During Mass, as I participate in that action, I feel the power of that moment, deeply aware that the same Spirit that had come upon the apostles was present now. During the Anointing of the Sick, immediately before we anoint the forehead and hands of the person to be anointed, there is a prayer of thanksgiving, asking that the Holy Spirit be present to those anointed.

During the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop or his delegate, invites the celebrating priests to extend their hands with him over the confirmands, as the Prayer of Confirmation is prayed, calling down the same Holy Spirit of Pentecost on those to be confirmed. It is a very powerful moment, where I always feel connected with the apostles in that moment, sharing the power that God so freely gives to us. In the celebrating of the Sacrament of Penance, the priest raises his hand to offer absolution with the prayer asking God to send the Holy Spirit that our sins may be forgiven through the power of that Holy Spirit, concluding with the words, *"I absolve you from all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* These sacramental moments take place only because the Holy Spirit is present and real for us today, as Jesus chose to send the Holy Spirit to us.

I believe that all of us share moments in the lives of others. Oftentimes, it is with family and with friends, on occasion, even with strangers. These moments are moments we treasure but may not speak about with others. Such moments can give us a real sense of satisfaction. They might be moments of break-through, when a problem is faced, a crisis is dealt with, a moment of love becomes real, or we take a risk, acting with the courage, we did not know that we had. Moments like these are moments that the Holy Spirit is truly present, helping us grow, discern, resolve, and live. Very often people might say, *"I don't know where the strength or insight came from...but, it was there!"*

In moments and times of prayer, the Holy Spirit is present. In our prayer, we may find something occurring that is much deeper than just our prayer intention. By our prayer, we are inviting God to intervene and help direct our lives. Prayer is more than just kneeling and speaking; it is the sharing of an encounter with God, a God who loves us. Prayer invites us into a deeper and mysterious level in our relationship

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 24 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

6:45 AM D. Bruce Crew III - Bill & Judy Driscoll

Tuesday, May 25 - Weekday

6:45 AM Daniel Linsler - Vince & Judy Kadlec

Wednesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest

6:45 AM Pablo & Elisea Atienza - Macapinlac family

Thursday, May 27 - Weekday

6:45 AM John Kordyl - Peggy Woodard

Friday, May 28 - Weekday

6:45 AM John Byrski - Agnes & Ted Taylor

Saturday, May 29 - Weekday

5:00 PM MaryAnne Poland - Walter & the Scarselletta family

Sunday, May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM Gene Harrison - Dobek family

10:30 AM Helen M. Linsler

with God. It is the power of the Holy Spirit which invites us and guides us in our life of prayer.

This Pentecost Sunday, we will once again hear the story of Pentecost. We will hear of the strong winds, the shaking house, the tongues of flames, the speaking in tongues - the experience Mary and the apostles had in the upper room. Like Mary and the apostles, we are invited into our own Pentecost experience sharing that same Holy Spirit, who continually comes into our lives refreshing and reviewing us. Today, we can be grateful that God has chosen us to be part of that story. Today, we can speak with the tongues of faith, knowing that our God is present and walks with us every moment of our lives. Today, we are filled with the knowledge that, while the Easter season may be ending, and that Ordinary Time is about to begin, the Holy Spirit remains constant, consistent, and a powerful presence in our lives, even during these pandemic days.

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Cemetery Memorial Day Service

On Memorial Day, May 31st, at 10:15 a.m., the Horseheads American Legion will conduct a brief ceremony to honor all service members in our cemetery. The service will be held near the flag pole in the south cemetery. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

Social Ministry Baby Shower

We are unable to have our annual baby shower at this time. The Life Center is currently moving to a new location and they are requesting monetary donations only. You may send your checks to the following address: Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center, 375 W. Water St., Elmira, NY 14905

Please do not leave baby items in the church. Thank you.

Flower Sign Ups

Please call the parish office if you would like to honor special events in your life with a floral arrangement in our Church or Chapel. Flowers are available for the main altar, the chapel, the Blessed Mother in the chapel and the Blessed Mother in Church.

Mass Intentions

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Fitness Services

Catholic Charities provides free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention services to help homeowners avoid the loss of their homes, and Financial Fitness services to help restore credit and financial stability. This program offers free credit counseling, financial managements, and assistance negotiating with lenders. We work to find solutions for individuals and families, whether it's saving your home or rebuilding financial solvency, we are here to help. This program serves homeowners in Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. These services are provided free through a grant from the New York State Homeowner Protection Program. For more information or to make an appointment to talk with a Catholic Charities housing counselor, please call Karen Wheeler at 607-734-9784, ext. 2132.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the church and the beginning of its mission in the world. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit and that God has accomplished creative things in us through this gift. We have been entrusted with this great gift of the Holy Spirit. This great gift empowers us to be bold proclaimers of the Gospel in word and deed. It urges us to speak truth to power. It encourages us to use words and exhortations and even arguments that are meant to heal, show care and compassion and to reconcile. Now is a good time to ask: Are we being good stewards of this gift of the Holy Spirit? What creative things have we done to glorify God's accomplishments is us?

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit

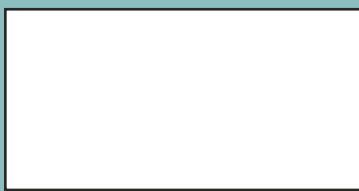
connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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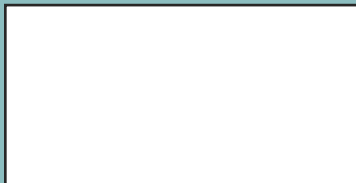
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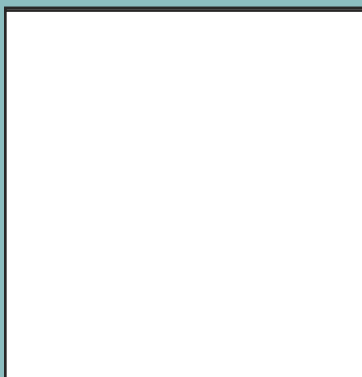
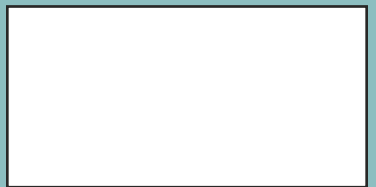


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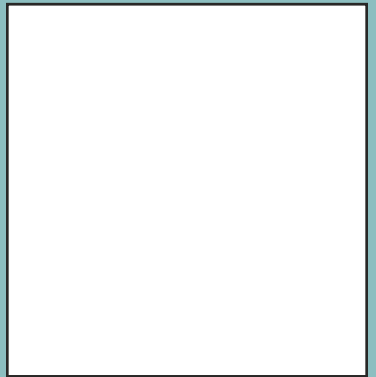
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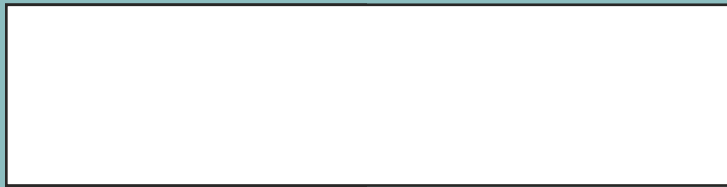

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