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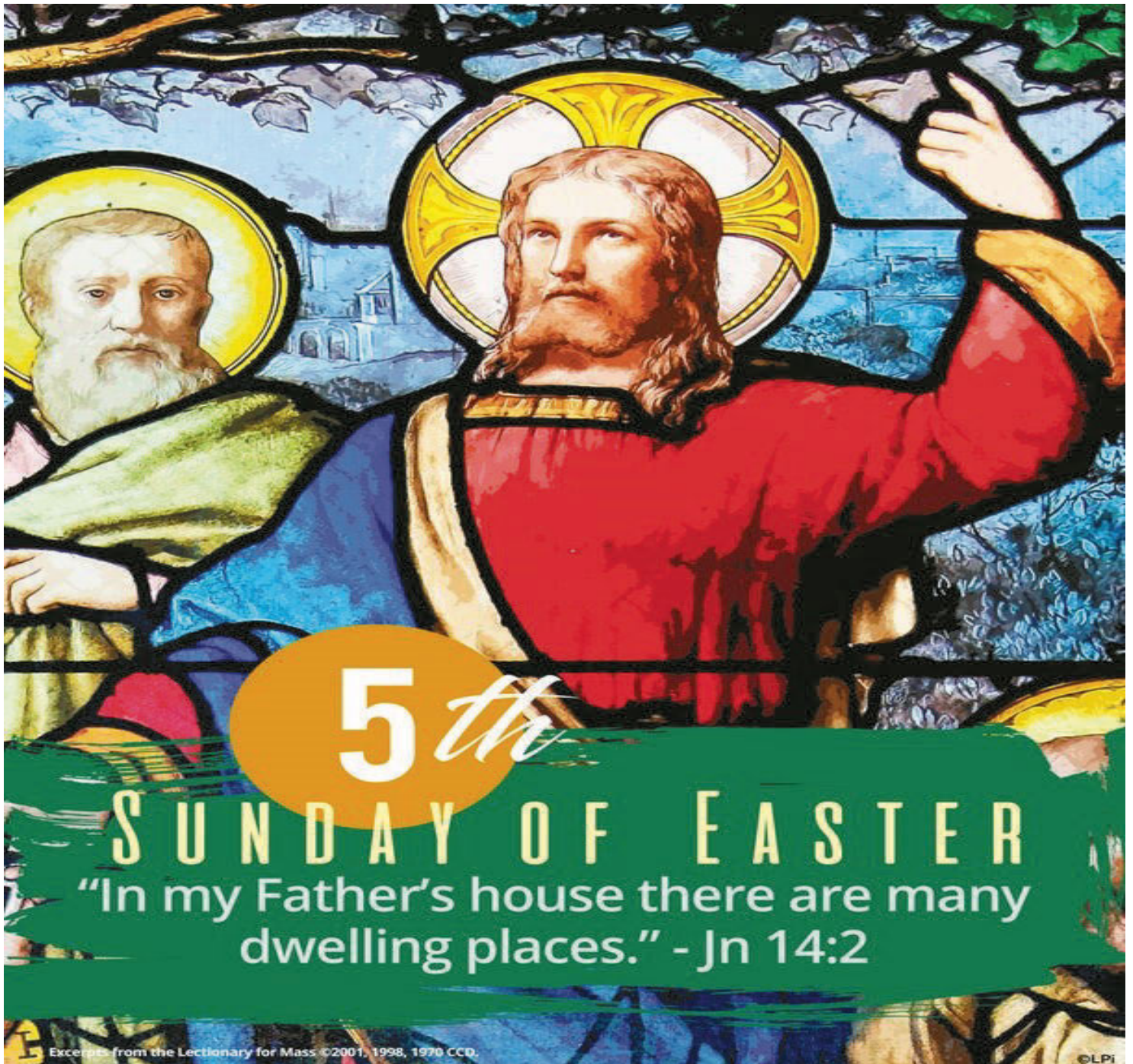
MISSION STATEMENT

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.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York
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May 7, 2023



5th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." - Jn 14:2

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 11th

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Saturday, May 13th

3:30 P.M.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, May 14th

Happy Mother's Day

The main altar flowers for the week of May 7-13 have been donated in loving memory of John Kordyl on our wedding anniversary—his wife, Evie.

Blessed Mother flower arrangement in the Church for the week of May 7th.—In loving memory of Sue Beering—husband, Fran.

