

Parish News...

Liturgical Roles for Lectors & Eucharistic ministers are needed for all masses. Whether you have been one of the elects or start, please call the Parish Office with your intentions as well as the Mass time you prefer.

CCM Guild invites all women of the parish to join in an afternoon of **Prayer, Reflection and Friendship** on September 19th from 1-4pm @ Fr. David Sambors' camp. Fr. Michael Carmola with the retreat minister. For more information and reservations, please call Ann Krol @ 315 794-8371 or Camelle Jasinski @ 315 736-9107. Deadline for reservations is September 13th



Faith Formation, the program is startING on September 19th and in person.

September 19th is Catechetical Sunday. This parish is blessed with great catechists who are willing to share their faith and the God New with your children. Let us thank them for all their gifts. Mrs. M. Facci-K, Mrs. C Stuhlman & Mrs. Mittagi-1st Grade, Mrs. Biamonte & Mrs. Patterson -2nd Grade, Ms. C Fedor-3rd Grade, Mrs. S Spina- 4th, 5th & 6 Grade, Mrs. S. Spina 7 & 8th Grade, Mrs. A. Furner, Mr. M Wolkowicz, Mrs. A Stanulevich -9th Grade and Mr. W Dashiewich -Confirmation & Mrs. N. Constantine and Ms. P Doggett. Without them, this program would not be as great as it is. I would truly be lost without them.

There is still time to register. Any family who would like to pre-register their children, please call me to register. The cost will be the same as last year, \$25 per child or \$45 per family.

Attached is a copy of the school schedule. This may be subject to change depending on certain circumstances. Should something change, I will send out an email to all families

As in last year, we will provide each child their own packets of supplies, crayon, pencils and glue sticks. Please try and register your children before this date so we can have material ready when classes start

Due to the increase number of COVID cases in our area, the following protocol will be implemented regarding entrance in to the school

- 1) As like last year all parents will be required to sign the **COVID -19 Personal Home Screening and Personal Protection Covenant** before their child is allowed in the program
- 2) As directed by the Governor of the State of New York, all students in both public and private schools will be required to wear a face mask. This will also apply to the Faith Formation Program.
- 3) Anyone entering the building will be required to wear a face mask
- 4) Parents will be allowed on the first floor to drop off the children and must exit the Knights of Columbus door after dropping off the children for class.
- 5) Only Grade K-1 grade student's parents will be allowed to pick their children in the classroom at dismissal as the children will be required to be signed out. If there is a sibling in a grade higher, the sibling may join that sibling for discharge.
- 6) Grades 2-6, parents must wait at the Knights of Columbus door to pick their child/ren up.

Drop off and Pick up Protocol

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As Faith Formation is on Sunday's when Masses are scheduled, it is important to follow the protocol be followed for the safety of the children for Grades K-6

- 1) There will be NO stopping to drop the child off in front of the school. Everyone must park their car and bring the children into the school.
- 2) No parking is allowed going up the street to the school to bring the children to class. You must park your car in the parking lot or on the right side of the street going down the hill.
- 3) There is no parking in the circle. **NO** Exception. If necessary, cones will be placed to block the circle.
- 4) Children will not be allowed to go out of the building without a parent to pick them up. A parent must be present in the building to pick up their child.



This is only for the Confirmation Students being Confirmed on October 28th.

Confirmation Students will be required to attend classes once they are until Confirmation. These classes are mandatory Direct Prep classes required for Confirmation. All information regarding sponsor and confirmation will be needed when classes start.

There has been a change in the mandatory retreat which was going to be held @Syracuse University on September October 23. Due to an increase in cost, this was canceled. We are looking to have it at the Good News Center on the same date. More information to follow.

Confirmation is October 28th @ 7pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Whitesboro. Bishop Cuning\ will celebrate the Confirmation Mass. The practice will be held on October 27th @5pm with a dinner with the Confirmadi and sponsor at 5pm and practice to follow. Each time will sign up for a dish to pass. This will be discussed at the first class on September 19th.



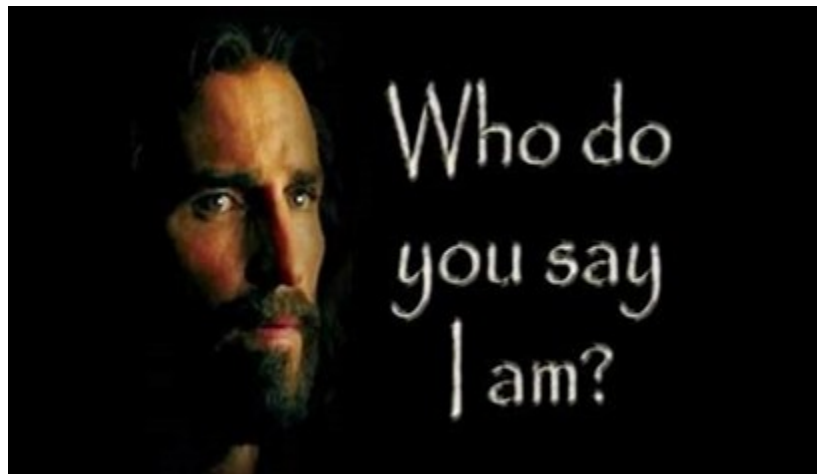
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 50:5-9a

Responsorial Psalm 166: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



Good News: Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.

Have you ever paused for a moment to reflect on your identity as a person? Who are you really? Why were you born? What do people think about you? In the gospel reading above, Jesus too posed this

question. It is not only part of our humanity to know ourselves. It is in fact a necessary question that we must all answer in order to grow spiritually.

