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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.



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May 21, 2023



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Sunday, May 21st., Today:**

5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.—Youth Group Meeting—
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.)

Thursday, May 25:

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

Saturday, May 27:

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic hosts, the sacramental wine, the icon candle, and the sanctuary candle for the week of May 21-27, have been donated in loving memory of Laura Merritt by the Alsworth family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Kenneth Burket
Peter Van Brunt

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

“Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” The Easter season is resplendent with the joy of eternal life. Jesus conquered death through His resurrection and promised all believers a share in this miraculous triumph. The gates of heaven have been opened for us by the great sacrifice of our Savior. All good things lie in wait for us who know “the only true God” and His Son, Jesus Christ.

When we gather together in our communities of faith, it's easy to remember all of this. We share common beliefs and practices with those friends, family members, and neighbors who attend our church. But carrying the joy of Easter with us out into the “world” can be more of a challenge. Once we step outside the safe confines of our parish or home, we encounter those who do not know the true God. We work with, study with, encounter, or gather with many people who have forgotten, abandoned, or have never even known Jesus. Sometimes this can make us hesitant to share our joy, or even be apologetic for our beliefs. *Continued on page three.*

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21st.:

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 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF MAY 21st:

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Tuesday:

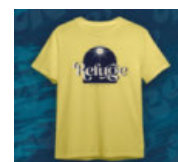
Wednesday:

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

Friday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

One of the marvelous traditions during the month of May that we have is the annual May Crowning of Mary. This is done within the First Friday Mass, and involves members of each grade of our school, with the sixth grade students taking roles of leadership in the actual crowning of Mary. As I observed this year's crowning, I recalled an RCIA presentation I was giving some years ago, when the question was raised "*Who is Mary?*" My very short answer was "*Mary was the mother of Jesus.*" We know from scripture that Mary is that faithful, young woman who cooperated with God's plan, and gave birth to Jesus. Mary is mentioned quite often in the Gospel of Luke. Mary appears only a couple of times during Jesus' public life, for example the marriage feast in Cana, and again during Jesus' crucifixion. Lastly, she is found with the apostles on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit is given to them.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, Mary is understood to be much more than the mother of Jesus. Because Jesus was both human and divine, Son of Man and Son of God, Mary became known as the "Mother of God" as well as the Mother of Jesus. This teaching about Mary became official in the fifth century. Secondly, because of Mary's pure birth, the Church taught that Mary was conceived without original sin; thus she was a worthy, sinless person from the very beginning of her life through whom God could enter the world. The belief became an official teaching of the Church in 1854, though it was a commonly held belief by many for centuries. Third, because Mary's devotion and faithfulness to Jesus throughout her life, the Church teaches that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven. This teaching is known as the Assumption of Mary, and solemnly declared so in 1950, again, having been held in the faith of the Church for many centuries. It was the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), that Mary was declared as the "Mother of the Church." On a local historical note, it was in that year of 1965 that our parish's name and legal title was changed from "**St. Mary Church, Horseheads, New York,**" to that of the "**Church of St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, New York.**"

In the minds and hearts of Catholics in every generation, Mary has many other titles. Here are a few: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Guadalupe, etc. Mary has become associated with many nations and peoples throughout the world. The new Catholic Cathedral in Los Angeles bears the name of Our Lady of the Angels. If you tour the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., you will find our Lady of Sweden, Our Lady of Cuba, Our Lady Queen of Africa, and many other depictions of Mary, each looking like the people of each land. Devotional practices like the rosary, litanies to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and many prayers express our admiration and affection for Mary, call to mind her exemplary life of faith, expresses our needs, cares, and concern, and asks for her intercession with her Son on our behalf.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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| Monday: 6:45 A.M. | May 22, Easter Weekday Deceased of the Curtin family—family |
| Tuesday: 6:45 A.M. | May 23, Easter Weekday Jim Marks—Gallagher family |
| Wednesday: 6:45 A.M. | May 24, Easter Weekday Florence Ruocco—Marianne and Bob Kosty |
| Thursday: 6:45 A.M. | May 25, Easter Weekday Mass of Thanksgiving on the 60th wedding anniversary of Joan and Chuck Ruhmel |
| Friday: 6:45 A.M. | May 26, St Philip Neri, Priest Pablo and Elisea Atienza—The Macapinlac's |
| Saturday: 5:00 P.M. | May 27, Easter Weekday Virginia Stanton—her family |
| Sunday: 8:30 A.M. | May 28, Pentecost Sunday Raymond Sherwood—Deloris and the Alsworths |
| 10:30 A.M. | Helen M. Linsler |

