PASTORAL STAFF
Pastor  Rev. Edward (Fr. Ted) Jost
Deacon  Deacon William Walkowiak
Pastoral Associate  Sister Paula Zelazo, FSSJ
Parish Bookkeeper  John Del Monte
Parish Secretary  Mrs. Chris Lesinski Roberts
Coordinator of Faith Formation  and Youth Ministry  Stephanie Bialkowski
Faith Formation Secretary  Mrs. Kathryn Sands
RCIA Director  Ms. Deborah Keenan
Pastor Emeritus  Rev. William Bigelow
Music Director  Mrs. Cristina Voto, Director; Mrs. Maria Szczepanik

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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Daily & Holydays: See Bulletin
Reconciliation each Saturday at 3:15 p.m.
Or By Appointment

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______I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith
______I would like a Priest to visit someone in my family
______Here is my address
______I am moving; please remove me from the mailing list

Our Mission Statement
The mission of St. Mary of the Lake Church is to be a welcoming, vibrant community, living the gospel of Jesus through loving service, while sharing our Catholic faith with future generations.


5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” – Jn 15:5

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April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Please remember in your prayers:
Marie Dulak, Jeffrey Kolarz, Claudia Violette,
Joe Leising, and Herbert Jurek.
May all who suffer disease and illness be united in strength with the grace of God’s unending, healing love.

### MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR MAY 5 & 6

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<td>4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Jerry Willett</td>
<td>Jackie Beras* (H) Marielaine Starr (H)</td>
<td><strong>Team #1</strong> Bella Giannicchi, Sophia Giannicchi, Nicholas McBride</td>
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<td>Mike Braunscheidel (H) Judy Fiedler, Mary Scott, Mike Czombel, and Nancy Czombel(C)</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Jennifer Zeltman</td>
<td>Jim Ziemer* (H) Marge Farrell (H) Marion Schmidt (H) Don Busha, Matt Durka, Connie Jackson, and Chris Wells(C)</td>
<td><strong>Team #9</strong> Matthew Diamond, Charlie Radomski, Jackson Radomski</td>
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<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Georgia Pietraszek</td>
<td>Donna Lucas* (H) Deacon Bill (H) Stephanie Biakowski (H) Sue Kowalske, Jack Chiappone, Shannon Ruda, and Marge Farrell (C)</td>
<td><strong>Team #5/8</strong> Colin Herzog, Ryan Herzog, Courtney Koprevich</td>
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Pastor’s Corner

If we were really honest, we would admit that we live in a “do it yourself” society that does not always want to be attached to other people but “go it alone.” Jesus tells us that He “is the vine and we are the branches” and we must strive to stay connected to Him and to one another in the faith community. St. John says we “should love one another just as he commanded us.” After his sudden conversion, St. Paul has to prove himself to the community which is understandable since he spent a long time persecuting it. It is always hard to trust people when they have let us down. Being connected to Jesus demands a connection to His people. After all, can we say we love God but hate our neighbor? If we are to “bear fruit” we must accept the Lord’s “pruning” and be willing to grow and “become (His) disciples.”

Speaking of staying connected, the Meat Raffle is this Friday (May 4) and it is always a fun evening. If you have never attended you might seriously consider it! At all Masses next weekend we will have the annual special (second) collection for our Lawn Fete Theme Baskets and I hope you can help us make it a success. Also, next Sunday is the May Crowning at the 11 am Mass. Finally, I wanted to let you know that the Finance Council has been working with me on the development of the Parish Center (former School building) and we are getting closer to a point where we will approach the Town of Hamburg about making that portion of the building which the parish does not use available for development. I just wanted you, the SMOL parishioners to be the first to know. A townhall meeting will be scheduled in the near future for neighbors and we will approach the Town about zoning and the feasibility of such a project. The hope is that we could use the building to help some people in the community looking for housing, generate some much-needed funds, and make some long-deferred capital improvements possible.

See you in church!

Peace,

Fr Ted

Upcoming Events!

May 4: Meat Raffle
May 19-20: Men’s Welcome Retreat
June 2-3: Holy Land Gift Vendor Visit
June 8, 9, & 10: Lawn Fete
July 30-August 2: First Photo Sessions for Parish Directory

May Crowning

All recent First Communicants are asked to participate in our May Crowning on May 6th at 11:00 a.m. Mass. We ask that the children please dress in their attire they wore when they received their First Eucharist.

Just a gentle reminder...

