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## St Mary's High School Performing Arts Department

**PRESENTS** 

## **GODSPELL**

## Conceived and Originally Directed by JOHN-MICHAEL TEBELAK

## MUSIC AND NEW LYRICS BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

starring

Molly Callahan Mackenzie Kwilos Lizzy Jankowski Dyland Gurnari Matthew Walter Marten Linnan Alexander Sylvester

Riley O'Malley Allison Krawczyk Amelia Fontaine

Director/Choreographer Heather Ruhland Music Director Ryan Kaminski

Originally Produced on the New York Stage by EDGAR LANSBURY / STUART DUNCAN / JOSEPH BERUH

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#### **SONGS**

#### **ACTI**

Prologue Compa
Tower of Babble Compa
Prepare Ye (The Way of The Lord) ————————————————————————————————————
Save the People Jesus, Compa
Day by Day Robin, Compa
Learn Your Lessons Well Gilmer, Jesus, Compa
O Bless the Lord My Soul Peggy, Compa
All For The Best Jesus, Judas, Compa
All Good Gifts Lamar, Compa
Light of the World

#### ACT II

Learn Your Lessons (Reprise) Lamar, Company
Turn Back, O Man Sonia, Company
Alas For You Jesus
By My Side Peggy, Gilmer, Company
We Beseech Thee Jeffrey, Company
Day by Day (Reprise) Robin, Company
On The Willows Apostles
Finale Jesus, Company

#### **NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR**

When I sit back and watch this cast of *Godspell*, the wave of emotions ebb and flow. Trying to stage a full musical during a global pandemic was no easy task, however, I knew it had to be done.

We all needed a sense of normalcy. We needed our sense of family and community back on the stage that the curtain closed on last year; just days before Opening Night. The pain from that is still very much real. The one thing I knew that would help heal was the simple fact that we needed to get back to what we love to do.

The musical, *Godspell*, allows for artistic views and interpretations to be easily adapted. It's a forgiving show in regards to set design, allowing our actors to be spaced out appropriately. It requires a small orchestra, which was great for pre-recording in the studio. Mostly, this show allows many people to be involved and featured. It allows our actors to create their own characters and make them their own.

As always, challenges arise with a musical production, but with COVID challenges being the front runner in everyone's minds, the smaller, nonessential issues seemed to take a back seat, and let the show come to life in its own time of 26 days!

The pandemic forced us to perform in a new way in which we had to pre-record our vocals and get ready to perform for a camera instead of a live audience. It was an experience that we made the best of, and I look forward to the final product.

All in all, at the end of the production process, the cast, crew, and directors are happy to take everything "Day by Day" and would like to wish the graduating seniors a lifetime of "All Good Things!"

"All for the Best," Ms. Heather Ruhland

#### **CAST**

#### **Cast Members**

Jesus	Dylan Gurnari
John/Judas	Matthew Walter
Robin	Molly Callahan
Sonia	Mackenzie Kwilos
Jeffrey	Marten Linnan
Gilmer	Riley O' Malley
Peggy	Allison Krawczyk
Joanne	Amelia Fontaine
Herb	Alexander Sylvester
Lamar, Mary Ann Williamson	Lizzy Jankowski
Socrates	Krystal Vealey
Thomas Aquinas	Alex Walter
Galileo	Nicholas Cox
Davinci	Victoria Loniewski
Edwards	Grace Haen
Hubbard	Emilia Clausen-Dixit
Sarte	Bridget Barı
Company Member	Catherine Loniewski
Company Member	Cecelia Mineo
Company Member	Molly O'Connor
Company Member	Cierra Williams
Produc	ction / Creative
Director/Choreographer	Heather Ruhland
Music Director	Ryan Kaminski
	<b>Drchestra</b>
Guitar & Ukulele	Ryan Kaminski
Percussion	Seth Zielinski
Keyboard	Eric Van Pyrz
Bass	Sean Szymanski

#### **CREW**

#### **Crew Members**

Tech Director	Heather Ruhland	
Stage Manager	Lillian Mikula	
Tech Crew	Madison Stoklosa, Marten Linnan, Lillian Mikula, Mya Maher	
Sound Board	Eric Ridolfi	
Light Board	Mya Maher	
Spotlight	Madison Stoklosa	
The Cast, Crew, and Directors of <i>Godspell</i> would like to thank the following:		

The Administration, Faculty, and Staff of St. Mary's High School for their continued support of the Performing Arts Department.

Mr. Richard Christian and the Art Club for painting the set.

Fr. Dave Richards and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish for the rehearsal space.

Mr. Ron and Mr. Rob for the tools.

Mr. Glenn Bernardis for recording, mixing, and editing our sound!

Mr. Rob Red and CandleLight Productions for producing our Video.

