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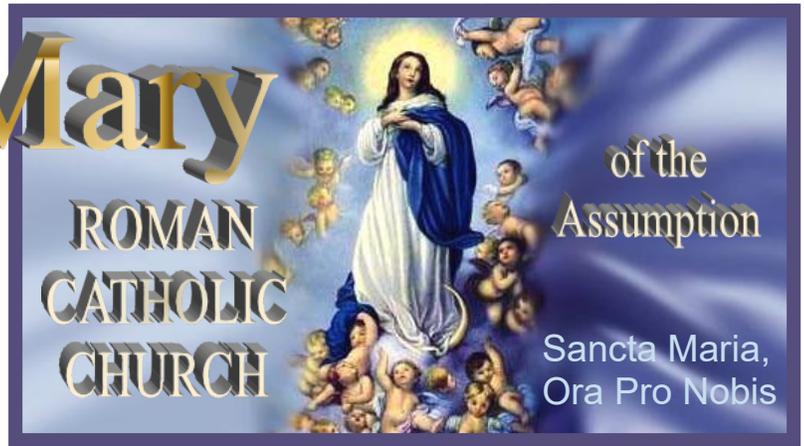
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am



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Are You Resisting God's Commands? DEACON DENNIS WALTERS

Today's short reading from Exodus tells how Moses asked God to show him His glory, and how God complied. God passed in front of Moses proclaiming His name (in Hebrew) "Adonai, Adonai, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses then asked God to come along with the Chosen People into the Promised Land, because "this is a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and receive us as your own."

Three questions come to mind: Why did Moses ask to see the Lord's glory? Why does God describe Himself as slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity? And why did Moses ask God to come along with them as they went forward? The answers lie in the "back-story."

A few chapters earlier in Exodus, Moses had announced to the people the basic terms of a covenant between God and themselves. The terms of the covenant were that "if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples." In response, the whole people had promised three times, "All that the Lord has said, we will do, and we will be obedient." The Israelites ratified their commitment by a blood sacrifice and a communal meal between their main leaders and God on Mount Sinai. With that settled, Moses went up to the mountain to commune with God and establish the behavioral laws that would make keeping that covenant possible.

The problem was that Moses virtually disappeared. When he had been gone for about a month, the people began to panic. Where was Moses? Who was going to lead them? Even if God is invisible, they needed some visible reassurance of His presence, so they resorted to what they knew from Egypt: they compelled Moses' brother Aaron to mold a golden calf; and then, as Scripture puts it, they "sat down to eat and drink" a communion meal "and rose up to play." Probably, the word "play" means an orgy.

Meanwhile, God had written the terms of the covenant on tablets of stone, symbolizing that the covenant was permanent. Then He warned Moses to go down and check on what was happening in the camp. When he arrived, Moses got so angry that he broke the tablets, signifying that the people had violated the covenant they had just made. He ground the golden calf into powder, put the powder into water and forced the people to drink it (a test of guilt), and slaughtered 3,000 of the most guilty.

Youth Group

You might recall that the Youth Group held an Easter candy fundraiser to purchase materials to make fleece blankets for children in the hospital. After the final



Youth Mass of the school year on **June 4th**, members gathered in the Fr. Fisher Hall to share lunch and make the blankets.



