The Ascension of the Lord

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51
St. Mary of Gostyn School
Class of 2019

Congratulations to the following students who graduated Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mary Claire Albian    Benjamin Farrell    Nicole Moravec
Maya Alikpala         Lucia Fernandez     Liadan O’Flaherty
James Almeida         Anne Flynn          Joshua Palasz
Ava Bechstein         Christopher Fry     Samuel Panatera
Raechel Boyle         Leo Gartlan         Sebastian Pappas
McKenzie Buchanan     Mary Catherine Gaughan Amanda Quealy
Michael Budzynski     Brendan Harker      Samuel Ruddy
Jamie Bukovsky        Moira Jermak        Bennett Ruskusky
Elizabeth Carlson     Kaitlin Jeschke     Leah Sebo
Madeline Casey        Wilson Kramnic      Enzo Shaw
Nora Casey            Morgan Lally        Katherine Southworth
Olivia Cieplak        Luke Leahy          Mia Sturn
Celia Colucci         Michael Logan       Grace Tierney
Lainey Devine         Caden McCann        Pierce Walsh

Congratulations Graduates!
There is a significant difference in how the disciples experience Jesus’ departure at his ascension from how they experienced his death and burial. After the fear, shock, and horror of his arrest and torturous death they had three agonizing days of emptiness as he lay in the tomb. They didn’t know how the story would end. Even though he had predicted he would rise from the dead, there was no way they could have imagined what that meant. None of the Gospels tell us they had any hope of that before he came back to them alive.

When it is time for Jesus to physically leave them forever, the disciples seem like a different group. They had moved through their earlier experiences of him after the resurrection when they were fearful or trying to cling to him or still in doubt about whether the person they saw in front of them was really their friend. Now they are at peace when he is taken up to heaven. They hear and accept his last words without question. They do him homage as he rises into the sky.

When he is gone, they return to Jerusalem “with great joy and they were continually in the temple praising God” as they waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit Jesus promised. They have been transformed by his repeated offerings of peace and assurance, and they have accepted his invitation to trust him and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit. Now they are poised to go out and change the world.

Summertime brings family vacations, traveling, and an increase in outside activities. Mention the word “summer,” and most people begin to imagine the pool, barbeques, and anything but the “normal” routine. This is great for people looking to get out of the daily grind, but not so great for parishes that rely so much on consistent contributions.

Before you leave for vacation, will you make the commitment to give to our parish through online giving?

When you choose to give your gifts online, it positively impacts the stability of our parish ministries and outreach programs by allowing us to better plan for the year. By knowing what level of commitment our members have made, we know how best to allocate our resources. At St. Mary of Gostyn Church, we are committed to using our gifts to the best of our ability.

Our online giving site allows you to set up a recurring weekly or monthly donation to our parish. It’s easy to set up once and not think about it again. You are also able to give different amounts to our various parish-wide collections and to view complete, accurate financial records at any time. It’s fast, easy, and safe!

Donate Now!

If you have any questions about our WeShare online giving program, please visit our website at https://stmarygostyn.churchgiving.com/ or call our finance office at 630-969-1063 if you have questions about setting up your account. Please don’t hesitate to call the parish office. We’re here to help!

Have a wonderful summer!
Father’s Day Novena Masses
Sunday, June 16th ~ Monday, June 24th

Our Father’s Day Novena of Masses will be offered for all Father’s, living and deceased, beginning on Father’s Day, June 16th thru June 24th. Pick up a Father’s Day (living) spiritual bouquet greeting card at the Faith Network Desk in the narthex of the church or at the Parish Center offices.

To include your deceased Father, there is no need for the card, please use the envelope provided to enroll them.

The names of Fathers enrolled by noon on Monday, June 3rd, will be published in the bulletin on Father’s Day.

This is a beautiful way to remember your Father on his Special Day.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity throughout the summer months.
**Skipping Mass on Sunday**

I was asked recently if I thought someone would “go to hell” for skipping Mass on Sunday. I’m not qualified to make that judgment, but what will certainly happen is that if you skip Sunday Mass, you won’t go to church. Or more accurately, you won’t BE church. Because it is at worship where the church is formed and manifested.

A bishop I admire very much was once asked by some teenagers what it means to be Catholic. What he said to these young people is this: “If you want to know what it means to be Catholic, I’ll give you a prescription. For six months go every Sunday to Mass with the same community. And for six months work in a soup kitchen or your parish’s food pantry. Then you’ll know what it means to be Catholic.”

When I hear from someone that Mass is “boring,” I also hear the implication that their boredom is someone else’s fault; that someone else should “fix it” and make it less boring before they should have to go. Never mind that memorizing mathematical formulas is boring and learning a foreign language vocabulary and playing scales on the saxophone and running drills on the football field and almost anything else you do before you really know how to do it well.

Perhaps the person who finds Mass “boring” is not completely in attendance. Fr. Walter Burghardt, a Jesuit preacher and teacher of preachers, said that preaching the gospel to this generation is like talking to a kid listening to his iPod™. There is a buzzing going on all the time. Even when the readings are poorly proclaimed, the music off-key, the preaching pedestrian—even then, there is a richness available to us if we would but attend to it.