Mr. Chris Ballard, Ms. Lisa Ludwig and Shakespeare in the Park for the wireless microphones.

#### **WHO'S WHO**



#### **Dylan Gurnari**

as Jesus

Dylan Gurnari is a Junior at St. Mary's High School, and he is beyond ecstatic to play Jesus in this year's production of *Godspell*. Dylan has been very active in the theatrical productions here at St. Mary's for his past three years and has also been involved in the musical theatre world for years prior. From his Best Leading Actor Kenny Award Nomination for Gomez in St. Mary's *The Addams Family*, to last year's role as J. Pierrepont Finch in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, which was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid-19, he has stayed persistent with his musical career! Dylan would first like to thank everyone for watching our production from the comforts of their own homes, but most importantly, thank his incredible directors, Ms. Heather Ruhland and Mr. Ryan Kaminski for putting on such a phenomenal show during this pandemic!



#### **Matthew Walter**

as John/Judas

Matt Walter is a Senior who is saddened to be performing for his last time. He has done the musical and Fall Play each year at St. Mary's, in addition to Glee Club and Varsity Chorus. He is excited to be embracing his final villainous role as Judas. He would like to thank all of his directors and fellow actors as he enjoys one last show surrounded by his St. Mary's Family.



#### **Molly Callahan**

as Robin

Molly is a Senior at St. Mary's and is absolutely thrilled to play Robin in *Godspell*! You may have seen her as a featured dancer in SMH's *Once On This Island* and *The Addams Family*, or participating in the Fall Plays since her freshman year- her most recent role being Meg in *Little Women*. Last year, Molly was also cast as Rosemary in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. She is a member of Glee Club, Dance Club, National Honor Society, is an officer of SMH's Varsity Chorus, and the Senior Class Secretary. Outside of school, she has been dancing for 15 years and participates in Lancaster Youth Bureau's Summer Theatre Program. She would like to thank the directors, cast, and crew for all of their hard work and her family and friends for their constant support!

#### **WHO'S WHO**



#### Mackenzie Kwilos

as Sonia

Mackenzie Kwilos plays Sonia in *Godspell* and is so grateful for the opportunity to do a musical during a year like this! You may have seen her in past performances as Ti Moune in *Once On This Island* and Wednesday in *The Addams Family*. Additionally, she was in all of the Fall Plays, most recently playing Beth in *Little Women*. She is a member of Glee Club, Praise Band, and Varsity Chorus- where she is the marketing manager. Aside from the stage, she is Vice President of the Senior Class and a member of the National Honor Society. She also sings with the Music Academy of WNY where she competes in a show choir group and will play Serena in *Legally Blonde*. This show is bittersweet, as it's her last on the St. Mary's stage. She would like to thank Ms. Ru and Coach K for an amazing four years and the lifelong friends she has made for so much laughter, kindness, support, and above all, great music. She will never forget all of the memories made backstage at St. Mary's.



#### Marten Linnan

as Jeffrey

Marten Linnan, a Senior, has been in numerous shows at St. Mary's, such as *Once on this Island* as Agwe, *Clockwork* as Monroe, and *The Addams Family* as Lucas (winning a Kennedy Award for Best Supporting Actor!). In *Godspell*, Marten couldn't be more excited to take on the role of Jeffrey! Marten is a member of the Music Academy of WNY as part of their show choir competition team and their musical programs. During his free periods, you will find Marten with Ms. Ru in the Gus working on the sets, hoping something doesn't break or poke them in the eye. Marten would like to thank his friends for always being there for him and his mom for her support and always believing in him. The biggest thank you goes out to Ms. Ru and Coach K for doing everything in their power to give us a musical in these crazy times. As his journey at St. Mary's comes to end, Marten couldn't be more proud of all the accomplishments of his Performing Arts Family.

#### **WHO'S WHO**



#### Riley O' Malley

as Gilmer

Riley is a Senior at St. Mary's, and is overjoyed to be playing Gilmer in this year's production of *Godspell*. She has participated in all the plays and musicals since her freshman year, with opportunities to play some pretty interesting and loveable characters. She was lucky enough to play Abby Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Nola in *Clockwork!*, Amy March in *Little Women*, ensemble in both *Once on This Island* and *The Addams Family*, and Hedy LaRue in *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* - before the world shut down. Riley would like to thank her mom for all her support over the years, Coach K for all of his hard work and dedication, and Ms. Ru for always giving her a chance and breaking her out of her shell. Good luck to all the cast and crew who have worked so hard to make this show so amazing!



