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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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August 13, 2023



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Saturday, August 12, 2023:
3:30 p.m.-Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar flowers for the week of August 13—19 have been donated in loving memory of the Kordyl and Woodard families by Evelyn Kordyl and family.

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of August 13—19, have been donated in memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.

The votive light before the Icon is burning for the week of Aug 13—19, in memory of Casimir and Josephine Kujawski by their family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Charles Belanger, Sr.
John Charles Cook
Gloria May
Jean O'Toole

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of the wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own "boat" to take on the impossible.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2023:

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**REGIONAL HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

The following is the Regional Mass schedule for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Monday, August 14th.

5:30 p.m.—St. Mary Our Mother

Tuesday, August 15th.

6:45 a.m.—St. Mary Our Mother

8:00 a.m.—St. Patrick

12:05 p.m.—St. Mary

5:30 p.m.—St. Patrick

PASTORS PERSPECTIVE:

Tuesday of this week is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a holy day of obligation, or in another sense, a holyday of “opportunity”. The regional Mass schedule for the holyday is printed on page 2 of this bulletin. This solemn feast celebrates Mary being assumed into heaven, body and spirit, at the end of her earthly life.

The early Christian communities never thought of Mary without reflecting on her relationship with her Son, Jesus. In the gospel of St. Luke, Mary is portrayed as the “prototype” of the Church, the perfect Christian, the perfect disciple. With her assumption, St. Luke depicts Mary as a person who constantly does what Jesus expects all of His followers to do, to *“hear God’s word and carry it out.”*

We believe that the Assumption of Mary was the end of her earthly life as a disciple. Mary’s life of discipleship began long before she was born, namely with the Immaculate Conception, and it continued through her earthly life when she agreed to accept God’s invitation to become the mother of Jesus. God always initiates and offers, and Mary accepted God’s invitation. We join Elizabeth in rejoicing over Mary’s saying “Yes” to God: *“Blessed are you, Mary, who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”* Notice how Mary always defers all praise to God: *“My soul proclaims that greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my savior.”* In addition, Mary reminds us that God *“has lifted up the lowly.”* We believe that Mary’s Assumption was God lifting up Mary to eternal life with Christ. When the Assumption of Mary into heaven is viewed as the final chapter of her earthly discipleship, the feast is rich in meaning. As members of the Church and as the people of God, we are all called to be followers of Christ.

Being the Good News and bringing the Good News of God’s love for others is what God asked of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God asks the same of us. When we love and serve others, we can be confident that God’s response of resurrection and eternal life will be given to us. St. Paul mentions in today’s second reading the fact that *“in Christ shall all be brought to life.”* On the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, we give thanks and praise to God that Mary is among those first brought to life in Christ. At the same time, we express our hope that the same destiny of resurrection awaits us at the conclusion of our earthly journey.

God has accomplished great things through the life of Mary, and continues to do great things for us. May we join Mary, our Mother, in proclaiming the goodness and greatness of our God, who will raise all people to fullness of life in Christ.

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

Fr. L

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	Aug. 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Daniel Woodard—his wife, Peggy Theresa Hurley—Jackie and Warren Conklin
6:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	
Tuesday:	Aug. 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mary Amisano—husband, Guy and family
6:45 A.M.	
Wednesday:	Aug. 16—Weekday The faithful departed
6:45 A.M.	
Thursday:	Aug. 17—Weekday Deceased members of the Mills family—family
6:45 A.M.	
Friday:	Aug. 18—Weekday Communion Service
6:45 A.M.	
Saturday:	Aug. 19 —Weekday Josephine and Henry Ryan—Mary and Jim Carr
5:00 P.M.	
Sunday:	Aug. 20—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Samantha Dobek—her family Judi Lynch—husband, Ben
8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	

**THE ASSUMPTION: A SIGN OF HOPE:**

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recited in the Nicene Creed. Heaven, we discuss. But resurrection? The Feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God’s original plan for things. It’s one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus’ second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary’s Assumption is the reminder. In the celebration of the Assumption, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let’s pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT:

Each year our parish partners with Catholic Charities to collect school supplies to help parents send their children back to school, ready to learn with the supplies they need. This year backpacks with supplies will be distributed to about 700 Chemung County students during the Strong Kids, Safe Kids (August 26th) event. Supplies needed for the backpacks include: colored pencils, wide-ruled notebooks, two-pocket folders, pencils, rulers, and blunt-tip scissors.

Donations will be collected until Friday, August 18th and can be dropped off at one of the following locations:

- Chapel Park (83 Personius Rd., Pine City) 9am-4pm
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Chemung County Department of Aging, Chemung County
- Samaritan Center (380 S. Main St. Elmira) Mon-Fri.
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.-back entrance
- Treu Office Supply, Lake Street, Elmira

If you prefer, a box has been placed on the table in the vestibule of our Church for your convenience. Your donation will be delivered for you by our Social Ministry Committee.

**NEW YORK STATE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:**

*October 20-22, 2023 Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine,
Auriesville, NY.*

We're going on a pilgrimage! Join Catholics across the Southern Tier for a trip by bus to the New York State Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, October 21. We plan to pick up pilgrims in Corning, Horseheads, Waverly and Owego. The cost is \$65. Call the Blessed Trinity parish office in Owego to reserve your spot: 607-687-1068. For more details, visit: www.blessed-trinity-.org/pilgrimage/



Our programs for Faith Formation are beginning soon. This includes our Tuesday Program, Home Study, First Penance, First Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you have not already done so, please register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the back of church, or online through our parish website. Completed forms along with payment can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office at 816 W. Broad St. or can be dropped in the collection box in the back of the church. Our Tuesday program will now offer in person classes for grades pk-7th.

Please contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr for more information by emailing amanda.reeves@dor.org, or Lily.barr@dor.org, or calling 607-739-8214.

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Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry each month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board.

If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE—UNANSWERED PRAYER:

The preacher's 5 year-year old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well honey", he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

His daughter responded—"How come God doesn't answer it?"



18TH ANNUAL ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Join us on September 17, 2023 for the 18th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf tournament. We have sponsorship opportunities so please spread the word. To register, scan the QR code below to access the tournament's website.

If you are unable to join us for the tournament, please consider making a donation that will go directly to supporting St. Mary Our Mother School.

The tournament is held at Willowcreek Golf Club, starting at 10 a.m. (Shotgun start). Hotdogs will be available at the turn, with dinner and prizes to follow. We look forward to seeing you, and we appreciate your support!

For more information, please check our website—<http://smoms-annual-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>.




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