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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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FIRST READING

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)



PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)



GOSPEL

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - May 16, 2021****SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a,
20c-26

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

IN THE PEACE OF CHRISTMrs. Marianne Cites Jillian (Knapp) Dunn
Kenneth Kovacs**MEMORIALS****Eucharistic Hosts:***In memory of Sue Beering - husband, Fran***Sacrament Wine:***In memory of Martha Valdriz, Linda Mallare, Lourdes
Valdriz, Cerilo Valdriz & Sobremonte - the
Mallare/Lapitan family***FLOWER DONATIONS****Main Altar Arrangements:***For all mothers, living & deceased - Deloris Sherwood***Blessed Mother - Church:***In loving memory of Sue Beering - the Beering family***Blessed Mother - Chapel***In loving memory of Catherine Kosty & Florence
Ruocco - Marianne & Bob Kosty***IN OUR PARISH****Cemetery Memorial Day Service**

On Memorial Day, May 31st, at 10:15 a.m., the Horseheads American Legion will conduct a brief ceremony to honor all service members in our cemetery. The service will be held near the flag pole in the south cemetery. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

St. Mary Our Mother School Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2021/2022 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Calling All Golfers...Golf Classic 2021 Rescheduled

Due to the community health concerns last fall, our school had to postpone our yearly golf tournament for 2020. Now that the weather is improving, and health and safety protocols are being defined, we are pleased to reschedule the golf tournament.

The 16th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 6th** at Willowcreek Golf Club with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament promises to be a great day of relaxation and fun with some necessary added safety protocols, including face masks, social distancing, etc. We will be attempting some games like double your money, St. Vincent donation for favorable lie, closest to pin and longest drive, all while maintaining players health and safety. We are requiring all registrations be paid in advance of the tournament to avoid money changing hands at registration. We have set up an online tournament website that can accommodate registration and online payments. Please visit the following link to register, <https://st-mary-our-mother-school-16th-annual-golf-fundraiser.perfectgolfevent.com/>. You will also be able to find this link on the St. Mary Our Mother School facebook page. Sponsors and players can register by printing out the registration form found at the tournament website (see above) and sending it to the school office as well. If you have any questions, please contact us at 739-9157. We look forward to a fun day out on the course!

Important Information

Our parish e-mail has been changed from what has been used for many years. The new email is:

smomc@dor.org

Flower Sign Ups

Please call the parish office if you would like to honor special events in your life with a beautiful floral arrangement in our Church or Chapel.

Mass Intentions

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the parish of St. Mary Our Mother! We honor you today and offer our gratitude to God for you and the unconditional love you give to your children and to us. All Sunday Masses this weekend are being offered for all mothers, living and deceased, of all of our parishioners. With the public conversation today about the role of women in the church, religious circles, politics and society in general, we should never fail to appreciate the uniquely womanly role of motherhood.

Each year, Mother's Day falls during the Easter season. As we experience signs of Easter life, this weekend invites us to center on "Mother". One might say that a mother is the premier sign of Easter. She gives birth to human life to gain that title. Not only does she give birth but she nurtures, encourages, cares for and loves her children. Motherhood is not a 9 to 5 job - nor is it concluded when her child walks out of the house. Motherhood is a life-long process - and, I believe, extends beyond the bounds of time and space to eternity. All that we envision in the life of a mother is envisioned in the life of an Easter person.

On a less celebratory note, I want to share with you some sad news. **Mrs. Jean Yorio**, the dedicated principal of St. Mary Our Mother School, recently shared with me, the parish, school staff and parents, of her intention to retire as principal of St. Mary Our Mother School, effective August 1, 2021. The following is the letter sent to parents and guardians of students at St. Mary Our Mother School on Friday, April 30th:

Dear St. Mary Our Mother School Families,

After 35 years as an educator including 6 wonderful years serving St. Mary Our Mother School as principal, it is time for the next chapter in my life. Effective August 1, 2021, I will retire from St. Mary Our Mother School.

It has been an honor and privilege to work with each of you educating your children. Thank you for your support and unwavering dedication to our school. Your commitment to volunteerism, fundraising, and service to our school has made a great difference in the school's ability to succeed when so many private schools have been forced to shut their doors. The trust you have placed in me to serve as a partner in your child's educational journey has been one of the greatest blessings of my life.

I am so proud of our students and their perseverance, especially during these past 14 months. Despite the countless restrictions and continued changes, St. Mary Our Mother School students have demonstrated remarkable faith and strength and have exceeded all expectations for progress during this time of the covid pandemic.

I am eternally grateful for the staff at St. Mary Our Mother School. We could not ask for a stronger or more professional group of educators. Their dedication and commitment is reflected in the high

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 10 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Pablo & Elisea Atienza - Macapinlac family

Tuesday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Deceased members of the Mills family - family

Wednesday, May 12 - Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Cecelia Wawrzusin - Raymond

Thursday, May 13 - The Ascension of the Lord

6:45 AM Dick Burdulis - Toni Liberatore West

5:30 PM Dorothy Black - the Spauldings, Peckhams & Campbells

Friday, May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Saturday, May 15 - Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Betty & Hank Margeit - their children

Sunday, May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 AM Henry & Josephine Ryan - Mary & Jim Carr

10:30 AM Harold Reed - Anne & Joe Welch

academic, social, emotional, and spiritual proficiency that exists within our students. It has been an honor to work with such a creative and gifted staff. I could not be more grateful to Father Chris for the support he has shown me over these six years. His faith in me as the leader of St. Mary Our Mother School has allowed me to constantly push myself and our school to be stronger and better each year.

Over the next several weeks, the selection process for the next principal will begin. I ask for your continued support as Father Chris, the Diocese of Rochester, and our faculty and staff work to create a plan for the future of St. Mary Our Mother School.