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PARISH CALENDAR	
Mass Intentions, [Requested by], and Parish Activities	
SAT., JUNE 10	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM
Tb 12: 1. 5-15. 20/ Tb 13: 2. 6efgh. 7. 8/ Mk 12: 38-44	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: INT: Jo and Jeff Wells and Family <i>[Bill and Sandi Kwolek]</i>
SUN., JUNE 11	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Ex 34: 4b-6. 8-9/ Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 (52b)/ 2 Cor 13: 11-13/ Jn 3: 16-18	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: † Grace Waldecker <i>[Lynn Waldecker]</i> 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: For the People Coffee Hour after each Mass Today
MON., JUNE 12	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
2 Cor 1: 1-7/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 5: 1-12	No Mass today in Manchester 7:00 pm Evangelization Team Meeting—FFH 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting—PC
TUES., JUNE 13	St. Anthony of Padua
2 Cor 1: 18-22/ Ps 119: 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 135/ Mt 5: 13-16	8:30 am Mass: † Larry Becktel <i>[David and Dianna Roberts]</i>
WED., JUNE 14	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
2 Cor 3: 4-11/ Ps 99: 5. 6. 7. 8. 9/ Mt 5: 17-19	8:30 am Mass: † Ed Haller <i>[Frank Tomko]</i>
THUR., JUNE 15	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
2 Cor 3: 15 – 4: 1. 3-6/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Mt 5: 20-26	8:30 am Mass: † Charles and † Dorothy Van Beylen <i>[Mary DiSante]</i>
FRI., JUNE 16	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
2 Cor 4: 7-15/ Ps 116: 10-11. 15-16. 17-18/ Mt 5: 27-32	8:30 am Mass: † Larry Becktel <i>[Jeff and Pam Wallace]</i>
SAT., JUNE 17	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM
2 Cor 5: 14-21/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/ Mt 5: 33-37	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: For the People
SUN., JUNE 18	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
Dt 8:2-3. 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13. 14-15. 19-20 (12)/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/ Optional Sequence Lauda, Sion/Jn 6:51-58	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: † Ed Haller <i>[Eddie and Judy Walz]</i> 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: † Joseph Germek <i>[Martin and Kathy Brogley]</i> 11:30 am Corpus Christi Procession

As the story goes, God had become angry too, and wanted to wipe the people out and raise up Moses' family as His chosen people. Moses objected, reminding God that it would look bad if He destroyed the very people he had freed from slavery in Egypt. And so God relented — but at a price. He would not accompany them Himself into the Promised Land; He would send an angel to represent Him instead.

It was at that point that Moses asked God to reveal Himself to him. "You want me to continue leading this people. So if I have found favor with you, show me Yourself." God granted part of this request, proclaiming as He did, "Adonai, Adonai, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Unfortunately, the Lectionary leaves out the next part: "keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and fourth generation." God warned Moses that the crime of the golden calf would come back to haunt the Chosen People. That is why Moses, relying on God's willingness to forgive, asked Him to change His mind and come with this "stiff-necked people" anyway. And God agreed.

It's important to emphasize here that God isn't like us. He doesn't get angry the way we do. Yes, He allows us to experience the consequences of our acts: the sins of the fathers really are visited on their children. Anyone whose family has experienced generations of alcoholism or drug abuse knows that. But God's eagerness to forgive is far greater than any "desire" to punish. In the story, it's Moses who avenges the golden calf episode; God, who could have wiped out the Israelites with a single thought, seems all too willing to let Himself be convinced to be lenient.

Human nature doesn't change. As a test of that, I'd invite you to take some time today to examine yourself and ask, 'How am I being stiff-necked and obstinate with God? How have I challenged God, asking Him where He is, or resisting His commands? How have I gotten impatient with Him and taken matters into my own hands?' And then, when you've asked questions like that, ask this: 'How has God actually shown His mercy to me and my family? How has He been more lenient with me than I've been with myself? How has He supported me through the worst moments of my life? And if He's done all that, how will He accompany me into the future?'

This is the feast of the Holy Trinity. Today's Gospel reminds us that God loved us enough to send His Son into our world to save us, and the Son sent His Holy Spirit to lead us to the Father. He continues in our company. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God [the Father] and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." ✠



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, May 28, 2017

Sunday Envelopes..... \$4,347.20
Loose Cash & Checks..... \$339.00
Welcome Envelopes..... \$10.00
Holy Day \$620.00
Easter \$10.00

Weekly toward budget \$5,326.20
Weekly goal \$5,300.00
Amt. ABOVE goal..... \$26.20

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Building and Maintenance. \$155.00
Poor Box..... \$6.11
Votive Candle Receipts..... \$58.00



Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:

- 1) For the Repose of the Soul of † Grace Waldecker (Lynn Waldecker)
- 2) For the Repose of the Soul of † Joseph Fitzgerald (Russ and Bernita Auito)

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:
Right-to-Life MI Hotline
1-800-57WOMAN
Or visit www.optionline.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families and friends. Call 517-342-2596

NEED HELP? "AA" group meets Friday & Sunday nights at 7:00 pm in the Emanuel church kitchen.

NEED HELP? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

P A R I S H N E W S

Volunteer Opportunity

The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer on Wednesdays from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. The former Wednesday worker is now the office manager. There is also a need for volunteers to substitute if a regular staff member is unavailable. Substitutes are needed soon as there are some planned absences on the near horizon. If you are interested in working in the office please call 428-8811.