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of May 7-13, have been donated in memory of Henry and Josephine Ryan by Mary and Jim Carr.

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the week of May 7-13, has been donated for the special intention for Barbara Gagnon by Anthony and Nikki Fraccola.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Marguerite Cavaluzzi Lattari
Mark Laux
Paul Mack
Nora Sullivan
Carol Webster



FINISHING UP RICE BOWL:

So many of our parishioners took Lenten almsgiving seriously, sacrificing to share their funds with Catholic Relief Services and the Horseheads Food Pantry to help those in need through Operation Rice Bowl. We thank our families, our Catholic School students, and our religious education students for their contributions.

Donations are now being finalized. If you have a Rice Bowl at home or still wish to contribute, please bring your donation to church or the parish office this week.

Please continue to pray for our CRS workers and volunteers around the world and at the Horseheads Food Pantry, and most especially, for the people here and abroad whom they serve.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7, 2023:

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7, 2023:

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Thursday:
Friday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

MASS OF RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please join the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony, for a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony, on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by *registering online at <http://conta.cc/3Pne1pD> or emailing Donald.smith@dor.org.*

Additionally, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email, or letter with the following information: ***Names, Church, town where you were married, wedding date/year, and wedding photo (optional).***

The **Email** is: weddings@CatholicCourier.com, and the **mailing address** is: Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, PO Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The Easter season is a time of new life and renewed commitment to our Catholic faith. The phrase "Easter sacraments" reminds us of the promise of the Risen Lord to be with us always, especially in the "breaking of the bread." This weekend, our parish has the special honor of welcoming the extended families and friends of the 21 children who will celebrate their First Holy Communion. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday we invite these young children to the Lord's table for the first time. We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors as well as our regular parishioners to St. Mary Our Mother this weekend.

These First Communion children, their parents and families have been preparing for this day for many months. By their faithful and regular participation at Sunday Mass, our parents have been teaching their children by good example what it means to be fed at the Lord's table when receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. We congratulate our parents on their on-going efforts of what they promised when their children were baptized; in being the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of the Catholic faith.

It is a wonderful moment in the life of every parish to witness our children coming forth and doing what our Lord has instructed us when receiving the Eucharist. Those of us who receive the Eucharist often can forget who we are receiving or take it for granted and allow it to become routine. Your fine example of participating in Mass and receiving Holy Communion each and every Sunday regularly and reverently serves as a "teachable moment" not only for our First Communion children, but for our entire parish family.

Parents and families have helped these children to understand what we believe about the Eucharist. Although the element of bread and wine appear unchanged in the action of the Sacred Liturgy though what we call "transubstantiation," these elements become the very Body and Blood of Christ. As we witness these children receiving Communion for the first time, today is a wonderful occasion for our entire parish to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ and to assert our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Please join me in welcoming all who join us for this First Communion weekend. I also wish to acknowledge and thank **Amanda Reeves**, our Faith Formation Coordinator and her dedication, enthusiasm, and wonderful leadership for not only our First Communion but for all our sacramental preparation programs at St. Mary Our Mother. We also thank our parish catechists and aides, **Lily Barr**, **Shirley Lant**, **Jean Oshetski**, as well as **Angela Langendorfer** from the faculty of St. Mary Our Mother School. We thank them for their assistance with our children and their families. We thank you, the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for your continued interest and support of these children and their families as we celebrate this very special day. It is a wonderful day for our parish.

Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.
Fr. L

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	May 8, 2023, Easter Weekday Mary Amisano—husband, Guy and family
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	May 9, 2023, Easter Weekday Pablo and Elisea Atienza—The Macapin lac's
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	May 10, 2023, Easter Weekday Marie Fizer—Bob and Marianne Kosty
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	May 11, 2023, Easter Weekday Special intention of Barbara Gagnon— Brother, Anthony and Nikki Fraccola
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	May 12, 2023, Easter Weekday Cecelia Wawrzusin—Raymond
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	May 13, 2023, Easter Weekday, For all mothers, living and deceased
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	May 14, 2023, Fifth Sunday of Easter For all mothers, living and deceased For all mothers, living and deceased



We congratulate our twenty-one children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at St. Mary Our Mother. May our children continue to grow in their love for Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist, and receive our Lord each and every Sunday. The children receiving their First Holy Communion today include:

Jesse Amey	Malakai Kurcoba
Reese Blide	Lucile Madison
Nabyah Bouzi	Keanu Mitchell
Michael Callaio	Sofia Purpura
Adriana Cologno	Andrew Pronti
Emily Crouthamel	Lucia Savash-Acuna
Gabriel Gehl	Ava Vence
Rachel Gehl	Lucy Vence
Richard Graham	Gianna Vetrino
Giavanna Harvey	Jayden VonBevern
Lillian Howard	

Congratulations and best wishes to our children, their parents, and families on this wonderful occasion!

