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A Mothers' Day Letter

Dear Mom-

I know I haven't kept in the best contact over the last three or so years. My new calling has brought me all over God's Green Earth.

I have met so many people, made a ton of friends...and some enemies too, I guess. It can be tough when you have something to say and people simply don't want to listen.

The few times I have stopped by home have been a little strange, mom. Let me explain-

That wedding...we sure had a good time, didn't we? I'm glad I can still take my mom out on the town every so often. I just wish pops were still around have you at his side.

I know you looked at me strange when I told you "Woman, what concern is it that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come! (John 2:4)" I know it was harsh to scold you but I definitely appreciated how you

defended me by telling everyone to do whatever I say. I remember that look of surprise on your face when that water became wine.

That other time when you sent the family after me (John 7:1-9). Let me explain that one, too. Yes, they all have no idea what I am trying to do, I see that. And it really hurts to think that I would want to bring shame to this family—because that is the last thing I'd want to do.

I had to explain to them that what I am doing, I have to do on my own. My time is coming, mom, and I know that's tough for you and our family to understand.

I guess by now, you have heard some of the other stuff that has happened. Let me iron those out to: Yes, I have been preaching quite a bit. Yes, I was almost arrested. Yes, I got into an argument with the Pharisees over a woman who committed adultery—and no, I wasn't on "her" side, I was on the side of love and justice.

Yes, I helped someone see and I helped some people eat—nothing too extravagant, so I will spare you

the details. I'm not sure what you heard about Lazarus— he isn't dead—but we all thought we lost him for a while there. I suppose I don't have to tell you that losing someone is tough.

Plenty of other stuff has happened over the last while. The good news is that I am on my way to Jerusalem for the Feast, so maybe we can meet up and we can catch up on old times. I've been running around the area with some pretty interesting people lately—you'll love young John— so yeah, we'll have to catch up.

So mom, I know it has been tough for a while, that you probably have heard more about me than actually seen me. But I'm going to make you proud. I'm going to keep on working on being the best representation of our family and, especially, my Father.

If I don't see you in Jerusalem before the Passover, I'll make it a point to visit home soon. And don't you worry about me, mom. God is taking good care of me. Until we meet up again—Happy Mothers' Day! Love, your Son,

Jesus

Fr. Jason

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Blessing of New Easter Linens

After the liturgy of Holy Saturday on April 4th, Altar linens that were created by members of the Love of God Sodality were blessed with the New Fire and New Holy Water.

The blessings of the linens were followed by the traditional blessing of Easter food, closing the liturgy. The linens received one type of blessing, while the corporals (the last piece of linen cloth between the chalice/paten

and the altar) received its own unique blessing.

Many, many thanks to those members of our Sodality who took the time and effort to create these in time for Easter and have them laid out for our Resurrection Liturgy.



St. Mary's Takes the Show on the Road

During the month of April, members of St. Mary's traveled about the area, representing our parish in some activities.

Barb Bogzevitz and Martha Repede represented our Love of God Sodality at the National ANS Convention held at All

Saints Parish in Sterling Heights, MI from April 24-26.

Fr. Jason Soltysiak and David Micka traveled to the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese, representing the Central YMSofR.

They visited Transfiguration Parish in Mt. Pleasant, PA. Fr. Jason

Concelebrated Holy Mass with Fr. Bruce Slezkowski and Fr. Jason and David gave



a YMSofR presentation to the men of the parish.



Easter at St. Mary's



Easter Sunday was joyously celebrated at St. Mary's, with Resurrection Holy Mass beginning promptly at our Ohio Sunrise, 7:03am, April 5.

The church was dimmed as people entered, but brightened at the call "Wesoly nam dzis dzien nastal!/Come Rejoice the Lord is Risen!"

The procession, led by crucifer and acolyte Chuck Repede, circled the church three times while

being followed by the children of the parish, the Love of God Sodality, the Symbols of the Resurrection (Statue of the Resurrected Christ, the crucifix of the Eternal High Priest, and the Paschal Candle), acolytes, thurifer Fr. Greg Gronn, and the Celebrant, Fr. Jason, processing the Monstrance carrying our Lord.

After 7:03am Mass, an Easter

Egg Hunt was held for children in attendance. After both Holy Masses, a light meal prepared by Fr. Jason and Natalie (with plenty of help!) of kielbasa, ham, fruit salad, chocolate-covered strawberries, candy, punch, coffee, pascha bread and more were served to any hungry belly.



Easter at St. Mary's Continued

The downstairs hall was decked out in Easter fare as games and an Easter Egg Hunt were prepared to let the kids continue the Easter holiday that they began so properly by attending Holy Mass.



