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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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June 4, 2023



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Wednesday, June 7**

3:45 p.m.—Catechist meeting—parish office

Thursday, June 8

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

Saturday, June 10

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS:

The main altar flowers for the week of June 4-10 have been donated in memory of Mary Frances Smith with our love from her family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

James McFarland

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 on June 11th, 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.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN:

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rochester to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/lccc.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**Monday:**

6:45 A.M.

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Friday:

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Saturday:

5:00 P.M.

Sunday:

8:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

June 5-St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Charles and Doris Dickinson—Jan Graves

June 6- Weekday

William J. Dooley III—Deb Bohen

June 7- Weekday

Deceased of the Curtin family—family

June 8-Weekday

All Souls in Purgatory—The Costello's

June 9-Weekday

Patrick Moreo—Guy Amisano

June 10-Weekday

Mass of Thanksgiving on the 50th wedding anniversary of Denise and Bob Coon

June 11-Most Holy Body & Blood Of Christ

Walter Dobek—his family

Marguerite and Chuck Gedatus, Kathleen Tierno, Kris Skelly—Mary Sue and Joe Skelly

**ROLE OF CATHOLICS IN SOCIETY:****Question:**

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we are there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Due to the Memorial Day weekend and an early bulletin deadline, I am writing this column on May 19th. As of today, we are looking forward to the Pentecost Sunday, the Memorial holiday weekend, as well as the beginning of the month of June. By the time you read this, the holiday weekend and the month of May will be history, we will have concluded the Easter season, liturgically we will have returned to Ordinary Time, and the month of June will be upon us!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast celebrates our belief that God is a "triune" of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In faith, we believe these persons are distinct from each other and united as one God; they are equal and eternal. We know about the nature of God only because God has revealed it to us. Even though it has been revealed, it is still a mystery beyond our understanding. Today's feast celebrates the fact that our triune God loves us and has invited us into the relationship shared by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This Trinitarian greeting is often spoken by the priest presider as we begin the celebration of the Eucharist when he says, *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."*

The month of June always marks a "winding down" of many of our normal parish activities that occupy our attention for most of the year. This month is also a time when our schools and students are readying themselves for final examinations, graduations, and summer school recess. I would like to give you an update on some "statistics" concerning Saint Mary Our Mother School. As of May 19th, our current enrollment is 146 students, with a projected enrollment for 2023-2024 of 168 students. We will say "farewell" to 9 of our sixth-grade students at their **Sixth Grade Celebration on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m.**

People often pose the question: **"Why do families choose to send their children to a Catholic School?"** The following are some random answers:

I believe Catholic Schools educate the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.

I want to help carry on the faith, and I feel that the Catholic School environment will team well with my efforts at home.

I want my child to have the opportunity to pray during school hours, especially in times of troubling and frightening world events.

Pastor's Perspective continued:

I consider the tuition costs as an investment in my child's future and all we want for that future. I often say to myself, "How can I afford not to send my child to a Catholic School?"

I appreciate the partnership that is in place for my child, with the school, teachers, and parents working together to help my child. When everything goes well, we celebrate together. When there is a problem, I do not face it alone. Everyone is there to work with my child and me.

I want my child to be in a safe, loving, nurturing and accepting environment where they feel welcomed regardless of their background, and where they develop the skills necessary to be successful in all aspects of life.

I especially appreciate the tremendous support that St. Mary Our Mother School receives at the parish level, from the pastor, parish staff, and the entire parish community.

I think Mrs. Bill and the teachers at St. Mary Our Mother School rock!

Registration for St. Mary Our Mother School for the 2023-2024 academic year continues. If you are a parent interested in enrolling your child in September, or you know of a family of school-aged children who might be interested in our school, please encourage them to call the school office for further information and a tour of our school. Our school principal, **Mrs., Heather Bill**, is always available to answer any school-related questions you may have.

**WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT:**

The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. After entering the school driveway, bear left towards the playground. You will see the parking lot just ahead. Enter the school through the door across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died or a memento of significance. A conversation starter can be whatever anyone might want to share about the unique and precious connection you experienced with your loved one who has died. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listening, and are careful to not dogmatize. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight, and normalization from each other. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping."

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages." — Daniel 3:52



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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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 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.

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Who was the best business woman in the Bible? (see answer below)



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