#### **Allison Krawczyk**

as Peggy

Allison Krawczyk is a Junior at St. Marys this year. She has been very involved in the Music Department, and this musical is her first official show at SMH. Although she had a rough start at this school in the Performing Arts and with everything being so unpredictable throughout COVID, she really tried to put her all in everything she has been involved in. She is so excited and grateful to be playing Peggy in this year's production of *Godspell*! She wants to give an enormous thank you to both Coach K and Ms. Ru from the bottom of her heart for giving her this amazing opportunity and always taking a chance on her. This show was put together in such a short amount of time, and they did an amazing job to keep the cast motivated and ready for this performance.



#### Amelia Fontaine

as Joanne

Amelia is a hardworking and talented Sophomore at St. Mary's. She is in in the Varsity Chorus, Spanish Club, Track, and enjoys performing. Amelia has loved the idea of being on stage again after her amazing experience in *Seussical the Musical* at the age of 10. Though this is her second musical, Amelia hopes to grow and enjoy many more musicals to come.

#### **WHO'S WHO**



#### Alexander Sylvester

as Herb

Alex Sylvester is a Sophomore and plays the role of Herb. He is known for such previous roles like one of the Wickersham Brothers in *Seussical* and "The Guy in the Back of Stage Left" in *The Wizard of Oz.* He also plays on the St. Mary's JV Basketball Team and is a perfect 100% from 3-point range this season (1/1). He's known around school for his performance of a parody song about milkshakes during a retreat and his signature walk into Ms. Ru's classroom every morning.



#### Lizzy Jankowski

as Lamar, Mary Ann Williamson

Lizzy Jankowski is a Sophomore at St. Mary's and is playing Lamar in this year's production of *Godspell*. This is her first lead as a St. Mary's Lancer, and she couldn't be any happier! Last year, before Covid-19, she was part of the ensemble of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Not only can you find Lizzy on the stage, but you can also find her on the volleyball court and the softball field, as Lizzy plays on the school volleyball team and is also plays on the regional level team at Niagara Frontier Volleyball Club. She can be found on the Senior Girls softball diamond at EMW. Lizzy has participated in multiple musicals while at Annunciation and St. Mary's Elementary as well.



#### **Krystal Vealey**

as Socrates

Krystal is thrilled to be a part of this year's musical! You may have previously seen her as Marmee in *Little Women* way back in Fall 2019. She wishes to thank her Mom for her unending support, her castmates for being like a family to her, and Ms. Ru and Mr. Kaminski for pushing her to always do better and for giving her such an incredible experience at St Mary's.



#### **Alex Walter**

as Thomas Aquinas

Alex Walter is a Sophomore at St. Mary's. He has appeared in previous drama productions, such as Horton in *Seussical* and Fredrick Bhaer in *Little Women*. He is also on the school Chess Team, as well as Glee Club. Alex is playing St. Thomas Aquinas in the prologue of *Godspell*, and plans on participating in all of St. Mary's drama performances in the future!

#### **WHO'S WHO**



#### **Nicholas Cox**

as Galileo

Nicholas is a Freshman at St. Mary's, but is no stranger to the stage. He brings with him a wealth of musical theater experience and is looking forward to his first SMH musical! Look for Nicholas as Galileo in *Godspell* and as a company members in several numbers. He thanks his family for their support and wishes the cast the best of luck!



#### Victoria Loniewski

as Davinci

Victoria is a Senior at St. Mary's, and this is the fourth musical she has performed here. She has been part of the ensemble of *Once on this Island*, *The Addams Family*, and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (before the pandemic). She is excited to take part in *Godspell* in the ensemble as well as Da Vinci in the prologue. Victoria would like to thank her family for supporting her efforts, including her Aunt Kasia who has given her voice lessons. She also wants to thank Miss Ru and Mr. Kaminski for working hard to make *Godspell* happen in less than a month! She is happy that this has been her last performance before leaving St. Mary's.



#### **Grace Haen**

as Edwards

Grace Haen is a Freshman at St. Mary's High School and is playing Johnathan Edwards in *Godspell* this year. Grace is also a competitive dancer at Barb Denny's Studio of the Dance Arts and has been dancing for 13 years. Grace has been in several other shows at the Lancaster Opera House and at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.



#### **Emilia Clausen-Dixit**

as Hubbard

Emilia is a talented young Dophomore who is L. Ron Hubbard and an ensemble member in St. Mary's High School's production of *Godspell*. This is her first year actually performing in a school musical, and she couldn't be any more excited! She has been in many other plays through ACTS (Alden Christian Theater Society), such as *Cinderella*, *Snow White*, and *Robin Hood*. She can't wait to be in future St. Mary's theatrical performances!

#### **WHO'S WHO**



#### **Bridget Barr**

as Sarte

Bridget is a Sophomore at St. Mary's, and this is her second year performing in the spring musical. Last year, she would have been an ensemble member in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, but she never got the chance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, however, she's more than ready to make her stage debut as a featured performer in *Godspell*, and she's extremely grateful that she has the chance to perform for everyone this year. When Bridget isn't singing her heart out on stage, she can be found singing her heart out in Glee Club!



