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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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October 22, 2023

BELONG



“Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God.”

MATTHEW 22:21

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, October 24th:**

3:45 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—school

Saturday, October 29th:

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar flower arrangement for the week of October 22—28, 2023 has been donated in memory of Mary and Warren Woodard by daughter, Evelyn and family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Dolores Kennedy
Howard Phillips, Sr.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:**

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 5th**, at the **10:30 a.m. Mass**. During this liturgy, we remember all those who died since November, 2022 and will remember each of our departed brothers and sisters by name. If you have a family member or friend who has died during the past twelve months whose funeral was not from St. Mary Our Mother and you would like to have their name included during this Mass, please contact the parish office and we will include their names on the remembrance list. All are invited to come and share in this special time of remembering our faithful departed loved ones, and offer support for their families and friends.

RETURN TO STANDARD TIME:

Please remember that we return to standard time next **Sunday, November 5th** at 2:00 a.m. Please be sure to set your clocks **back one hour** before retiring next Saturday evening.

QR GIVING CODE**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023:**

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 /Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate who oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately. Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure, he confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit was my son.

My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others who loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and respects others. When we are children, this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest—it isn't always so easy as adults either.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

October is the month when we center our attention on the respect for all life, often times referred to as **Respect Life Month**.

It is a time of year when we see significant changes in our weather as the summer activities come to an end and autumn activities begin. It is a time when we become aware of the "dying" of the earth as flowers go into their winter slumber, as the trees give up their colorful leaves, as we tend to remain indoors more often, and the cooler days remind us that winter is not far off.

The seasonal changes invite us to explore our human changes. We become aware of the boundaries of life: living, dying, rising again. We become aware of life and how very precious each day of life is, and how we should treasure each day that God gives us. We also become more aware of those who share life with us and how precious their life is to us and to the world.

Given this reality, we focus once again on the basic tenets of our faith: life begins through God and life ends according to God's plan. The church teaches us that life begins at conception. As a mother cares for her infant in the womb she is assisting God in the creative process, not only giving birth to new life, but allowing herself to house life and nurture her developing child. We hear and see many debates these days which speak of life in the womb—what can be allowed and what must be forbidden; what can be legislated and what can not be legislated. We see political debates from those seeking office who attempt to define the Church's teaching. The teaching is rather simple—life begins at conception when God chooses to initiate the creation of a new child.

In the same vein, life continues until God determines when we should come home to heaven. This has become somewhat complicated with the advance of medicine and the development of technology and medications which can prolong and sustain life. At times, a family may face the question, "*are we sustaining life or simply keeping the body going?*" Families have to decide when enough is enough regarding treatments and medication. This is also a challenge because no one likes to let go of a loved one and no one likes to think that "they" may have ended someone's life. Yet deciding for comfort care, deciding this is enough pain, deciding that further treatment is not going to add to the quality of life, embracing the idea that it is time to let go and let God bring a loved one home—these are all quality decisions and actually embrace life and the preciousness with which we hold life.

It is easy to appreciate the preconception of life when we hold a new born infant in our arms, and experience how beautiful life is. Strangely enough, it is also easy to appreciate the preciousness of life when sitting at the bedside of a dying person listening to their breathing, hearing their

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 23 Weekday Richard H. Smith, Sr., his family
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 24 Weekday The faithful departed
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 25 Weekday Joanne Langan—Powell family
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 26 Weekday Deceased members of the Curtin family—family
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 27 Weekday Tim O'Herron—the Woodworth's
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Oct. 28 Weekday Marie & Arthur Maio—Suann, Arthur, Rich, and Steve
Sunday:	Oct. 29 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
8:30 A.M.	Paul Mack—faculty and staff of St. Mary Our Mother school
10:30 A.M.	Angie Barbito—Elston family

Pastors' perspective continued:

final words, saying silent prayers—there is a deep appreciation for all that sustains life. On a beautiful fall day, when we see the beautiful autumn colors, experience the crisp seasonal air, we can sense the wonder and value of human life.

It is more challenging to appreciate when we are angry with another, when we have been hurt, when we are frightened or confused. We do not value life when we feel sad or depressed, lost and wonder where our friends are, and don't even value our own life. Yet, the challenge is always to realize that life is precious! Why? Life is a gift from God—and we cannot take that lightly. Life is entrusted to us and we need to be responsible for it and never place any life in jeopardy. Life is something to be experienced, enjoyed, and seen as a means of coming in touch with God. Life always evolves, grows and surprises us—and none of this will happen if we are not open to life.

As we continue our journey during this month of October, **Respect Life Month**, take a moment to appreciate the wonderful and unique life God has given just to you.

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

Fr. L.



HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2024:

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition instrument to assist parishes in affirming high school seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior from the class of 2024 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

- *Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example.
- *Is actively participating in their parish as well as their school community.
- *Is a positive role model for peers and younger children.
- *Is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother.

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form including the nominee’s name, address, telephone number, and high school they attend, along with examples of the above mentioned criteria. All nominations will be reviewed by Father Linsler as pastor. All nominations are due in the parish office by November 18, 2023.



OUR CMA CAMPAIGN PRAYER:

O God our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts. Bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent, and treasure, to the building of Your Kingdom here in the Church and throughout the world.

We pray for your help in achieving success in this campaign, so that we can help others throughout our Diocese.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. AMEN.

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILTING GROUP

St. Mary Our Mother Prayers and Squares quilting group is back. Our group meets to make lap quilts for our ill family members and friends. Once the quilt is made our St. Mary Our Mother School's 5th grade students help us tie the quilts and our 4th grade students pray the rosary over the finished quilts.

We meet twice a month and would welcome anyone who would like to help make the quilts. No experience is necessary.

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