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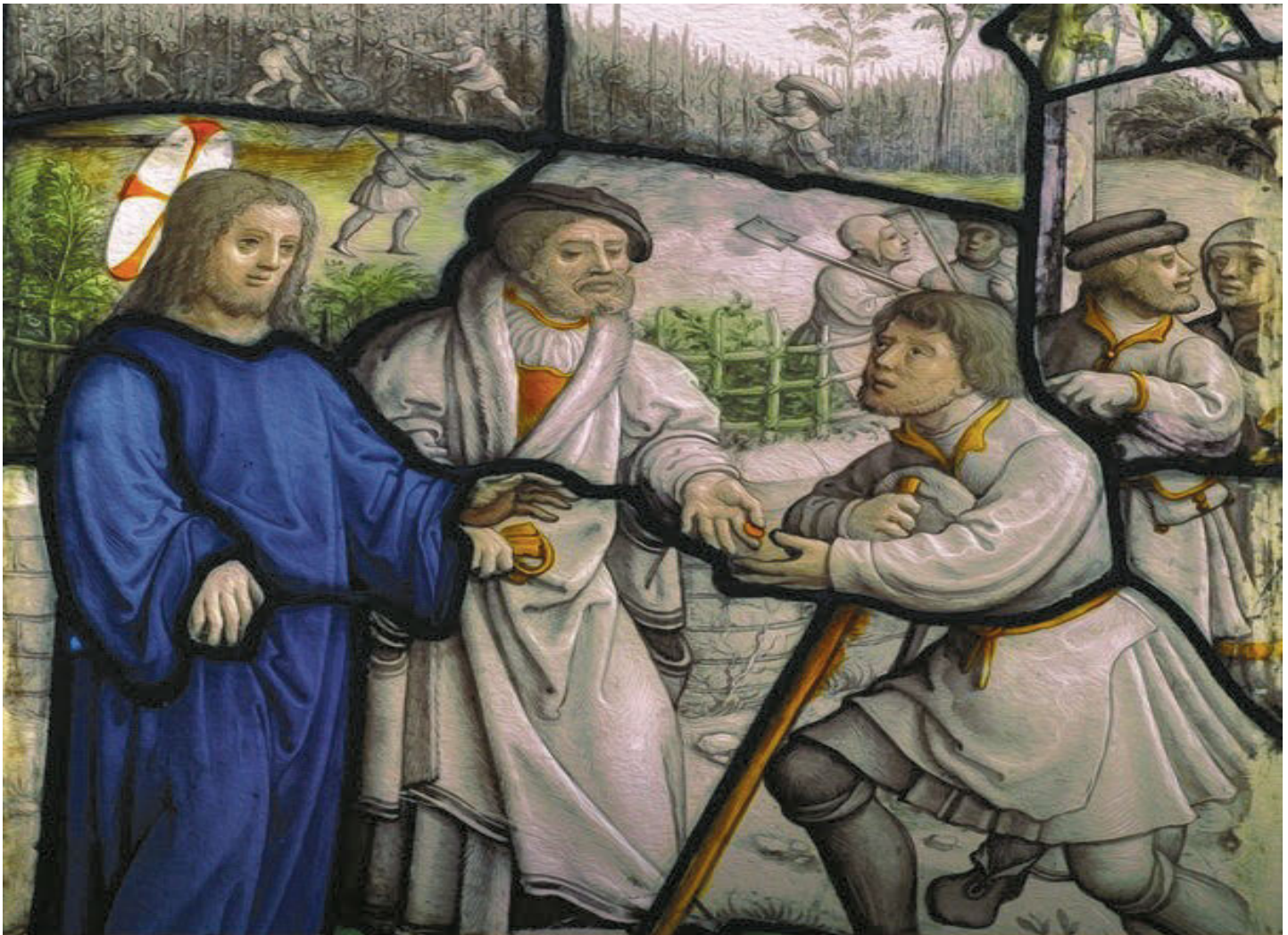
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St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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April 28, 2024



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

MEMORIALS:

The main altar flowers for the week of April 28 - May 4, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Francis and Paul Mack by their family..

OUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 14 \$9,266.00:

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

James Agan
Gloria Bohem
Richard McGill



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION:

Practice for May 4th Communion is this Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m., in the church.