Pastors Perspective continued:

There are many feast days throughout the Church's year of prayer to celebrate and honor the Blessed Mother. The month of May has been dedicated in a special way to prayer to Mary and to reflecting on her life, her role in salvation history, and her compassion in understanding the joys and sorrows of our lives. Mary experienced many, if not all joy and sorrow herself, and in her faith she is the model to all humanity in our faithfulness to her Son.

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

Fr. L.

Seventh Sunday of Easter (continued):

But of course we are called to be witnesses of what we believe, not cowards who hide it from public view.

So let us take courage from today's Gospel. Jesus Himself offered prayers on behalf of His followers. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for the ones you have given me." As the followers of Christ, we have the benefit of His own desire to help us, to strengthen us even amidst the challenges that we face. He knows that we "are in the world" even though He is not here in the same way. And He has asked God the Father to share His divine blessings with us even as we make our way in this world.



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.

“COIN SHORTAGE ALLEVIATED!!!”

Through your generous donations to CRS Rice Bowl, thousands of coins were put back into the US banking system! These coins, along with bills and checks, totaled \$3,403.70. More importantly than addressing the coin shortage, 75% of your donations will support CRS projects in the neediest countries and 25% will go to the Horseheads Food Pantry.

Thank you, one and all, for embracing the spirit of Lenten almsgiving by so generously supporting the Rice Bowl project.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING—GOOD NEWS IN THE NEW YORK STATE BUDGET:

The recently enacted New York State budget includes significant victories for Catholic schools.

The New York Legislature increased spending on STEM for Catholic and other schools by \$15 million dollars (26 percent) for a total of \$73 million dollars, added \$1.9 million dollars to help ensure funding is sufficient to fully reimburse our schools for the Mandated Services; and allocated \$1 million dollars for the immunization program. The STEM founding will go a long way toward helping our Catholic schools prepare our students for careers.

Please contact;

>Senator Thomas O'Mara (607-735-967)

O'mara@nysenate.gov and either

>Assemblyman Christopher Friend (607-562-3602) Friend@nyassembly.gov

>or Phillip Palmesano (607-776-9691) palmesanop@nyassembly.gov

Our message: Thank you very much for the increase in funding for STEM programs in Catholic schools, and the funding for Mandated Services and the immunization program. This will help Catholic schools sustain our excellence in education as we prepare students for future careers. Give your name and address.

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THE HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:

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.

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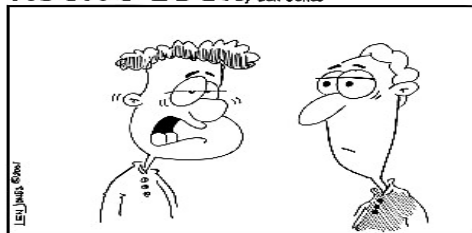


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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"I was just fine with the concept of sharing my faith until Pastor said we actually had to talk to people."

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A priest was hearing confessions from a Catholic school class, and the first kid said: "I threw peanuts in the river". The second kid confessed the same sin "I threw peanuts in the river". Then the third, fourth, and so on, until the last kid came to confess. The priest asked: "Tell me, did you happen to throw peanuts in the river?" "No", he answered, Peanuts is my nickname,



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