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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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May 14, 2023



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 20

3:30 P.M.—Sacrament of Penance—church

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads for the week of May 14-20, have been donated in thanksgiving on the 42nd wedding anniversary of John and Theresa Brennan.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Clarence (Dutch) Messing
Ronald Moore



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: 6th Sunday of Easter:

Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what costs his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to see Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship.

Steubenville Youth Conference 'R E F U G E', July 14th-16th, 2023



Any child in grades 7-12 is invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. This is a weekend overnight 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

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14th.

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
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 6:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-1 Jn 17:1-11a

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF MAY 14th:

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Monday: St. Isidore
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Friday:
Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications 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 next 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 register 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 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:

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the parish of St. Mary Our Mother! We honor you today and offer our gratitude to God for you and the unconditional love you give to your children and to us. All Sunday Masses this weekend are being offered for all our mothers, living and deceased. With the public conversation today about the role of women in the church, in religious circles, and society in general, we should never fail to appreciate the uniquely womanly role of motherhood.

Like many others who have lost their mothers this past year, this will be the fifth Mother's Day without my mother for my family. We will remember her fondly throughout the day. I hope that if your mother is living, you can speak to her, tell her you love her, and spend some quality time with her. If your mother has passed to the Kingdom, I hope you are blessed with fond memories of her. If you are a person whose mother did not meet your needs or expectations, offer a prayer for her today, and pray for the healing of your memories, acceptance of what cannot be changed, and the decision to thank God for your life and the mother who gave you that life.

Each year, Mother's Day falls during the Easter season. As we experience signs of Easter life, this weekend invites us to center on "Mothers." One might say that a mother is the premier sign of Easter. She gives birth to human life to gain this title. Not only does she give birth, but she nurtures, encourages, cares, and loves her children. Motherhood is not a 9 to 5 job—nor is it concluded when her child walks out of the house. Motherhood is a life-long process—and, I believe, extends beyond the bounds of time and space to eternity. All that we envision in the life of a mother is envisioned in the life of an Easter person.

A survey was given to a number of mothers in which the participants were asked the question, "**As a mother, what is most important to you?**" The following are some responses:

The welfare of my children;

Our children's faith;

That my children become everything they are capable of being;

That my children somehow enrich humanity as peace-maker, reconciler, healer, and creative problem solver;

To ask God what I should say and do when my children are in trouble, to listen to God, and calm myself down before saying a word;

My children's failures are not my fault, and their successes are not my credit;

That girls can do and accomplish anything;

There can be hundreds of children being picked up from school; yet, when they hear their mother's voice, they know they are safe;

Pastor's perspective continued:

I thank God for letting me be my children's mom. I am grateful for biological mothers giving me these children to parent, praying that they know how much we love them;

That I do my best to prepare them for life—sharing love and joy, listening well, making peace, modeling the behavior I want to see in them, asking God for help, saying "I'm sorry," and "I love you,"—and show it;

That our children love God with their whole heart and love their neighbor as themselves;

To know that God loves them and that we love them too, unconditionally, as God does;

We hold our children in our hands for a little while and in our heart forever;

That their spouses are kind and loving, and I don't care if they make a lot of money;

That they have the same image I have of my own mother waving from the doorway when I am leaving; she is doing it now at the nursing home as her mother did before her.

I know that a mother always dies too soon;

My mother's dementia showed me that I had to be a mother's mother. This long good bye showed me our relationship is still there. When she actually died, it was as painful as if she'd died when she was young. She is very much alive to me right now. Maybe even more alive then when she died.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers! Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

Prayer for Mothers:

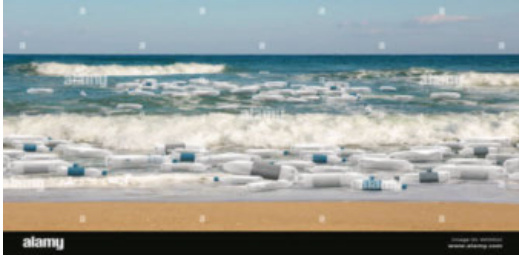
We are grateful for the tireless sacrifices that mothers make every day, the sleepless nights, the countless hours of work, and the unwavering love and devotion they give to their families. Their selflessness and strength inspire us and fill us with awe.

Lord, we ask You to bless all the mothers in the world today. Give them the strength to persevere through the challenges they face, the wisdom to guide their children in the right path, and the courage to overcome any obstacle that may come their way.

May their hearts be filled with joy and their minds with peace, knowing that their efforts are not in vain and that their love and care make a difference in the lives of those around them.

We thank You for the gift of mothers, and we pray that You continue to bless them with Your love and grace. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: Easter Season 2023:



Pope Francis encourages us in his encyclical, **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home**, "Even if we don't see immediate impact from our stewardship efforts, we must continue them and keep in mind that it will ultimately benefit society for they call forth goodness, which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread." **Carry a reusable container for water/coffee. Avoid single-use, disposable beverage containers.**

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY:

The Church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died and is risen—through Him, God bestows "new life" that is divine and eternal. This is the "Good News" which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear.

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who don't know Christ and the love of God yet. "We cannot but speak!" (Acts 4:20).

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. On next weekend, May 20-21, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail.

SOCIAL MINISTRY!



The Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring our annual Baby Shower on the weekends of May 27th/28th, and June 3rd/4th. The items donated will benefit the Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center in Elmira. Baby clothing of all sizes and baby items are requested. At this time, there is a need for toddler clothing, especially toddler boys. Also, needed are toddler socks for both boys and girls. Other items you may consider are diaper bags, wipes, sippy cups, totes, baby and adult toiletries. There are also some **specific** items that are needed. By making a donation, these items can be purchased.

Please place unwrapped baby items in the bassinet in the back of the church. Money donations can be placed in an envelope and dropped in the donation box in the bassinet.

Thank you for your generosity.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	May 15, Easter Weekday Warren Woodard—daughter, Evelyn and family
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	May 16, Easter Weekday Deceased of the Mills family—family
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	May 17, Easter Weekday Paul and Betty Triano—The Costello's Angie Barbierto—JoAnn Barbieri
Thursday: 6:45 A.M. 9:00 A.M.	May 18, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Margaret Amisano—Adele Lanahan John Gough—wife, Ellie and family
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	May 19, Easter Weekday Faithful departed
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	May 20, Easter Weekday Adele Leonard—her family
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter Laura Merritt—the Alsworths Teri Guardi—Bob



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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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for 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.



The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of non perishable food and grocery items of all kinds. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad"

An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I've not ever seen anything like that."



Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.



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