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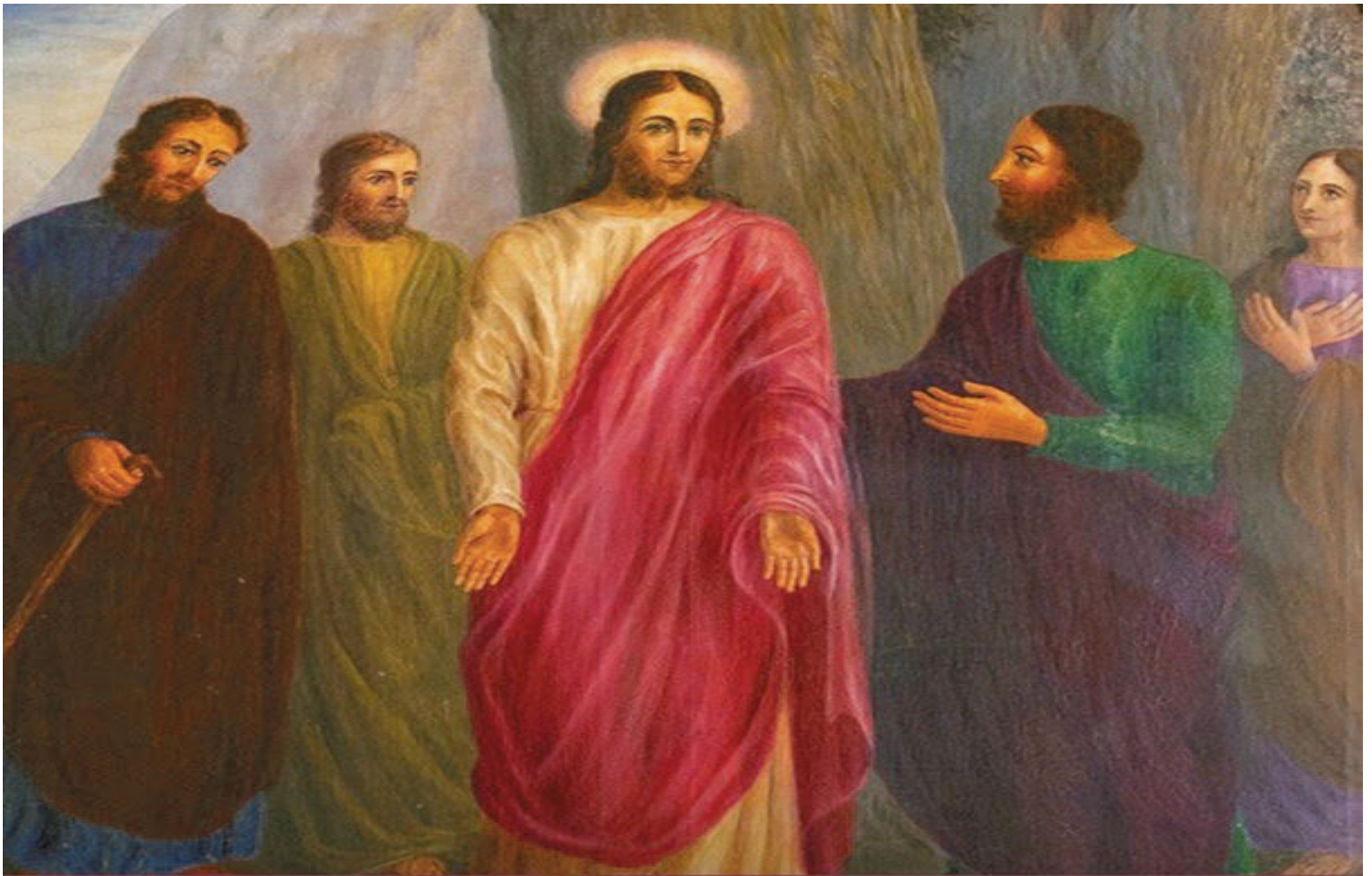
## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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 18, 2023



## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Monday, June 19**

Juneteenth holiday—parish offices closed

**Tuesday, June 20**

9:00 a.m.—Pre-K 4 graduation—church

**Wednesday, June 21**

6:30 p.m.—6th grade graduation

**Friday, June 23**

Last day of school

**Saturday, June 24**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

**Sunday, June 25**

*Peter's Pence Collection*

**MEMORIALS:**

The main altar flowers for the week of June 18-24 have been donated in honor of all fathers—living and deceased.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP:**

The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time provides profound insights into the essential aspects of living the stewardship way of life on our Christian journey.

