

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter



### Consider this... Mother's Day

The Month of May is a month for celebrating mothers. First and foremost is Mary, the mother of God and the mother of the Church, of us all. I was reading about how the month of May became dedicated to Mary and saw that in the times of the early Church, the pagan Greek and Roman cultures in which the Christians were situated had festivals during this month dedicated to the various gods and values traditionally associated with motherhood as well as springtime and new growth. Christians re-appropriated these ideas and moved another practice called the *Tricesimum* (Latin for "30-day devotion to Mary") to the month of May henceforth dedicating this time, as it were, to Mary's honor for her supreme example of discipleship and gift of motherhood.

Accordingly, there are many and varied devotions to Mary that are celebrated at this time. We crown Mary in the month of May and we celebrated this with our first communicants and parish this past Sunday. The month of May is a special time to pray the rosary. The rosary is prayed here at St. Mary's before each weekday Mass at 8:30am as well as in the Chapel on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. You are welcome to join us. As another idea, something we had around my family home growing up: when grandpa moved in to live with us, he brought with

him the Marian Shrine he had from his old house, and we set up a garden around Mary in the backyard. Perhaps, you can create a prayer space for Mary in your home or in your garden with your family. Consider contemplating on the life of Mary – her yes to God, her following Jesus throughout his ministry to the foot of the cross, her intercession at Cana, her apparitions throughout history..... Her discipleship, her surrender, her trust and faithfulness, her charity, her prayerfulness, her purity, her care – and then go about imitating her virtues in your own life.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, expecting mothers, motherly figures! They have completely dedicated themselves to always wanting what is best for us. We will never know or appreciate enough all of the sacrifices of love that our mothers have made throughout our lives, themselves following in the example of the Paschal mystery of Christ. Indeed, what a wonderful and sacred vocation it is to care for others with a mother's love, and we celebrate that in a particular way this weekend as we celebrate Mother's Day. God bless our Moms!

Keep Smiling 😊

~ Fr. Luke



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God Bless our newly Confirmed  
May 10, 2022

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Ferrentino, Adrianna Graesser, Ella Guy, David Hatcher, Samuel Kappel, Joshua Kavanagh, Joseph Kelsch, Emily Kist, Dennis Krah, Gabrielle Liffiton, Sophia Lus, Isabella Makosky, Thomas Mathews, Alexander Mauro, Nathan May, Matthew McKenna, Brynn O'Connell, Gunnar O'Donoghue, Patrick Ohle, Thomas Orsini, Ashely Otterstein, Angelina Panella, Nathan Peck, Malrea Petroziello, Julianna Pitirri, Rachel Poydock, Miles Privitera, Benjamin Quagliana, Kenedy Reeves, Katelyn Rice, Christina Schaefer, Jacob Schneeberger, Elijah Schneeberger, Patrick Schule, Luke Seplaki, Francesca Serpe, Jonathan Serpe, Matthew Stockmeyer, Henry Strong, Travis VanCise, Claire Varnum, Ethan Vittorino, Henry Voelkl, Adrianna Walter, Jadon Wanat and Alexis Willick.

#### Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



**Webinars on Evangelization:** The Diocese of Buffalo is sponsoring a four part zoom webinar on the new evangelization. Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP, President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries will be directing these sessions. We encourage pastors, priests, staff and all interested parishioners to participate. **The sessions will be held May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2022 at 2:00 PM.** There is no cost to attend. Beyond learning ideas and theories, the series will stress action, tailored to the needs of the parish that parishes can undertake to become more inviting, welcoming, and engaging. All who register will receive links to the recorded webinar. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/3IPMMz6>. Please contact Ted Musco, Director of Renewal Mission, Evangelization, and Lay Formation, at [tmusco@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:tmusco@buffalodiocese.org) or 716-847-8374 for more information.

#### Many Thanks!!!



Deacon Gary Hoover, who served at St. Mary's for many years, left us to Administer at St. Francis of Assisi a little over a year ago. Deacon Gary has been relieved of those duties, but will also be relocating and not returning to St. Mary's. We want to thank Deacon Gary and his wife Anne for their years of ministry, love and service to the St. Mary's parish community. Deacon Gary has been vital to the pastoral team providing great insight and care to St. Mary's over the years. We pray for Deacon Gary, Anne and their family during this time of relocation. God Bless you and Thank You !!! :) Fr. Bryan

### St. Mary's Annual Scramble Golf Tournament



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or call Janice O'Brien at 716-688-9380 for more information or to register.