And why serve the poor? Because worship and service is what being a Christian is about. Worship leads to service and service to worship. Worship and service together discourage that dangerous sense of entitlement too many of us have and, instead, encourage the attitude of gratitude necessary to “getting something out of” the Mass.

*Paige Byrne Shortal*

**“Go and teach all nations. I am with you always, until the end of the world.”**

Jesus gave his disciples a mission of bearing witness to him by preaching and living the good news. The disciples, and more specifically we as Christians, are to tell and re-tell the story of Jesus’ life, suffering, death, and resurrection. We continue his work on earth, within our families, colleagues, and parish communities.

To be a Christian is to be a proclaimers and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. “We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives.” As we celebrate the Lord’s Ascension we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement, and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, “living in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received.”

**Prayer**

May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in the Savior’s footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Prayer After Communion at the Vigil Mass.)*
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019
9:00 AM - Carol Orseske req. Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019
6:15 AM - Mary Janetka req. Family
8:00 AM - Jeff Spratt req. Cahill Family
Beatrice Vlasick req. June Niegisch
10:30 AM - C.A. Wiese req. Billie DeBruin - Oak Trace

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019
6:15 AM - Katharine Schewe
8:00 AM - Lupe Mendez req. Adam Walsh Family
Billy Callahan req. Calistro Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019
8:00 AM - Arthur & Lillian Grant req. Mauser Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019
6:15 AM - Sharon Duro
8:00 AM - Rosemary Hanson req. Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019
8:00 AM - Gloria Merzlock req. Mauser Family
4:30 PM - Jerry Papievis req. Shirley Nolan
   Nancy Miriani req. St. Mary’s PADS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019
8:00 AM - Gloria Kochan req. Kochan Family
10:00 AM - Joan Grandy req. Barb & Jim Holmes
12:00 PM - Michael Kummerer req. Kay & Lynn Kummerer
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

I will send the Spirit to you

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).
Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).
Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23)
Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
   Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
   Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
Presider Schedule for Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.

Father Shaun’s Farewell Reception

We are celebrating Father Shaun’s three years with us at St. Mary’s the weekend of June 8th and 9th with receptions after all of our regular Masses.

Join us in the Gathering Place after each Mass (Saturday evening as well as all Masses on Sunday) for refreshments and fellowship.

This will be a great time to wish him well as he leaves us to start his new assignment at Visitation Church in Elmhurst.

Parish Office Summer Hours

June 14 - August 16, 2019

Monday thru Thursday - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Fridays - 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Denis & Jonna Horgan
Andrew & Claire Johnson
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements this weekend are in celebration of Augie & Noreen Sisco’s 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations!
SMG declared Wednesday May 15th Mrs. Dianne Czopek Day!

In honor of Dianne's upcoming retirement from our school, we celebrated her, her dedication to our school, and all her loyal service during our all school Mass. Afterwards, we had a special gathering with our staff, faculty, and Dianne's family.

Thank you Mrs. Czopek for all you've done for 31 wonderful years of service to our school, parish, families, and community! SMG will forever be your home, and you will surely be missed!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Richard Rosko           Bob Earley                             John Duffy                      Matthew Vincenti         Lourdes Malicay
Gilda Pancotto          Spencer Mehr                        George Metzger           Pat Metzger Noonan                 Jaclyn Golly
Mary Toth

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Edward Siblik
Barbara Vinsik, sister of Ginny Lucado

Pray for our Military

Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

Kevin Braasch         Michael Martel       Natalya Brechlin          John Svoboda
Christopher Fountain           Nathan Kijowski       Bob Lang            Zachary Frana
Timothy Randazzo               Kyle Ng                     Christopher Randazzo        Joe McSweeney
Maggie Benhart

Prayer Requests

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To request to have your name, or with permission, the name of another, on the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish office. Names will be listed for four weeks and then removed automatically. You will need to call for an additional four weeks.

Interested in a Ministry?

We would love to hear from you!

Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound

Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings? If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/969-1063, ext 244. A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.

Nursing Home / Hospital Visitation

If you or a family member would like to have a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility, please contact the Parish Office at 630-969-1063 to arrange. Without such notification, there is no method of knowing who wishes a visitation. Due to privacy laws, hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities are unable to contact St. Mary’s directly.
Work is progressing at a very rapid rate. Last week the bar joists for the ceiling were installed and inspected, allowing for several additional groups to now be able to work in the old gymnasium space.

The concrete saw cutting is complete so we can begin the footings for the new foundation. Masons have been in the old PE office/Athletics storage area cutting out doors and trophy cases. This area will be the new home to the entryway vestibule for the Activity Center as well as a storage area for several groups. The new pass through window for the kitchen into the multi-purpose area will also be cut through this week, repositioning the old window into this new space.

The old ductwork is being torn from the ceilings, the old hoops and fans removed, and the scoreboard taken down for safe storage for later use. Our electricians have completed the roughing in for the piping for the panels and have ensured that all electrical connections that need to be cut off or re-routed have safely been completed.