Low Sunday Potluck & Parish Easter Dinner

On the Second Sunday of Easter, April 12th, only one Holy Mass was celebrated in the morning and the congregation was invited to the downstairs hall for the annual Easter Dinner.

The Parish provided kielbasa and kraut, noodles, drinks, etc. and everything else was potluck! Eggs were blessed and brought by the Pastor and the Parish

Chair to each person in attendance. The priest heroically even ate a piece of egg!

Thanks to all who attended and provided such delicious food.



Various Announcements

PolishFest

As announced last month, our PolishFest is scheduled to take place this July 9-12. It will follow some of the same format as last year, with enough tweaks and advertising to have a greater community impact. A meeting will be held between Masses on May 17th.

100th Anniversary Planning

A meeting was held on Tuesday, February 24th to begin planning for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of our Parish. Plans are beginning to take form for our October 10th celebration. Please make sure to mark the date on your calendar now. Be expected to be tapped on

the shoulder between now and then for various reasons (history, grunt work, any talent you may have) as we begin our preparations.

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale, originally scheduled for May 16th, has been postponed until a date later in the summer. Thank you to all who have cobbled items for this event but unfortunately we have not received enough items to make the sale successful. Please continue gathering items and putting them on the stage. Keep your eyes and ears open for a makeup date.

Bowling Tournament

The PNCC National Bowling Tournament takes place May 29-31 in

Lancaster, NY, hosted by Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral. St. Mary's will be sending a delegation to this 70th Annual tourney-see Elaine Ploskonka if interested.

May Devotions

Marian Devotions in the month of May will be taking place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. They will be in Polish on 5/20 and in English on 5/13 & 5/27. Please honor the patroness of our parish by offering prayers through her to our Resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SOCL CLOSING

Please make the greatest of efforts to be in attendance next Sunday, May 17th, as we will have SOCL closing exercises and presentations.

Hygiene Kits

The Mission Team and friends spent Wednesday morning, April 29th, putting together 175 Hygiene Kits that were distributed to St. Malachi's.

Our time together began with Holy Mass as we prayed for our brothers in sisters in need of God's grace of healing. We then proceeded to the Fellowship Hall where a delicious

homemade breakfast of quiche and muffins was served.

Over the last few months, the parish has been called to collect travel size, single-use, and other small-item toiletries. These collected items were then laid out and separated

These kits included a washcloth, shampoo, comb, soap, toothbrush and

toothpaste, and conditioner/moisturizer. Many thanks to all who donated items throughout the last few months.

The items were indeed received at St. Mala-



chi's on Washington Ave in Cleveland with great appreciation. This

parish provides a ministry to those in need by providing showers, etc. Our hygiene kits were donated to aid this ministry.



Just a few thoughts from your parish chair



No Love like a Mother's Love

There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.

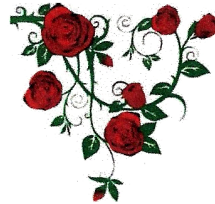
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

Jill Lemming

If Roses Grow in Heaven



If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and I miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.

Author Unknown

To all of our Mothers... May God forever bless, protect and guide you.

Thanks for reading!

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A Note from Your Pharmacist:

Protect Yourself from the Sun

Why it's important

Exposure to the sun's UV rays can cause premature aging, eye damage and skin cancer. It is important for everyone to be protected but especially those who work outside, have pale skin, light colored hair and anyone diagnosed with skin cancer and their family members. The sun's rays are strongest between 10am and 2pm. Limit your time outside during these times even on overcast days.

Tips for sun safety

In general, look for sunscreen that is at least 15 SPF and has both UVA/UVB protection ("broad spectrum"). Choose at least 30 SPF water-resistant sunscreen for extended outdoor activities. Check the expiration date on your sunblock regularly. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than three years. Also, wear UV protective eyewear. Consider sun-protective clothing if you are going to be exposed to a lot of sunlight.

How to apply

Put on 15-30 minutes before going outside. Apply liberally to all uncovered skin including your lips. A good rule of thumb is a teaspoon for your face and a shot glass for your body. Re-apply at least every 2 hours, more often if sweating or swimming.

For children

Apply sunscreen to children each time they go outside. Follow the directions on the package for using a sunscreen product on babies less than 6 months old. Keep babies out of direct sunlight. Lightweight clothing that covers arms and legs and hats should be worn for protection.



Common Terms

UVA- Up to 95 percent of the UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface. Present all year long and can penetrate glass. UVA is the dominant tanning ray.

UVB- Causes reddening of the skin and sunburn. Mostly present during daylight from April to October. Can damage skin all year round and reflects rays off of surfaces such as snow.