Like many parishes, SMOL has an easy "Key Sign-out Policy" which allows any parishioner access to the facilities at basically any time. Here's what you do: When you know the date and time of your event, call the parish office (627-3123) and arrange a time to stop by during business hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm) to "sign out" a key or fab. This should be done at least a day or two in advance of the event. Don't share this key with anyone else or have it copied. AFTER THE EVENT ON THE SAME DAY please leave the key at the (inner) door of the parish office. The next morning the secretary will sign the key back in for you. This keeps our buildings secure, while keeping you above suspicion should there be (God forbid) any theft or vandalism. We are sorry if this places any hardship or inconvenience upon you; however, it is important that the parish have a reasonable level of security at all times. Good luck on your activity or ministry at St. Mary's. It is a blessing to have so many activities at our parish and we are glad you are with us.

3. St. Mary of the Lake Church, Hamburg, New York  April 29, 2018
Did You Know?

In his recent encyclical, *On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis writes that work should be the setting for rich personal growth: planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others and giving glory to God. We were created with a vocation to work. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to human development and personal fulfillment.

Respect Life

Give, but give wisely. For all the good they do, some secular organizations espouse to the pro-death philosophy. Ask outright how they stand on the pro-life issue. You may be surprised. Money talks and stating to a company, or any cause, why you are withholding funds speaks volumes. Most will not turn down funds; others will not care and do not deserve your support.

Pentecost Readers

Do you speak another language? We are looking for several readers for Pentecost Sunday to proclaim the Gospel in other languages. Please call the offices or let Fr. Ted know you would like to participate and wish to read at one of the weekend Masses.

“Consoling the Heart of Jesus”

Beginning May 9th on Wednesday nights!

Join us for a 5 week small-group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the saints like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska and St. Mother Teresa; and aquire all the tools you will need to “become a saint, a great saint, and quickly.”

Wednesday, May 9th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Mary of the Lake.
Please register early and order your materials.
Space is limited.
Contact: Dana Fiorello 997-1103 or Dina Pacillo 200-6515
There is also a registration table set up in the Gathering Space of the church where you can sign up.

Operation Storm Heaven

OPERATION STORM HEAVEN seeks to unite faithful Catholics throughout America and the World in the largest Rosary Crusade in History to implore God to open the floodgates of His Mercy. His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke will be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and praying the Holy Rosary to Storm Heaven with Prayer in Rome on the first day of every month and is asking that the whole world join in union to storm Heaven and fight evil with prayer. Let’s put our loving prayers into action! Just one prayer can change a tragic outcome; imagine what thousands of united prayers can do for the world!

Please join our next Rosary Crusade at St. Mary of the Lake Church on Tuesday, May 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

Meat Raffle Volunteers

We still need volunteers to work the Meat Raffle on May 4th. Please call Therese Constable @ 826-5194 who is organizing the event. Thank you!
Bereavement Support Group

Sr. Paula’s grief support group meets again on Wednesday, May 2 @ 1:30 in the Lower Level of the Parish Center. If you would like more information, please call the Parish Offices.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Novena

The Dominican nuns are having a Novena at their monastery from May 1-May 9, 2018. They are located at: 335 Doat Street in the City of Buffalo. Schedule for Novena is as follows: 6:15 Confessions, 6:40 Rosary, and 7:00 Mass. For more information, please call 892-0066.

Baptism Class

The next Class is on Saturday, May 19 for those parents who are interested in having their child receive this Sacrament. The class begins at 9:00 a.m. and we ask you to call the Parish Offices to register with Sr. Paula @ 627-3123.

Parish Directory

It is that time again to release a current photo directory for St. Mary of the Lake parishioners. The first of three sessions will be July 30-August 2. We are excited to be able to offer family photos with pets if you like. This will be a nice opportunity to take pictures that you can have forever. Further information on the directory will be available in bulletin articles and flyers. We are in need of volunteers to help with signing families up after Masses to reserve time slots. If you can assist with this, please call the office. @ 627-3123. You would only need to stay about a half hour after the Mass of your choosing. Thank you.

Open Gym Night

All students are welcome to join our Open Gym on Wednesday, May 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Students from 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to stop by for snacks, games, and we conclude the night with prayer. Bring a friend!

Lawn Fete News

Next week there will be a collection taken after all Masses for the Theme Basket Raffle. This collection is used for the committee to purchase articles to create the baskets for the Lawn Fete. We appreciate any donation you may give to help make our event a huge success!

Congratulation

The following parishioners have achieved Honors during their college preparatory education at local Catholic High Schools. We are proud of this achievement, and we would like to acknowledge their hard work!

Canisius High School
Andrew Armstrong, Eric Geisler, and Colin Herzog

St. Mary High School (Lancaster)
Mackenzie Bickerstaff

Altar Server Training

Our next Altar Server training will be held on Saturday, May 12th from 10am to noon. If your child has shown interest in participating in the Mass as a server, please call the Parish Office @ 627-3123. Deacon Bill conducts the class that is open to all children ages 8+ (boys and girls).