#### WEDDING BANNES

May 21, 2022



Alexandra Tramosch & West Richter

## Educating our Young Disciples...



Please join us in welcoming  
**Susan Raiff**



Our new St. Mary School Administrative Assistant

Susan Raiff comes to St. Mary School with 30 years of experience in the field of Education. A graduate of Canisius College with a Masters Degree in Education, she has taught in the classroom and worked in school administration in New York, North Carolina and Virginia.

Susan has been attending St. Mary's Church for two years and recently registered as a parishioner. She said she felt welcomed here and was attracted to the beauty of our church, Masses, holiday decorations and the special opportunities for prayer during Advent and Lent.

Ms. Raiff is looking forward to meeting our school families, interacting with the children at St. Mary School as well as visitors to the building, becoming an active parishioner, and meeting new people.

## Readings during the Week

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17

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**FOREVER YOUNG** - St. Mary's Forever Young group's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **May 11 at 7pm in the Parish Center**. Matthew Moran is speaking on how gratitude has played a part in his life and will share how he thinks it can help others face obstacles or hurdles they face day in and day out. Refreshments will be served. All parish seniors are welcome. Please bring a paper product for the parish pantry. Contact Pat at 716-335-8475 with any questions.



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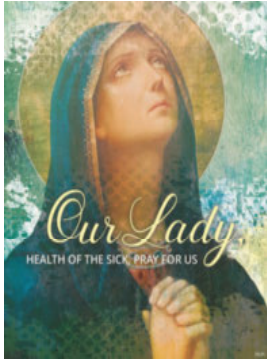
**Join St Mary's Mission Outreach Appalachia!** St Mary's is planning a mission trip to the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Louisa, KY on June 5-11. We need your help! There is more to this mission than traveling and construction projects. Your time, talents and treasures are needed even if you will not be able to travel on this first mission trip with us. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center for prayer and planning. For more information or, if you'd like to participate but will not be able to join us at our **next meeting on 5/18**, please contact Art Lauer at 716-570-6751 [artlauer@msn.com](mailto:artlauer@msn.com)

## UNDER THE FIG TREE ST. MARY'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY

You are a disciple. Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people who walked on earth with him – Mary, Joseph, friends, disciples, religious leaders, children, those he healed. Now you can experience it! The Chosen is about the life of Jesus. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, "What was life like with Jesus?" There will be two opportunities to participate every Wednesday, Noon to 12:30 PM, and 6 to 6:30 PM. A 30-minute time of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing. Parish Center entrance white board will announce the meeting room. A study guide with scripture, questions, etc., is available for each session. Both sessions are the same. No commitment, just come when you can, come when you need a prayer, come to pray, come to share, come to take your faith to a new level, bring a friend. **Questions:** Dick Marchessault (221-0046 [voice or text]) or Faith Formation (688-0599).



### Disciples Support their Community...



#### Prayers for the Sick—May they receive the healing power of Christ:

Abigail Meyer, Frank Christiano, Sr., Judie Calleri, Sharon Herdlein, Joanne Weber, Teresa Donohue, David Zych, Richard Kubiak, Rita Manno, Maria Thor, Jacob Chavanne, Christine Varnum, Jeannine Moje, Austin Lepper, William Roussie, Michelle Patty, Mike McNally, Richard Honsberger, Lynda Marino, Jack Cavagnaro, James Charbel Irwin, Jonathan Weaver, Roseann Repaci, Ruth Burkard and Catherine Sekanovich.

Call 688-9380 to add a name; Please...also let us know when the sick have recovered so we can keep the list updated.

**The Williamsville North Junior Varsity Softball team** is hosting its a *Suicide Prevention and Awareness Softball Playday*. The fundraiser is in honor of Amanda Stockman. All proceeds go towards suicide prevention. The event takes place on **May 14, 2022** at Williamsville North HS. Games begin at 8:00am and run all day. There will be concessions, Basket Auction and tee shirt sales. Please come by and support this very important cause.

**Monday, May 16, INSPIRATIONAL CONCERT BY MARY PALMER (7-8 PM)** "Beloved: An Evening of Healing, Rejoicing, and Love of Jesus Through Music and Prayer!" Finger foods follow!! No charge. Free will offering. **Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086** [www.olpparish.com](http://www.olpparish.com) 716-683-6522 RSVP appreciated but not required. All are welcome!



**Wednesday Evening Rosary:** a new weekly devotion to the Blessed Mother will now be prayed every Wednesday evening from 7 - 8pm in the Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray the Rosary in community with others,

pray for peace, and bring our own personal intentions to Jesus through His Mother, Mary. Everyone is welcome, beginners or veterans, to join in prayer.

**Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara—Valuing the Labyrinths of our Lives.** Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, May 20-22. insightful discussions, inspirational music, contemplative meditation, time outdoors in nature, & both reflective & symbolic values based activities. To find out more, visit [stellaniagararetreats.org](http://stellaniagararetreats.org) for stay/fee Retreat information or call 716-754-7376 Ext. 2 or [donnab@stellaosf.org](mailto:donnab@stellaosf.org)



**Diocese of Buffalo Office of Pro-Life Telephone Hotline** Crisis Pregnancy, Abortion Alternatives & Healing, 847-2205. St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, helping Mothers & Fathers in Need: **Buffalo**, 716-842-2229, **Chautauque County**, 716-203-7593, **Niagara County**, 716-284-2229. **WNY Postpartum Connection**—For a directory of mental health and support services for pregnant and postpartum moms visit [wnypostpartum.com](http://wnypostpartum.com) **Project Rachel**—A post-abortion Reconciliation Program. Receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information. Office of Pro-Life Activities/Diocese of Buffalo. We care. Let us help you. Confidential Hotline (716) 847-2211. **Every Saturday from 8:15-9:45AM** the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet are said outside of Buffalo Women Services at 2500 Main St. for the unborn children, mothers, fathers and families. Please consider joining the Warriors of Love for a peaceful, prayerful witness to pray for the end to abortion.



Happy Mother's Day Moms! There are moms in our community whose wish for Mother's Day is that they had the means to better provide for their babies and young children. We have organizations in our area that provide assistance to moms and children in need, but they need your support. Our Respect Life Ministry is again sponsoring a Bottles for Babies campaign. Bottles will be passed out after Masses this weekend. To help, please fill your bottle with loose change or donations and return your bottle to the bin in the foyer no later than Father's Day. This year the collected funds will be shared between Harvest House and the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Center, both of whom provide needed assistance to moms and babies in Western New York. Life at all stages, races and human conditions is a miracle! Will you please help us provide for those in need today?



**ALL YOU CAN EAT** Pancake Breakfast at A. J. Jurek Legion, 655 New Rd., E. Amherst, **Sunday, May 8th 8AM-12:00PM**. Includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, beverage. Adults \$9 12/U \$4 U/5 free.



#### Weekly Offertory

**4/24/2022**

Mass Collections	\$ 12,540
Online Giving	\$ 9,559
CPL Giving	\$ 8,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,649</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Weekly Offertory Goal** \$ 26,250

**Difference from actual giving** \$ 4,399

**Total Expenses Paid this week:** \$15,675

#### Some bills paid include:

Brookfield Country Club- Auction Gala \$13,757

Dept. of Catholic School- School Softball team \$450

ACS Technologies- Monthly parish data support \$178



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PICNIC 2022**  
**JULY 23RD & 24TH**



## Educating our Young Disciples...

## Catholic Education News



**May is the month of Mary!** – By following Mary's example as a disciple, we can grow in our relationship with Jesus. Learning to love Jesus more deeply and appreciate how much He loves us. Mary brings us to her son through her powerful intercession.

- ◇ If you have a statue of Mary in your home, make a crown for your statue using blue and white flowers. The colors blue and white are significant to our mother Mary.
- ◇ Outside your home, you may choose to create a small garden placing a statue of Mary in the center to honor her. These are known as Mary Gardens.
- ◇ As a family, read together the Canticle of Mary in your family Bible (**Luke 1:46-56**). These are words in prayer from our Blessed Mother.

**Faith in Action!** – We are in the Easter season, the season of Joy! In the days that follow Easter Sunday, we can take this time to notice all of the new beginnings and signs of life around us.

- ◆ As a family, take a walk outside together.
- ◆ Choose a place near your home that is filled with beauty.
- ◆ As you walk, imagine that Jesus is walking with you.
- ◆ Share with each other how Jesus reveals Himself to you in your day
- ◆ Share with each other how you know Jesus loves YOU

#### What's Happening this month:

- We have been welcoming many new members to our Catholic faith and St. Mary's community through the Sacrament of **Baptism** this Easter season. Please remember the newly Baptized and their families in your prayers
- First **Communion** Masses will continue through the weekend of May 15th. Please keep those receiving Jesus for the first time during this Easter season in your prayers.
- Our **Confirmation** Mass, for those who have prepared, is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please lift up these fully initiated disciples in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.
- Our 2022-2023 **Faith Formation Program invitation to register will be sent out in mid-May through a Flocknote email**. If any of your contact information has changed, please inform our office so that you don't miss any correspondence about our Faith Formation program and Sacraments.
- **VBS** is open for those who would like to participate this summer. VBS will run July 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Sign up available on the St. Mary's website.
- **St Mary's Co Ed adult Softball Team**, games will begin on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm. We play at Stiglmeier Park on Losson Rd. if you would like to stop by to cheer our team on! Our team is Royal Blue.