In the first reading from Exodus, we witness the encounter between God and His chosen people at Mount Sinai. The Lord, through Moses, reminds the Israelites of His faithfulness and the covenant He has established with them. This reading reminds us of our vocation as stewards and disciples. They invite us to embrace the call to stewardship by recognizing our responsibility to care for God's creation and to share our gifts with others generously.

In our second reading from Romans, St. Paul beautifully articulates God's love for humanity. He reminds us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, reconciling us with God and offering us the gift of salvation. As stewards, we are to gratefully recognize God's abundant love and respond by using our gifts and resources to build His kingdom. In our stewardship and discipleship, we discover the joy of participating in God's redemptive work, bringing hope and healing to a broken world.

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES:****Readings for the week of June 18, 2023**

**Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:611/Mt 9:36—10:8

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
**Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Next Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Observances for the week of June 18, 2023**

**Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

*Living Stewardship continued:*

The Gospel reading from Matthew recounts how Jesus is moved with compassion as He sees the crowds who are like sheep without a shepherd. He commissions His disciples, empowering them to continue His healing mission and preach the Kingdom of God. Like the Good Shepherd, we are to have hearts filled with empathy and concern for those who are lost, suffering, or in need.

Stewardship challenges us to extend a helping hand, offer comfort, and meet our brothers and sisters physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in Christ. Living a life of stewardship and discipleship challenges us to move beyond our comfort zones, embracing the call to serve and witness the transformative power of Christ's love. To do so requires a willingness to step out in faith, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and be instruments of God's grace and healing. As you go, make this proclamation: ***"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."*** (Matthew 10:7).

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants us to live stewardship and to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your whole life, and give your all to Him.



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

Congratulations and best wishes to all our fathers on this Fathers Day! Our country feels that the role of a parent is so important that each year it designates a day in May for mothers and a day in June for fathers. As we mature, we tend to reflect more about how we have become the person we are today, and we discover that we have adopted many of our traits from our parents. There is a time in our formative years when we view ourselves as completely independent, that all growth and maturation is completely independent from the people and the world around us. Gradually, we discover that many of our personality traits can be clearly identified with our parents. Fathers Day is a day to be grateful and appreciative of life itself, the nurturing our fathers have given us, and to actually say a word of thanks for all our fathers have given us.

It is also a day to appreciate God the Father in our lives. By assigning God a parental image, the Church hopes to help us recognize in God that desire to share in a child growth by encouragement, through the recognition of the uniqueness of each individual, and by offering the grace that is necessary to actualize human potential. God loves each of His children and wants them to grow and become the person they are destined to be, knowing full well that each individual is different. Today is a day for all fathers to quietly raise a prayer to God asking that divine guidance be theirs as they share the role of fatherhood with God. It is a day to say "Happy Fathers Day" to all our fathers.

The following is a prayer we can offer in honor of these special men in our lives:

*Blessed are You, Lord and Father of all life;  
Who has given to us the father of our family.*

*Today, we honor Him and thank You for the numerous  
good things that are ours because of Him.*

*His love for us has been a sign of Your divine affection  
and a sharing in Your holy love.*

*His continuous concern for our needs and welfare  
is a mirror of your holy providence.*

*And so, as we honor Him, we praise You,  
Father of all peoples.*

*Bless Him this day with Your strength and holy power  
that we may continue to be a sign of You,  
our God, and a priestly parent to your family.*

*This blessing and all graces, we pray, descend upon the  
Father of our family,  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit.*