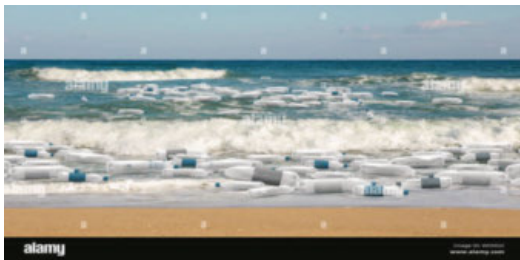




THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL!

Thank you for your support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generous donation will strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! To support the mission visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER:



Pope Francis teaches that "It is important to learn lessons that first present themselves in family life: how to show love and respect for life; the proper use of things; order and cleanliness; respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures; how to learn and mature; how to ask without demanding; saying thank you in genuine gratitude; controlling aggressiveness and greed." These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings" (Encyclical Laudato Si: On the Care for Our Common Home). **Get involved with or help organize a group in your neighborhood to clean up public spaces—pick up litter.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER REFLECTION:

"Whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do." What were the works that Jesus did? Miracles, sometimes, but what were the essence of these miracles? Caring for the sick, comforting the sorrowful, feeding the hungry...much of Jesus' ministry was spent in carrying out what we call the works of mercy. But He did more than that; He also preached and publicly shared the good news. He fostered fellowship and community, and He prayed. All of this makes a kind of plan of action for us as Christians. As Jesus says today, if we truly believe in Him, we will follow in His footsteps and do these same things.

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What this all suggests is that belief itself, having faith, being Christian, is only part of the picture. Jesus expects us to take this faith and put it into concrete, practical action. Apparently this goes hand in hand with real faith. If actions don't follow, then faith is not being lived to its fullest.

This of course presents a real challenge. Our lives are busy and our plates are full, just with the tasks and demands of daily existence. It can seem like a burden to serve others, to share the Gospel, to be actively involved in a faith community, to find time to pray. But these are meant to be priorities for true disciples of Christ. And as many will testify, when we sincerely ask God to help us get our priorities in order, He has a way of miraculously multiplying our time. Somehow, we find the opportunities right before us to follow God's will and bring our faith to life. That simple prayer of asking for help may be where we need to start. The first step is not so much to fill our calendar as to fill our hearts, or just to pray that God will fill our hearts, with the desire to "do the works" of Jesus.

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"The patient and humble endurance of the cross—whatever nature it may be—is the highest work we have to do."

St. Katharine Drexel

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FOR OUR YOUTH!!

Youth Group: The next meeting will be May 21st, from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., in O'Brien Hall. We ask that parents plan to attend the start of the meeting when we will be discussing the great opportunity your child has to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. (see details below).

Steubenville Youth Conference: July 114th-16th, 2023.

Any child in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. This is a weekend over-night conference on the campus of Franciscan University. This is an amazing experience that you don't want your child to miss in their journey of faith! If you are interested, contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office at 607-739-8214, or by e-mail —amanda.reeves@dor.org, lily.barr@dor.org

FIND A MASS ANYWHERE:

Have you every been out of town and wishing you could find a Catholic Church? To locate a Catholic church anywhere worldwide, go to www.TheCatholicDirectory.com.

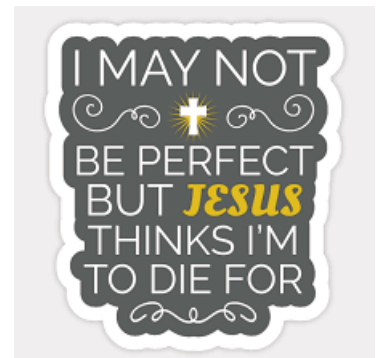
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

The doorbell

A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boys efforts for some time the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell.

Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Run!"



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