

# St. Mary's May Newsletter **2018**

Dear Parents,

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! The simplicity and sacrifice of Lent are over. We turn our eyes to the glory of Jesus and the joy he has given us in the Resurrection. The natural world reflects this joy, as springtime causes the earth to burst with new life. We reclaim the joyful music of our Alleluias. For fifty days we will keep the season of glory that completes our Lenten season of penance and discipline.

Easter time is about new life, and the signs of new life are all around us. There are eggs, rabbits, chicks, flowers, green grass, and butterflies. We celebrate Jesus again with symbols of light. The paschal candle, the giant candle that is lighted during this season whenever we celebrate in the church, shows that Jesus lives. His light was not put out with death but shines now because of His Resurrection.

The sun rises each morning, bright and strong. It too is a sign of the Resurrection of Jesus. The sun has always been recognized as a sign of God's warmth, love and life-giving power. What would we do without it? Let us think about this as we enjoy the longer and warmer days and as we see the plants and flowers that the sun seems to be calling out of the earth.

We are in the Easter Season which lasts through Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. It is a season full of life. In the northern hemisphere it is springtime. Rivers and streams come alive. Trees sprout new leaves, flowers blossom, birds sing. The calendar is full—May Crowning, Ascension Thursday, Mother's Day, Spring Concert, and Memorial Day Weekend.

The Church says to us, "This is the perfect time of the year to celebrate life - a life that lasts forever. Enjoy! Let there be a 50-day festival. Let the Paschal Candle, lit from the Easter fire, burn brightly throughout these days. Catch the spirit in the air and let it remind you of the Holy Spirit within you."

**Re-registration** Please respond by May 25th. Plans are already being made for next year.

**Registration** is ongoing for all grades. Pre K and Kindergarten have limited space so if you have someone for either of these grades please register them as soon as possible or call the school office.

Sports: **Golf** will be every Tuesday and Thurs. starting May 3 for grades 6-8 (no golf on May 8). Mr. and Mrs. Arzberger will be the coaches. Permission forms were sent.  
**Girls on the Move** will be starting May 7. It will be for girls in grades 4- 8. Mrs. Leerkes and Mrs. Arzberger will be in charge. Permission forms were sent.

April 30 **"Child Lures: Think First and Stay Safe"** is a research based, teacher friendly program that provides your children with the foundation of personal safety education. Parent information session will be held at 6:30 at St. Mary's School with Mrs. Gonyeau and Mrs. Wayman.

May 1 **Chocolate Sale** has been extended to May 15 due to the bad weather. Dress as you like in June only happens if all chocolate is sold and all money turned in by May 15. If you and your family have sold 4 boxes you are guaranteed dress as you like for June (we have a list).

May 1-3 **NYS Math Testing grades 3-8.** Please be sure students are well rested, are here on time and have eaten a good breakfast.

May 4 **First Friday Mass** at 9 A.M. and **May Crowning.** The Mass will be said by Father Kevin. Everyone is to wear his school uniform this day. No dress passes. All are invited.

- May 6           **Confirmation** at St. Patrick's in Port Henry, 3 P.M.
- May 7           **Bird Banding** field trip for grade 5.
- May 9           **Math Test Scoring.** Teachers will travel to Plattsburgh to score the NYS Math tests, 8:30.  
**Kindergarten** will visit Tromblee's Greenhouse in Crown Point. Leaving at 12:30.
- May 10          **Ascension Thursday** Mass at 9:00. This is a Holy Day. All are invited.
- May 11          **Math Test Scoring.** Teachers will travel to Plattsburgh to score the NYS Math tests, 12:30.
- May 11/12      **Food Famine Lock-in** – grades 6-8. St. Mary's Youth Group would like to sponsor a 30-hour famine lock-in to benefit children in Kenya. More info to follow.
- May 13          **Happy Mothers' Day!** Do something nice for Mom and Grandma.
- May 15          **Chocolate Sale ends today.** All chocolate money must be turned in today.  
**Families First** presentation given by Paul Pulsifer and Brian Gay 6:00 P.M. "Their mission: In the hopes and dreams of parents we find our work- offering a hand in partnership to have children with emotional or behavioral challenges – that self-doubt give way to strengths, despair be replaced with hope, and the once- diminishing dreams for success will blossom anew." All are invited to attend.
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- May 18          **Principal's Meeting** in Lake Placid.
- May 19          **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat Day, 9:00-2:00.** Parents and students will attend. More info to come.
- May 23          **NYS Science Performance Test** grade 4, 8:15. Please be here on time.
- May 24          **NYS Science Performance Test** grade 8, 8:15. Please be here on time.
- May 25-28      **Memorial Day Weekend - No School.** See you on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- May 29          **Crown Point has no school today,** C.P. students will need a ride to and from school.
- May 30          **St. Mary's Spring Concert 6:30** in the school gym for grades Pre k – 8. Students in grades 4-8 will also play the bells.
- May 31          **1<sup>st</sup> Communion practice** for St. Mary's and public school students, 3:15-4:00.

**Thank You** to all who have kept up with their tuition payments and paid their supply fees. If you have any cafeteria charges we would appreciate it if you would pay them. Year-end statements will be sent.

#### **June Dates:**

- June 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass 9 A.M.  
 June 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion 9 A.M. Mass  
 June 4 – NYS Written Science Test 4 & 8  
 June 5 – Floating Classroom grades 2 and 4.  
 June 8 – End-of-Year Carnival  
 June 9 – Nun Run  
 June 13-15 – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th Grades go to Beaver Camp

June 13 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I Regents

June 18 – Pre K and Kindergarten Graduation

June 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

June 22 – Last Day of School, Report Cards

### Letter to Parents

*We talk often about building our children's self-esteem. This is important if they are to grow up to be confident, independent young men and women. However, self-esteem, like respect, must be earned if it is to have true value. Children who are praised for doing less than their best are learning the wrong lesson.*

*Parents and teachers may feel they are walking a tightrope. Too much criticism is hurtful - all children need to feel loved and appreciated. Yet praising mediocrity can be equally damaging. A child who is allowed to be satisfied with minimal effort will never feel the true satisfaction that results from hard work well done. If we want students to reach their potential, we must challenge them and encourage their creativity. We must do less for them and give them more responsibility.*

*Set reasonable, not impossible, goals. Encourage your youngster to recognize what has been done well and what might be improved. Show in your own work that people can make mistakes and try again, that success is all the sweeter when it results from real effort and commitment.*