AMEN

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>June 19 Weekday</b> Special Intention of the 6:45 Mass family
<b>Tuesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>June 20 Weekday</b> Deceased members of the Mills family—family
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>June 21—St. Aloysius , Religious</b> Warren Woodard—daughter, Evelyn and family
<b>Thursday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>June 22— St. John Fisher, Bishop &amp; St. Thomas More, Martyrs</b> Deceased members of the Curtin family—family
<b>Friday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>June 23-Weekday</b> Mike D'Aloisio—the Corcorans
<b>Saturday:</b> 10:00 A.M.	<b>June 24-The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Jeanne Kremer memorial service and burial—Deacon Daniel Hurley
<b>Sunday:</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>June 25-The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jeannette Berretta—Chris
8:30 A.M.	Gene Harrison—Dobek family
10:30 A.M.	Jim Ormiston—Carol and Andy Viele

**Pastor's Perspective continued:**

As we move through these June days, we discover many reasons to give thanks to God. On this Father's Day, we pause to thank our Fathers and for all who fill a fatherly role in our families for the blessing and good example of their lives.

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

Fr. L

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED:**

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, June 20th at 9:00 A.M..

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL CELEBRATION:**

St. Mary Our Mother School will hold its Sixth Grade Celebration on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the church, followed by a reception in O'Brien Hall and the school gymnasium. You are cordially invited to attend both the celebration and reception to extend your best wishes to our sixth grade students.



**ACTION ALERT!**

### Care for God's Creation—Plastic/Packaging Waste Reduction Legislation in New York State:

**BACKGROUND:** The New York State Legislature is considering legislation to reduce plastic waste by 50% over twelve years. The **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (A.5322 S.4246)** would require companies selling, offering for sale, or distributing, cover packaging materials and products, to reduce consumer packaging, improve recycling and recycling infrastructure, including supporting reusable and refill infrastructure, financially support municipal recycling programs, reduce toxins in packaging and require producers of products to bear the responsibility for end of life solutions to product packaging. Pope Francis mentions this idea of circular production where resources are reused/repurposed rather than simply discarded (Laudato Si).

Discarded plastic and other packaging is clogging landfills and no one knows how much plastic and other packaging waste ends up in the oceans threatening ocean ecosystems. If plastic had been invented when the Pilgrims sailed from England, and the Mayflower had been stocked with plastic wrapped snacks etc., their plastic trash would likely still be around now, four centuries later.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Please encourage our NYS Legislators to pass this bill before they adjourn for the summer. Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins are supporting passage. **Please contact Senator Thomas O'Mara ([omara@nysenate.gov](mailto:omara@nysenate.gov)) (607-735-9671) and your Assemblyman, either Christopher Friend ([friend@nyassembly.gov](mailto:friend@nyassembly.gov)), 607-562-3602 or Phillip Palmesano ([palmesano@nyassembly.gov](mailto:palmesano@nyassembly.gov)), 607-776-9691.**

**MESSAGE:** Please support passage of S.4246/A5322—The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act during this session— to reduce plastic packaging waste. Provide your name and address.

### SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**Mass question:**

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

**Answer:**

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

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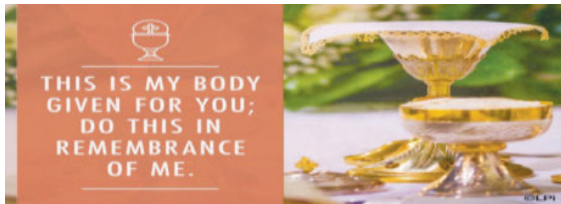


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Thank you for your generosity!

## 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](http://www.TheCatholicDirectory.com).



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A couple had two young sons who were often mischievous boys, ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble, and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame.

Their mother heard that a priest in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The priest agreed and asked to see them individually. So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the priest in the afternoon.

The priest, a rather large man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response. Sitting there with his mouth hanging open the priest repeated the question. "Where is God?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So, the priest raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!" The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "what happened?" *The younger boy, replied, "We are in real BIG trouble this time! God is missing, and they think we did it!"*



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