SPF- Refers to how long it will take for UVB rays to redden skin compared to how long skin would take to redden without sunscreen.

Broad spectrum- Has demonstrated through FDA testing effectiveness in protecting from both UVA and UVB radiation.

Water-resistant- Indicates if sunscreen is still effective after sweating or swimming. Specific products will state either effective for 40 minutes or 80 minutes after activity.

References:

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm049090.htm>

<http://www.skincancer.org/prevention/uva-and-uvb/understanding-uva-and-uvb>

<http://pharmacistsletter.therapeuticresearch.com>

May Days of Note



- 1st – Marianne Viers (Misiewicz)
- 1st – Bruce Toburen
- 2nd – Kevin Burger
- 2nd – Tom Bedocs
- 2nd – Pat Glatzer
- 4th – Jimmy Ploskonka
- 6th – Joshua Knapp
- 7th – Sally Harper
- 8th – Stan Dobrowolski
- 9th – Demi Paulus
- 9th – Lolly Spilka
- 12th – Debbie Moritz
- 13th – Chuck Repede
- 15th – George Ziefle
- 16th – Adrienne Michalczyk
- 18th – John Grmovsek
- 18th – Jim Matteson
- 29th – Andre Spanjol
- 30th – Jo Ann Long
- 30th – Audrey Spanjol



Happy Anniversary

- 1st – Gerald & Kathleen Beres

Quick Announcements

Help is always needed for our monthly Food Ministry. On the first Wednesday of every month, a group of parishioners take the time out of their schedules to prepare a fresh, hot meal that is served from 5pm-7pm.

Our needs vary from month-to-month. Sometimes, we need help cooking the meal. Other times, it is the setting of the tables and preparation of the hall. Other times, serving and cleanup. If you are at all interested in offering your time and ministry to this endeavor, please feel free to speak to Fr. Jason or to Dr. Jim Ploskonka. Thank you in advance!

Our Prayer List

Prayer List

Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners:

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| Marlane Oleniacz | Barbara Baranowski |
| Bill & Joan Kastak | Anna Dawidziuk |
| Craig & Judy Atherton | John Spilka |
| Louise Cygan | Edward Basiewicz |
| Mary Ann Loschelder | June Zaun |
| Alison Jambor | |
| Laura Samelson | |

Please pray for our family and friends:

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| Wanda Clark | Beth Chihill |
| Michael Cosevin | Helen Cummings |
| Laina Dachtal | Colby Howard |
| Jay Grabowsky | Pam Chesar |
| Cecelia Hall | Caroline Kunes |
| Oliver Kuta | Thomas Lill |
| John & Anne Nemetz | Bea Miskow |
| Rose Neyman | Carol & Chuck Boesch |
| Joanie True | Daniel Rinella |
| Joanel Rollen | Veronica Babic |
| Fr. Tom Sheha | Fr. Sr. Gus Sicard |
| Gracie Pijor | Ben Soltesy |
| Don and Pam Tropiano | Linda Vect |
| Dennis and Sue Vect | Jack Amburgey, Jr. |
| Bryson Dzurhoff | George Beggin |
| Cherise Pacanovsky | Jane Hunter |
| Dennis Thome | The Finnie Family |
| Carlene Fliss | Jim Fliss Jr. |
| Duda Family | Fr. Sr. John Kraus |
| Nan Cramer | Bp. Stanley Bilinski |
| Bp. John Mack | David Vaden |
| Bp. John Swantek | Jeannie Bartko Muran |
| Gina Crosetti | Madilyn Perry |
| Elsa Vogl de Gomez | Joyce Dicken |
| Kim Blaha | John Clark Sr. |
| Tom Bowen | Greg Soucie |
| Robert Winlock | Veronica Babic |

Those in nursing homes or assisted living:

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| Shirley Paulus | Tony Mudrak |
| Gene Mora | Ted Jurczyk |
| | Polly Gajda |

WE ALSO REMEMBER

- ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY NEEDING HEALING
- ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Lord, bring all service personnel safely home!!!

Bless them, O Lord.

To Mother

You painted no Madonnas
On chapel walls in Rome,
But with a touch diviner
You lived one in your home.

You wrote no lofty poems
That critics counted art,
But with a nobler vision
You lived them in your heart.

You carved no shapeless marble
To some high-souled design,
But with a finer sculpture
You shaped this soul of mine.

You built no great cathedrals
That centuries applaud,
But with a grace exquisite
Your life cathedral-ed God.

Had I the gift of Raphael,
Or Michelangelo,
Oh, what a rare Madonna
My mother's life would show!
--Thomas W. Fessenden

