

St. Mary's May Newsletter

2022

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.

Eastertime 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, June 5th. 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, 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."

May 1 **First Communion Prep Class-** Following 9:00 a.m. Mass. For children and parents.

May 3 **Education Council Meeting-** 7:00 p.m.

May 5 **Family Breakfast-** 7:15 – 8:00 a.m. Adults are \$3.00 and students are free.

May 6 **First Friday Mass** at 9 A.M.

May 8 **Happy Mothers' Day!** Do something nice for Mom and Grandma.

May 11 **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser-** St. Mary's School Gym eat in starts at 5:00 p.m. Take out available at 4:30 p.m. Salad, Spaghetti, Meatballs, Bread and Dessert. \$12 for adults, \$8 for students. All proceeds go to the 7th & 8th grade 3 day trip to Lake Placid in June 2022.

May 13 **Principals' Meeting** in Lake Placid. Sister Sharon will attend.
Confirmation Retreat and Practice- 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church

May 14 **Confirmation-** Mass with the Bishop at 11:00 a.m.

May 16 **May Crowning-** 1:30 p.m.

May 17 **Child Lures Parent Meeting-** 7:00-8:00 p.m. Informational meeting about the "Think First, Stay Safe" youth curriculum to be taught in PK- 8th grade classes.

May 18 **Environmental Field Day** in Westport- 5th-8th grade will attend. The program starts 9:30 and will end at 12:40 p.m. Students need to dress appropriately for this school/educational activity and will need to bring a bag lunch and drink.



- May 21 **First Communion Retreat Day**- 9:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's School - Parents and children preparing for First Communion.
- May 24-25 **NYS Science Performance Test grades 4 & 8.** Please be here on time. Get a good nights sleep and eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.
- May 26 **Ascension Thursday**- Mass at 9:00. This is a Holy Day. All are invited.
Family Breakfast- 7:15-8:00 a.m. Adults are \$3.00 and students are free.
- May 27-30 **Memorial Day Weekend - No School.** See you on Tuesday, May 31st.



World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to all who helped make it happen. Our top seller was Avery Lender with \$1,020 in sales. 2nd place was Lilly Leerkes with \$574, 3rd place was Olivia Quesnel with \$556, 4th place was Lauren Taylor with \$540 and 5th place was Jackson Lawton with \$454.

Covid 19 Testing- Please make sure to get tested if you are having symptoms. We have at home test kits available if needed. We can send them home with a student or you can pick them up at the office. Report all positive cases to the Department of Health.

We have St. Mary's logo tote bags available for \$3.00 each. Please let us know if you are interested in purchasing any.

Have you filed out your Scholarship Forms? We have 3 ways to help with tuition, The Kremer Foundation and Sustaining Hope Scholarships as well as Tuition Assistance. The scholarship forms are due early May. Please contact the office if you need a form.

Thank You to all who have kept up with their tuition payments and paid their supply fees. Year-end statements will be sent.

June Dates:

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| June 3- 1 st Friday Mass | June 16- Family Breakfast |
| June 6 - NYS Written Science Test 4 & 8 | June 17- Pre K and Kindergarten Graduation |
| June 11- Nun Run | June 21- 8th Grade Graduation |
| June 10- End of year Carnival | June 24- Last Day of School, Report Cards Given |
| June 16- 8th Grade Algebra I Regents 9:15 a.m. | |

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.





*God Bless You
Sister Sharon*



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1 First Communion Prep Class following 9:00 a.m. Mass	2	3 Education Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Family Breakfast	6 First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.	7
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15	16 May Crowning 1:30 p.m. 	17 Child Lures Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18 Environmental Field Day Westport 5-8th Grade 9:30 a.m.	19	20	21 First Communion Retreat Day 9:00- 2:00 p.m.
22	23	24 NYS Science Performance Test 4th & 8th grade	25 NYS Science Performance Test 4th & 8th grade	26 Family Breakfast Ascension Thursday Mass 9:00 a.m.	27 No School	28
29	30 Memorial Day No School 	31				



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St. Mary's School



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Cereal/Toast Hot Dog/Michigan French Fries Fruit Milk	3 Cereal/Toast Taco/Meat Sauce Lettuce/Cheese Rice Refried Beans Fruit Milk	4 Cereal/Pop Tart Italian Dunkers Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	5 Family Breakfast Goulash Green Beans Buttered Bread Fruit Milk	6 Eggs/Toast Chicken Nuggets French Fries Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk	7 Milk/juice served each day w/ breakfast. Menu subject to change.
8	9 Cereal/Toast BBQ Chicken Strips Buttered Noodles Corn Fruit Milk	10 Cereal/Toast Cheese/Chicken Quesadilla Rice Fruit Milk	11 Cereal/Pop Tarts Home Made Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	12 Cereal/Toast Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Green Beans Buttered Bread Fruit Milk	13 Cereal/Pop Tarts Baked Ham Mac and Cheese Buttered Roll Corn Fruit Milk	14 Skim, 1%, and chocolate milk offered daily. PBJ/WOW butter offered each day
15	16 Cereal/Waffle Bag Chicken Patty Chips Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk	17 Cereal/Toast Taco/Meat Sauce Lettuce/Cheese Rice Refried Beans Fruit Milk	18 Cereal/Pop Tarts Italian Dunkers Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	19 Cereal/Toast Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Green Beans Buttered Bread Fruit Milk	20 Eggs/Pop Tarts Cheeseburger/ Ham- burger French Fries Corn Fruit Milk	21 Fresh fruit and veggies offered daily
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