Practice for May 5th Communion is Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m., in the church.



Confirmation with the Bishop Matano is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th , 7:00 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Church, 113 N Geneva St., Ithaca, NY. Candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Work has begun to replace the original church roof, which has served us well since the church was opened and dedicated in November, 1979. The process will take a number of weeks to complete. Thank you all for your patience.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.r

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter**

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **“He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit”** (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assumes it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir*

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

For the past few weeks, twenty-seven children and their families have been preparing for their First Holy Communion, which will take place at the 5:00 p.m. Mass next Saturday, and the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday. I think you would agree how important it is that parents, as well as other adults be the best role models for our children. For this reason, it might be a good time to review what we believe about the Eucharist and to be reminded about Church etiquette, especially how we should conduct ourselves whenever we receive the Eucharist.

It is important to remember that the Lord is present at every Eucharist in **four ways**. **First**, God is present in the living Word of God proclaimed in the midst of the assembly. **Second**, the Lord is present in the Eucharistic assembly itself, as Christ identifies with each one of us. **Third**, the Lord is present in the one who presides, who acts in the name of Christ. **Fourthly**, our Lord is present in the Real Presence of the Eucharistic bread and wine consecrated by the Holy Spirit at each celebration of the Eucharist in these four ways, helps us to celebrate what we believe in the presence of Christ.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has set the guidelines for Catholics who are to receive Holy Communion in the United States. We are to receive the Body and Blood of Christ standing:: there is no kneeling. As each person approaches the minister of Holy Communion, he or she is to bow slightly with the head and shoulders (or another form of reverence, such as blessing oneself) just as the person ahead of you moves away; there is to be no profound bow or genuflection.

The choice of whether to receive the host in your hand or on the tongue is one's personal choice. But in the post pandemic days, we continue to recommend that people receive Holy Communion in the hand. When receiving the Eucharist in the hand, please stand close to the minister, raising your hands high enough and open them wide for the Eucharistic Minister to easily place the Eucharistic host in your hand. **St. Cyril of Jerusalem** described it in this manner: "*When you approach do not stretch out your arms or part your fingers. Make your left hand a throne for your right hand, which is about to receive your King. Cup you hand to receive the Body and Blood of Christ and respond: 'Amen.'*" Please consume the sacred host **immediately**. On the rare occasions that Holy Communion would be offered under both the forms of bread and wine, those receiving the Eucharist should not carry the host to a cup minister and then "dunk" the host. If you choose to receive on the tongue, please open your mouth wide enough and stick out your tongue far enough for the communion minister to easily and hygienically in a safe manner. Although receiving the Eucharist under the forms of the Precious Blood has not yet been restored since Covid-19, the Church still teaches that a person receives the fullness of the sacrament when receiving the Eucharist under just one form. You return to your seat and continue singing your prayer with the Communion hymn, and then make a prayer of thanksgiving to God for God's many blessings.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** **April 29-St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
6:45 A.M. Francis and Thomas Stermer - their family
- Tuesday:** **April 30 -Easter Weekday**
6:45 A.M. Maria Spizzica - Ginny Pansero
- Wednesday:** **May 1 -Easter Weekday**
6:45 A.M. Joseph Ruhmel - wife, Janet (our anniversary)
- Thursday:** **May 2- St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
6:45 A.M. Our faithful departed
- Friday** **May 3 -St. Philip and James, Apostles**
6:45 A.M. Jean Ciprich - her family
9:00 A. M. For all grandparents - living and deceased.
- Saturday:** **May 4 -Easter weekday**
5:00 P.M. First Holy Communion children
- Sunday:** **May 5 -Sixth Sunday of Easter**
8:30 A.M. First Holy Communion children
10:30 A.M. First Holy Communion children

Pastor's perspective continued.