Pizza Kit Deliveries

Thank you for supporting the Religious Education Pizza Kit Fundraiser. Kits will be available for pick up at the Parish Center following **Masses this weekend**.

Choir Rehearsal

The Adult Choir rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday, June 14th at 7 pm** in the choir loft. The choir will sing at the 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, June 18th** and for the Corpus Christi procession that will follow the Mass.

Eucharistic Procession

To give glory and honor to God in the celebration of His Most Holy Body and Blood, there will be a Eucharistic Procession on **Sunday, June 18th** immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. All are encouraged to participate.

Ice Cream Social on the Horizon

The 125th St. Mary Ice Cream Social will be here "in the blink of an eye"! The planning team has been busy, and now your support is needed to help make it the most outstanding event of the summer! Beginning next weekend, **June 18th-19th**, you will have the opportunity to commit to a place in history by donating time or treasure to the Social. Remind yourself how great it will feel to be a part of history!

Are You a Witness to Hope?

Each member of our parish family has been personally invited by Bishop Boyea to become a 'Witness to Hope.' Please read through the materials provided in the envelope and give prayerful consideration on how you can

participate in meeting our parish goal. Due to differing circumstances of life each family finds themselves in, the gifts will differ according to each one's means. Keep in mind that to those who have been given much, much will be expected.

"Window of Opportunity"

Insurance regulations stopped our parish Fish Frys 10 years ago. We have an opportunity now at minimal cost to get equipment and an outdoor structure that meets all codes for frying so that we can begin having Fish Frys again for Lent 2018. The project is big (always has been big, but it also has always has been both fun and profitable!) If you want St. Mary's to begin having Fish Frys again, Fr. Bosco needs to know that you are enthusiastic and that you will help as you are able. The window of opportunity will not stay open for long.

Save the Date

St. Mary's will offer a ten-week Alpha Course, starting on **Tuesday, September 12th**, for anyone in the Manchester area (Catholic or not) who either doesn't attend church, is doubtful about the Christian faith, or who needs to come into an experiential relationship with the Holy Spirit. The course will be held here at St. Mary's, and will run from 6:00-7:30 pm (dinner included). More information will follow.

Prayer Tree**Please Pray for:**

Bernita Aiuto
Linda Dyer
Betsey Kripas
Shirley Krzyzaniak
Eddie Walz

Repose of the soul of:

☩ Casimer Walczak

**Altar Flowers**

For the week of
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH
are sponsored by
Lynn Waldecker

In Memory of
☩ **Grace Waldecker**

Parish Family Birthdays

June 10..... Edward Schoendorff
June 11..... Gerald Kripas
June 12..... Megan Reppert
June 13..... Brigid Doyle
June 13..... Jo Kladzyk
June 13..... Frank Stancato
June 14..... Bernadette Coltre
June 15..... Amanda Walz
June 16..... Diane Rickert
June 17..... June Faubion
June 17..... Mary Jean Riley

AREA NEWS

Charity Raffle - St. Louis Center in Chelsea is sponsoring a raffle for a trip for two to Alaska. Tickets will be sold at all Masses **June 10th & 11th**. The drawing will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at UM Golf Course during the 'Golf and Glory' Outing. Tickets are \$25 each or 5/ \$100. For more info, call Joe Yekulis at 734-475-8430.

"Mary, Blessed Are You Among Women" is a new one-day retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on **June 13th** given by Tony Sperendi. It will highlight Our Blessed Mother's role in our lives, seen from Scripture, Tradition, the Saints, and her apparitions at Fatima and Guadalupe. The cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over and

includes morning snacks, lunch, Mass, and materials. Register and info at 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws.

Pilgrimage to Ireland - Visit the most famous sites of Ireland including Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle, Ireland's National Marian Shrine- Knock, Ballintubber Abbey, the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral and much more! All of these incredible spiritual and cultural experiences culminate with the World Meeting of Family festivities and Mass with Pope Francis in August 2018. Call Corporate Travel Service at 313-565-8888 x 121 for more details or reservations. Information night to be held on **June 21st** at Christ the King at 7pm.

For more news and events in area parishes, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org