There is no doubt that God chose to put me on the path to St. Mary Our Mother School. It has been a true blessing to have had the opportunity to get to know and work with each of you and your children. This job has provided me such joy and fulfillment, and for that I will be forever grateful to all of you.

I will keep you and your families in my prayers today and always.

Blessings,

Mrs. Jean Yorio, Principal

I know that the entire parish of St. Mary Our Mother joins me in thanking Mrs. Yorio for the leadership she has offered to our school, as well as being a valued member of our parish staff, in addition a member of both our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils. As Mrs. Yorio mentioned, we will be working closely with the Office of Catholic Schools to identify suitable candidates for the position of principal of our school. I ask you to pray for all involved in this process of selection of the next principal of St. Mary Our Mother School.

Have a great week. Take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Easter Season Reflections on Care for God’s Creation

This week we continue to focus on our stewardship of God’s beautiful creation with a daily quote from *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis’s encyclical on care for our common home. This is followed by an action step (*) that you can take as an individual or a family to protect the environment.

Sunday, May 9

Pope Francis urgently appeals to all persons “for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.” (#14)

* Go to Recycling in Chemung County or REACT E-cycling on your computer to explore new ways to safely recycle home items and electronics. Take your computer printer cartridge to Treu’s Office Supply or to Staples to be recycled.

Monday, May 10

Pope Francis names a “throwaway culture” as a root cause of the ecological crisis.

* This week monitor: what you throw away to see if it could be reused; your water consumption and how you might cutback; your electrical use and how you could modify.

Tuesday, May 11

“Everything is related, and we human beings are united on a wonderful pilgrimage which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.” (#92)

* In your prayer today, reflect on the teaching of St. Francis which reminds us of our beautiful connection to the earth and all of creation.

Wednesday, May 12

Technology has brought wonderful achievements to the world. “Never has humanity had such power over itself, yet nothing ensures that it will be used wisely, particularly when we consider how it is currently being used.” (#104)

* At your dinner table or in conversation with friends, name three ways technology has brought about good in our society. Name three problems it has caused and how we might correct them.

Thursday, May 13

Our concern requires “solidarity and preferential option for our poorest brothers and sisters and solidarity with future generations.” (#158-159)

* Talk with your children, grandchildren and neighborhood kids about what they are learning and practicing in school to take care of the earth and our resources. How do they see their role?

Friday, May 14

Politics and economy need to join together to serve human life. We must reject the notion that “problems can be solved by an increase in the profits of companies or individuals.” The “crisis demands that we look to the common good.” (#201)

* Research where your local, state and national elected leaders stand on the environment.

Saturday, May 15

“In calling to St. Francis, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation, entails the recognition of our failures, and leads to a desire to change.” (#218)

* In your prayer today, ask for forgiveness and the strength to improve your healthy relationship with creation.

Notre Dame High School Open House

Notre Dame High School, grade 7-12, is hosting a Spring Open House on **Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.** Notre Dame is currently accepting applications for the 2021/2022 school year. Due to covid, the number of attendees will be limited. Please RSVP by visiting notredamehighschool.com or call 607-734-2267, ext. 8.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Jean Yorio**, School Principal
- Mr. Richard O’Lenick**, Business Manager
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- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
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- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
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- Religious Education Office**
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REGIONAL EVENTS CONTINUED...

Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group

There will be a Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group on Tuesday, May 11th via Zoom at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome who are looking for support or lending support in their individual grief journeys.

To attend, go to www.zoom.com and join by using the meeting ID 828 8706 8616. If you sign in early, there is a virtual waiting room. Chris Lloyd will admit all participants from that waiting room.

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Diocesan Missions Sunday

Next weekend, May 15th and 16th, we will observe Diocesan Missions Sunday. Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of the Church. This is the message of the new evangelization.

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street in a city square, during work, on a journey." -Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel" (127)

Our dedicated Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil have been on pilgrimage sharing their gifts of faith and service to God's people.

We are called to help them next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

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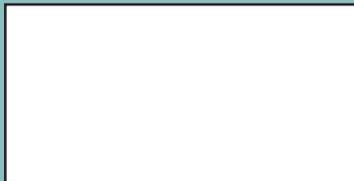
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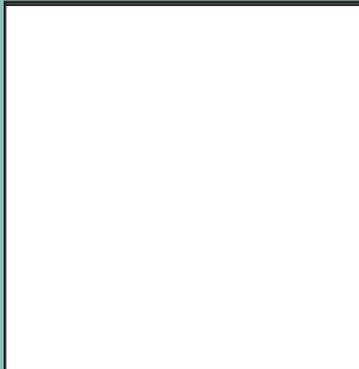


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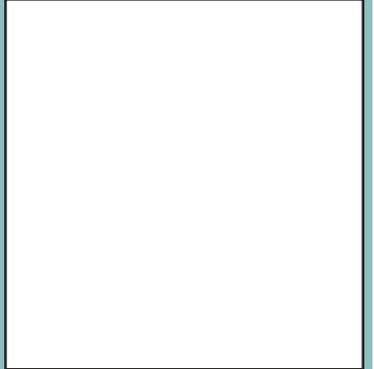
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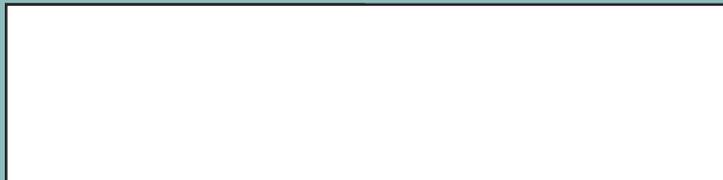

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