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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 28, 2023



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- Jn 20:21

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Thursday, June 1**

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

Saturday, June 3

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic hosts, sacramental wine, the icon candle and the sanctuary candle for the week of May 28—June 3, 2023 have been donated in loving memory of Raymond Sherwood by Deloris and the Alsworths.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Arlene Boulas
Barbara Kearney
Marianne Kershaw Tombaugh

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom. Good Stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." Do we believe that Jesus is Our Lord? If so, how do we show it?

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a catechist meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, at 3:45 p.m. in the parish meeting room located downstairs in the parish office building. Anyone interested in volunteering in any of our programs, grade k–yr. 2 Confirmation, is encouraged to attend. If you wish to volunteer to help and can't make this meeting, please contact Amanda Reeves at the parish office by emailing amanda.reeves@dor.org or call 607-739-8214.

FAITH FORMATION END OF YEAR CELEBRATION:

All Faith Formation in grades k-yr. 2 Confirmation are invited to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass and join us in a year end celebration in O'Brien Hall immediately following Mass. This is mandatory for our grades 6-7 Home Study and Yr. 1 Confirmation as this is your final check in. Registration forms for next year will be available at this time.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: May 29, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

6:45 A.M. No Mass

Tuesday: May 30, Weekday

6:45 A.M. John Kordyl—Peggy Woodard

Wednesday: May 31, Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 A.M. Special intention of the 6:45 a.m. Mass Family

Thursday: June 1, St. John Martyr

6:45 A.M. Intentions of Lisa Gabriel King—Adele Lanahan

Friday: June 2, Weekday

6:45 A.M. Megan Campbell—Kiefer family
9:00 A.M. For students, families and staff of St. Mary Our Mother School a safe and blessed summer

Saturday: June 3, St. Charles & Companions, Martyrs

5:00 P.M. Mary Francis Smith—her family

Sunday: June 4, Holy Trinity

8:30 A.M. John Kordyl—(wedding anniversary), wife, Evie

10:30 A.M. Janet Garlasco—Mom, Dad and brothers, Frank and David.



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 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

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.

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 concelebrating 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 celebration 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 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 special 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, action 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 with God. It is the power of the Holy Spirit which invites us and guides us in our life of prayer.

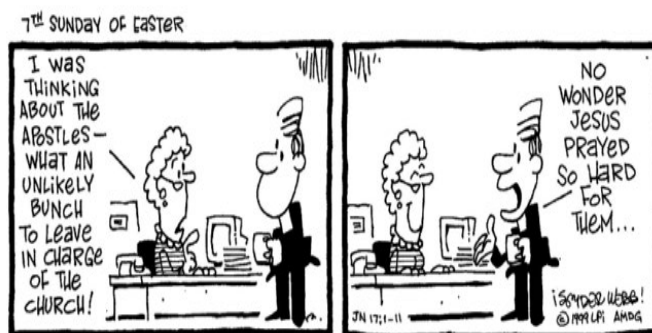
Pastor's Perspective continued:

This Pentecost Sunday, we will once again hear of the story of Pentecost. We will hear of the strong winds, the shaking house, the tongues of flames, the speaking in tongues—the experience of Mary and the apostles 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 renewing 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, we are reassured that the Holy Spirit remains constant, consistent, and a powerful presence in our lives.

Pentecost Sunday also finds us in the middle of the Memorial Day weekend. This weekend is more than just a three-day weekend unofficially marking the beginning of summer, but it is also a time to reflect and remember the many women and men who gave the ultimate gift of their lives for our freedom, our country and its people. Whenever we walk the cemeteries, (and I hope you will take the time to visit a cemetery this Memorial Day weekend), we often think of the massive loss of American lives that have been sacrificed for our country. **President John F. Kennedy** once said that the value of society is not measured by what it has done, but by how it remembers. If America's daughters and sons are willing to march, fight, and die for their country, then the least we can do is to remember. And remember we do, each Memorial Day.

Enjoy your Memorial Day weekend, and please take a moment to remember and offer a prayer of gratitude for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the life we have come to know as Americans. And include in your prayer a prayer for those who continue to serve in the military, as well as police officers, firefighter's, emergency medical personnel, and those who always walk the extra mile. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L



SOCIAL MINISTRY!



Our Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring our annual Baby Shower this weekend, 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.

C R C Rice Bowl



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 funding 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 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!



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.

FIND A MASS ANYWHERE:

Have you every been out of town and wishing you could find a Catholic Church? To locate a Catholic church any-

A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER:

Dear Lord, on this day, we remember those who have served us by protecting our freedoms. When we celebrate our long weekend with our friends and family help us remember, that our freedom to speak of you, and our freedom to worship you, and our freedom to do that which we ought to do, have all been bought at the price and sacrifice of many lives.

Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven. So too, your children died protecting us here on earth. Help us be mindful this weekend and always of the sacrifices made by those in uniform for all our freedoms. Amen.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:

Tomorrow, on Memorial Day, May 29th, at 10:15 a.m., in our cemetery, the American Legion will hold a brief ceremony honoring all veterans. All are welcome to attend! If you wish to join the Legion members, please park in the lot by our playground. Thank you.



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