#### Catherine Loniewski

as Company Member

Catherine - This is her first year doing the musical, and I have enjoyed it thus far! In my free time, I like to knit and walk around my neighborhood. I am also studying how to speak Polish and hope to go to Poland for college.



#### Cecelia Mineo

Cecelia is a Sophomore at St. Mary's. She participates in Cross Country, DonateLife club, and Lacrosse at school. Cecelia enjoys performing on stage and being a part of the school musical. She is excited for more opportunities to grow.



#### **Molly O'Connor**

as Company Member

Molly has been part of the musical for two years, both of which, she auditioned with her rendition of "Happy Birthday." She is so excited to be part of this year's musical, *Godspell*. Molly is so thankful for the hard work Coach K, Ms. Ru, and the cast put into the show with such little time.



#### Cierra Williams

as Company Member

Cierra is a Sophomore at St. Mary's. She participates in Softball, Glee Club, and Donate Life Club at school. Cierra loves performing and has been in musicals and concerts for both band and chorus. Cierra can't wait for more performances at St. Mary's High School!

#### **CREW WHO'S WHO**



#### Lillian Mikula

Lillian is a Senior at St. Mary's and is no stranger to an SMH production. Although you won't find Lillian on stage, she has been instrumental in the flawless execution of just about every play and musical throughout her four years at St. Mary's as the stage manager. At St. Mary's, Lillian is also a member of Art Club and National Honor Society.



#### Eric Ridolfi

Eric is a Sophomore at St. Mary's and has been part of other St. Mary's productions, including last year's Fall Play, *Little Women*. Eric took on the ever-tricky role of sound engineer in this year's production of *Godspell*. He's had a blast getting to work with this cast and crew and looks forward to being inlvolved with SMH theater for years to come.



#### Mya Maher

Mya is a Sophomore at St. Mary's and has been a part of the crew in previous St. Mary's productions. Mya has the privilege of working the lighting to ensure all of the actors can shine their brightest in *Godspell*. Mya has loved being a part of this crew and can't wait for more opporutnities to learn and contribute!



#### **Madison Stoklosa**

Madison is a Junior at St. Mary's and has been a fixture in the SMH Performing and Fine Arts Programs for the past three years. She loves working behind the scenes to put on productions. Madison is also a talented artist and was accepted into the Albright Knox Art Gallery's "AK Teens: Future Curators" program, which is essentially a wonderful summer internship opportunity.



We have LOVED watching you on the St. Mary's stage for the past 4 years. Your grace on stage has been mesmerizing to watch and created endless memories for us to fondly look back on. To see you fulfil your passion is one of our greatest joys. Congratulations on reaching your dream of performing on stage. You are a true triple threat!



May God contínue to bless you always,

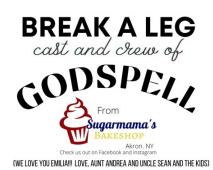
Mom, Dad, Brady, 5 Kelly



## Break a leg, Kenzie!

So proud of you and the cast of Godspell!

Love, Your Family



GODSPELL

Dear Molly (aka Robin),
"Day by Day" we have
enjoyed watching you
perform on stage - from
your dance recitals, plays,
and musicals. Continue to
follow your dreams. We
are so proud of you.
Love,
Grammie & Grampie

You amaze me
every day!
I am so proud of
you, Riley!

Good luck to the members of this talented musical!

Love - Mom

Good luck, Riley!
We are so proud
of all you have
accomplished over
the past four
years.
We love you!

Papa & Grandma

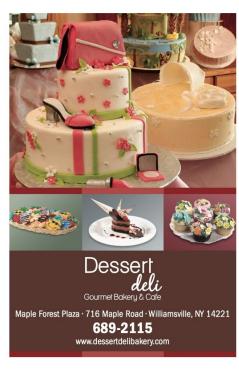


You are ALL GOOD GIFTS to your families and the SMH community!

May you always use your many talents to be a LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

Love, Mom and Dad, Keira, Reagan, and
Griffin







### Molly,

"Day by day, we love you more dearly."

Congratulations on another show.

Never give up on your dreams!

Grandma & Papa

# Congratulations Lizzy!

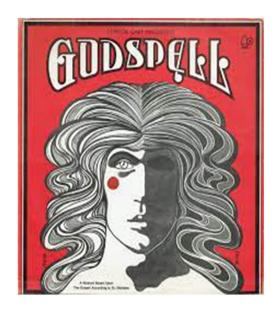
Love always,

Mom, Victoria, & Grandma Rose





## Good Luck Marten Linnan!!



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St. Mary's High School would like to wish the
cast of Codspell the best of luck on a
marvelous show!

## **Break a leg!**

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