Contact the Catholic Education Office (716) 688-0599 [familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org](mailto:familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org)

**Our Diocese is participating in the world-wide Synod that was called for by Pope Francis last year.** This is an exciting opportunity for us to have our voices heard about our hopes and dreams and concerns for our Church as we face the future. There are a number of "Listening Sessions" that will allow you to participate in the process that are listed below and on the Diocesan website. Please consider signing up for one of these sessions. Space is limited, but if you are closed out, you will have another chance to participate during the summer or fall. Please go to [www.buffalodiocese.org/synod](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/synod) to sign up!

Catholic Health, 144 Genesee St.  
Zoom  
UB Newman Center  
St. Benedicts  
Immaculate Conception

May 14, 10:30 AM  
May 16, 7PM  
May 16, 7PM  
May 17, 7PM  
May 19, 6:30 PM

The St. Leo Church Parish Center of  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Niagara Falls  
St John Paul II Parish Community Room  
2052 Lakeview Rd, Lake View, NY  
Catholic Health, 144 Genesee St.  
UB Newman Center

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9 PM  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM  
May 31, 7 PM

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2022**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022—Vigil**

4:00PM Clara Summers by Dan & Debbie Michnik  
5:30PM Nancy Penders by Linda Jenkin Costanzo

**Sunday, May 8, 2022—Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

7:30AM George & Clara Siefert by the family  
9:30AM John Brownschidle by Paul Schreiber  
11:30AM Paul Faber by Peggy O'Day Price  
6:00PM Salvatrice Sakoski by JoMarie & Chuck Buscarino

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

7:00AM Nancy Kellner by Marcy & Geoffrey Hertz  
9:00AM People of the Parish by Fr. Bryan

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

7:00AM Intentions of Claire Dreyer (living) by the family  
9:00AM Marilyn Northway by Sally & Clay Ertel

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

7:00AM Franklin & Dorothy Leising  
by Bob & Margie Badding  
9:00AM Shirley Basil by Ruth Haas

**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

7:00AM Ed Turner by Dave & Beth Kraatz  
9:00AM John Gatti by Jim & Marsha Bingeman

**Friday, May 13, 2022**

7:00AM McLaughlin Family by Marcy & Geoffrey Hertz  
9:00AM Marlene Pridgeon by husband Tony & daughters  
Heather, Leslie & Anne

**Saturday, May 14, 2022—St. Matthias, Apostle**

9:00AM Josephine Pszczola by Fran Armstrong  
4:00PM Michael Sardo by Claude & Jody Imagna  
5:30PM Peter & Joyce Oehman by the family

**Sunday, May 15, 2022—Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30AM William & Mary Lou Vogel  
by William Vogel & family  
9:30AM Don Burkard by Pat & Duane Burkard  
11:30AM Paul Faber by the Latacki Family  
6:00PM Susan Berghorn by the Kamrowski Family

**Prepare Next Week Sunday's Readings**

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**"Love one another."**

*John 13:34A*

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**A Vocation View**—On Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let's pray together for an increase in *all* vocations: marriage, priesthood, diaconate, religious life -- especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up new shepherds in our midst. If you are one of them, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

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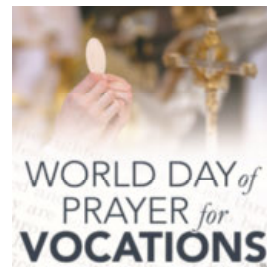
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**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday Vigil: 4pm & 5:30pm**

**Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am & 6pm**

**Daily: 7 & 9am Monday-Thursday (Chapel)**

**Friday 7 & 9am (Church) Saturday 9am (Church)**

**Holy Days: 5pm Vigil, 7 & 9am, 7pm**

**Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday, 9:30am-noon**

**Confession: Saturday 3-3:45pm**

Also the 1st Saturday of the month after 9am Mass  
**Anointing Mass: Last Saturday of the month after  
9am Mass**

**Rosary: Monday-Saturday 8:30am (before 9am Mass)  
Wednesday 7pm (Chapel)**



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