All of this work is on time as of this report and is a huge testament to the planning and coordination that has gone into this process by our General Contractor, Frederick Quinn and our Architecture firm, DLA. We ask for your continued prayers for the safety of all the workers involved in the project. We also thank you for your support.
Thanks for joining us last Sunday! We made some cards of encouragement for Waterleaf Women’s Center which provides free services for women facing crisis pregnancies. We also had great discussion with Anne Marie Kronin from Waterleaf about how being pro-life means respecting the value of every human life—both born, & unborn, regardless of race, or religion, and regardless of the person’s physical or mental abilities! Being Pro-Life (literally “On behalf of-Life”) means peacefully and lovingly standing up for the unborn and providing care and support for women!

Summer Service Opportunities!!

Join Claire & the Garden Angels, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10AM-11AM (starting June 4)
We’ll grab a snack, start with a prayer, and pull weeds, water, plant, and maintain the gardens outside St. Mary’s. Meet in the grotto, Open to all middle & high schoolers. Please sign-up on our website!

**F E E D M Y  S T A R V I N G  C H I L D R E N**

**S A V E  A  L I F E!**

ALL TEENS WELCOME! + RSVP TO CLAIRE + MEET AT ST. MARY’S PARKING LOT AT 11:30AM

**T H U R S D A Y ,  J U N E  6 T H  NOON-2PM**
This month’s topic:
The Spirituality of Asking for and Receiving Help

Asking for help is often one of the most difficult things for us to do. Yet, it is in these times that we can see Christ at work in our lives. Learn to embrace the humility and strength of Christ as we explore the spirituality of asking for and receiving assistance.

Be nourished.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com
BEQUESTS / ESTATE GIFTS

What is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving is a method of supporting St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church & School that enables a donor to make larger gifts than they could make from their income. A planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death, as part of a donor’s overall financial and/or estate planning.

While some planned gifts can provide a life-long income to the donor, you can also use estate and tax planning techniques to provide for St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church and School and other heirs in ways that maximize the gift and/or minimize its impact on the donor’s estate.

Whether a donor uses cash, appreciated securities or stock, real estate, personal property, life insurance, a retirement plan, etc., the benefits of funding a planned gift can make this type of charitable giving very valuable to both the donor and St. Mary of Gostyn Church & School.

How to Leave a Legacy

For the future, and for helping St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church & School to continue its impact in our community, you can provide a legacy through your estate plan in a variety of ways, some as simple as including a statement in your will.

If you already have a will, you can easily add a codicil (an amendment to your will) providing for a bequest. If you do not have a will, this is the time to prepare one. A will is fully revocable while you live—you retain control and can easily make revisions should your circumstances change.

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." Luke 2:22

The Son of God was born into a family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The family is meant to be an instrument of redemption and all families are called to holiness. Jesus renewed his consecration to the Father throughout his life. Catholic consecration to the Holy Family sets up families as the “domestic church”. The following are seven traits of a family who is consecrated to the Holy Family:

- **Prayer.** The Holy Family prayed together, and a family consecrated to the Holy Family prioritizes their relationship with God through prayer together.
- **Charity.** Unselfish charity characterized the Holy Family, and in our families we are called into selfless love for the other.
- **Poverty.** True wealth comes through spiritual poverty. A holy family’s treasure is in God.
- **Obedience.** True freedom comes in willing obedience to God’s will. Jesus was obedient to Mary and Joseph, “And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man”. (LK2:52).
- **Live for the Kingdom.** The work of the Holy Family continues in our Church today through families and our parish family.
- **Community.** Modeled on the love of the Trinity, a holy family lives in love and unity with each other.
- **Joy.** The fruit of the other traits of a holy family living out its vocation is joy.

Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards are available at the Faith Network Desk in the Narthex.

A recent ONE topic ONE night invited parishioners to participate in a family consecration to the Holy Family. Saint Mary’s Council of the Knights of Columbus member Jim Massura explained the importance of family consecration as a way to pray for and strengthen our family and our parish family.

Here are some highlights.

ONE topic night

one holy catholic apostolic church
This Week

Monday / 3
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55326                Gather Place A
6:30 PM Boy Scouts                        Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary                             Church
7:00 PM Catechism Class                   Large Conf. Rm.

Tuesday / 4
2:30 PM School: Mascot Try-outs           Gathering Place
6:00 PM Legion of Mary                      Small Conf. Rm
6:00 PM Prayer Group                        Chapel

Wednesday / 5
11:00 AM Golden Agers                     Gathering Place
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal               Church
7:00 PM Evangelization Committee           Large Conf. Rm
7:00 PM Youth Ministry                     Underground

Thursday / 6
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities       Living Room
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal           Church
7:00 PM Baptism Prep. Class                Large Conf. Rm
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus                Gathering Place

Friday / 7

Saturday / 8
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women                   Chapel

Sunday / 9
8:00 AM RCIA                               Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM All Graduate Recognition Mass     Church
1:30 PM Baptism                             Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal                 Church

He was taken up to Heaven
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child, you will need to participate in a baptismal preparation session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism.

Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

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SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, December and April at the 8:00 AM Mass.

The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM in church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the Rectory (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.