The dialogue between the communion minister and the communicant is brief and loaded with meaning. When the minister says "*The Body of Christ*," we are invited into communion with all that Jesus Christ was and was about in the life, death, and resurrection, known as **The Paschal Mystery**. That includes communion with the Church as the Body of Christ. Our "Amen," therefore is a profession of faith in all that is contained in the sacrament of the Eucharist and our willing commitment to live in that communion. **St. Augustine** once said "*if you want to understand what is meant by the 'Body of Christ,' you must attend to the words of the apostle St. Paul: 'You are the Body of Christ and His members.'* (1 Corinthians 12:27). *So then if you are the body of Christ and His members it is the mystery of yourselves that you receive. It is to what you are that you assent. You hear 'the body of Christ' and you answer 'Amen.'* *Be a member of Christ's body and make your 'Amen' true.*"

Have a good week. Remember in your prayer this week our children and their families who will receive their First Communion next weekend. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SPRING RETREATS AND EVENTS:

Women’s Retreat Weekend---May 3-5:

“Just as You Are” - encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Fr. Kevin McDonald, C.Ss.R., Sr. Theresa Rutty, RSM, Margie Benza, Jodie Scordo)

Fill Your Soul Retreat - May 7: “A Morning Marian Pilgrimage” (Christine DiNovo).

Social Justice Day - May 20: “Everyday Peace” (Holly Rockwell--Justice & Care for Creation Coordinator for SSJ’s Rochester and Sr. Barbara Lum, Sister of St. Joseph Rochester.)



SIX CENTS AT A TIME!

Your clean, refundable cans and both plastic and glass bottles are worth six cents each to the Horseheads Food Pantry when you drop them off at our parish office. The pantry uses the money to purchase the needed items when food donations fall short. Social Ministry is collecting these deposit containers, redeeming them for 6 cents, and sending the money on to the Food Pantry. Consider joining the several families who have been doing this for years. It will give you a “feel good” feeling, knowing that you are helping out our neighbors in need.



Our Social Ministry Committee will once again be sponsoring their annual baby shower the weekends of April 27th & 28th, May 4th & 5th, and May 11th & 12th. Please bring new, unwrapped baby items to Mass and place them in the bassinet. Monetary donations may also be placed in the box provided.

In addition to welcoming the new babies, we would like to expand this event to include the new mothers. These new moms need encouragement, love and support while navigating the emotional and physical journey of pregnancy and childbirth. We have compiled a list of gifts that are needed. These lists can be found in the basket near the bassinet. Your donations will be given to needy mothers-to-be and mothers and their newborns through the work of the Elmira Pregnancy Resource Center.

CALL TO ACTION
Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide in NY

The legalization of doctor-assisted suicide poses a serious risk that it will rise to the level of the most acceptable and even expected “treatment” for terminal illness. Such an option will lead to further disparities in caring for our most vulnerable individuals who could be pressured into choosing death over life by health insurance decisions to fund only the least costly treatment; by family members feeling over-burdened or even those wishing to exploit their loved ones; by medical professionals who may subtly make judgments about whose lives are worth living. We urge you not to allow this to happen.

Please call the office of our NYS Senator Thomas O’Mara (607-735-9671) and your Assemblyman (either) Christopher Friend (607-776-9691). Our message: *I strongly oppose physician-assisted suicide and ask you to oppose any legislation that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in NYS. Please improve access to palliative care, hospice care, the training of doctors in pain management and diagnosis/treatment of depression.*

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WE CARE FOR GOD’S CREATION: Part 3

The issue of plastic waste cannot be solved solely with individual actions. Systemic change is needed. The New York State Legislature is considering the Packaging and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S.4246-b; A.5322-b) which would require corporations selling products in NYS to cut the plastic packaging by 50% over the next 12 years, would transfer the cost of managing packaging waste to the companies that create it rather than taxpayers and phase out toxic chemicals currently used in food/drink packaging. Please contact our Senator Thomas O’Mara (607-735-9671) and your Assembly man Christopher Friend (607-776-9691). Ask them to support passage of the Packaging and Recycling Infrastructure Act during this session of the State Legislature. The nations of the world are also considering a United Nations (UN) treaty to reduce plastic pollution globally. For more information on global plastic pollution see: EarthDay.org. ‘I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values: (Pope Francis, Laudate Deum).

WHAT DO YOU NEED MOST IN YOUR FOOD CUPBOARD?

That question was recently asked of the Horseheads Food Pantry. Their answer was a simple four items: chicken broth, saltine crackers, canned black beans, and Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix.

Can you help by donating one or more of these items.? Thank you for your continuous generosity in supporting the pantry.

CATHOLIC HUMOR:



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.



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