

Hello Everyone!

A very Happy Mother's Day to all the moms, step-moms, grandmas, aunts, sisters, guardians, and even those single dads (who do the job of dad and mom) out there! May your weekend be wonderful and you get to sleep in for at least a half hour extra! Your dedication is astounding. Remember that every once in a while you must do something to fill your "tank" - something just for you, that makes you happy. Though our children make us happy, remember that before you were mom, you were _____ (fill in the blank with your name). So often we feel this guilt to want to just do something without the kids or even husband - but dont. A dear friend of mine and I were talking one day. She asked me why I didnt ride anymore. I told her that i saved the money so my daughter could get riding lessons. This friend is very matter of fact, and she said, "oh good! so you are teaching her that once she is a mom, what makes her happy doesnt matter anymore." She added, "do you think she doesnt see how happy you are on a horse?" I was floored. Of course, my daughter needed to add, "Yeah mom, I love your smile when you get on the horse." As I, "but, but, butted" them both, I realized she was right. So now I ride whenever I get a chance. Sometimes I feel guilt when I save a little extra and put it towards me, but it is important for my children to see that I am more than just Gilly and Victoria's mom. Yes, they make me over the moon happy and make me feel complete, but the COLLEEN in me is also over the moon happy when I am riding. What makes you happy? What little things can you do just for you? Have you done anything just for YOU? You would be surprised how amazing you feel when you do, because you come home happy and that is seen by the very people that you love even more than yourself!

Remember that May 19th is our Hope Ribbon Ceremony at mass. Please join us.

Father Matt wanted to pass along the following: A recent altercation at O'Hara High School Bingo has been brought to our attention. We are working closely with the Tonawanda Police Department to make sure we are keeping our bingo patrons and parents safe. Understanding that there a many rumors about what took place, we want to assure our parents that the incident was targeted to O'Hara. The perpetrator was apprehended that evening. We have asked for increased police presence and are securing a video system within the near future. Please continue to be diligent at bingo. Lock the ½ bingo door. Call the police in an emergency. Thank you for all of your help and be assured that safety is a priority at St. Andrew's.

Have a wonderful weekend! Happy Mother's Day!

Peace,

Mrs. P