We need to know who we are, not as a conceited exercise of promoting our self-worth, but to be grounded properly about our true nature and also to be aware of our mission on earth or our role in the scheme of things. Just as Jesus got the affirmation from Peter that he is the Christ, we need to get the affirmation that our true nature is spiritual, that we are sons and daughters of God.

Yet even as we know that we are children of God, we also become aware of our sinfulness. By our pride and wickedness, we rebelled against our loving Father. Yet He continues to love us. That is why He sent His only son Jesus as the Christ, that is, the anointed one to redeem us.

There are three main parts of the gospel reading above:

1) Revelation of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah

In this gospel reading, the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is revealed. After many months of being with His disciples, Jesus wanted them to state what they know about Him or how they understood Him. It is not that Jesus was unaware of the thoughts of His apostles. Being the Son God, Jesus of course knew what they were thinking. However, as a champion teacher, He wanted to elicit the correct answer in order for them to be aware of who He is and what His mission is all about. Thanks to Peter who brought out the correct answer although he did not understand the meaning of his answer.

2) Mention of death and suffering that awaits Jesus

The reading also tells us for the first time in Mark's gospel that Jesus is going to suffer and die but He will rise on the third day. This comes as a shocking revelation to the apostles so much so that Peter got the nerve to rebuke his own master. How could the "anointed one" suffer and die? He is supposed to deliver the Israelites from the oppressive Roman rule and He is going to die? That will never happen! Peter got disappointed. Obviously, Peter and the other apostles misunderstood the meaning of Christ.

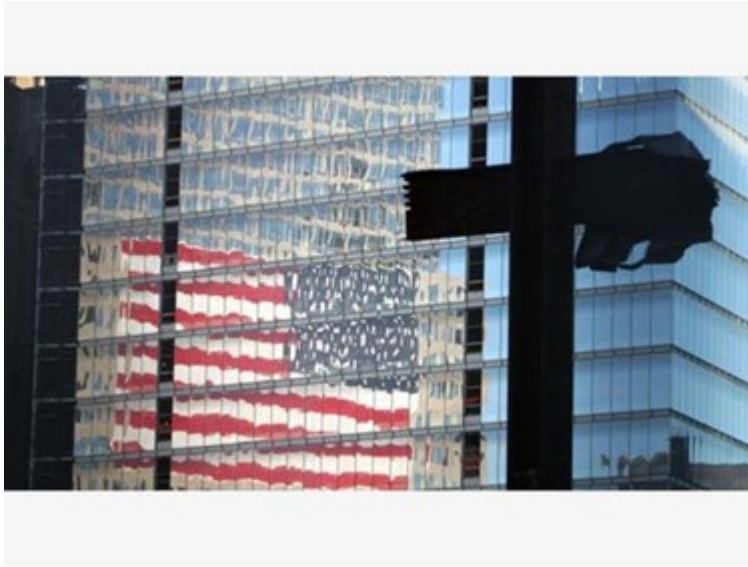
From the gospel, we learn that the meaning of Satan is anyone who stands in the way of Jesus' mission!

3) What does it take to be a disciple?

Jesus explains that a disciple must

- a) Deny himself
- b) Take up his cross
- c) Follow Him.

In doing so, one necessarily lives the paradox of losing oneself for the sake of Christ but in the process finds himself.



Weekly Prayer

It is hard to believe that it has been twenty years since the events of September 11, 2001. It stands as memory etched within our lives forever as if time stood still. Everyone has a story of what they were doing the day such a horrific tragedy occurred, and that pain still resonates deeply within. It is a bond that we share not only as Americans but also as members of the human race. The day that began as just another Autumn Day but left us shaken to our cores. Although it has been two decades, let us come together in prayer so that we may never forget the lives lost, the families affected, and the memory of September 11th

1. Prayers for Families of the Fallen

Father God,

We come together to lift up and pray for the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives on September 11th. Lord, their lives will never be forgotten, and our hearts go out to those who lost someone dear from the events of that day. Those left behind were robbed of such important and valuable people, Lord. Please comfort them as this anniversary returns yet again. Be present among them in their grief, and Lord, we pray that those surrounding them would offer kindness where they can. That they would be able to celebrate the precious lives of those who died with honor. May sweet memories of good times be shared and recalled, and may there be a sense of peace in knowing they do not grieve their loss alone. Please bless them with Your love on this day.

2. Prayers for the Survivors

Father God,

So many were killed due to the terrorist attacks on 9/11, but others were left with life-altering injuries and long-term mental effects. For the survivors, we pray this day for comfort. What they endured and witnessed was traumatizing and distressing; Lord, we pray for continued healing for their bodies and hearts. We pray that what was intended in pure evil would not have the final word upon these survivors.

We pray that You would surround them and pour out Your Spirit upon them. Lord, we pray that their stories, their experiences, and what they have seen will be used to inspire healing and peace in the time to come. They are strong individuals, and they deserve our respect. Please help them as this date passes again, and Lord, we thank You that they are here to live among us.

In Jesus Name,

Amen

3. Prayers for the Memory of those Lost

Father God,

Help us never to forget the memory of those lost to the events of 9/11. Lord, they did not die in vain, and we pray with genuine and sincere hearts that their legacies would go on to endure. We think of the courageous souls of Flight 93, who fought back towards the hijackers to spare more lives, giving the ultimate sacrifice in doing so. Lord, we pray for the memories of those who lost their lives to rescue, help, and save others, such as the firefighters, the police, and the civilians who offered a hand. May their bravery be remembered and not just a footnote in history books. And Lord, we pray for the innocent victims who were killed that heartbreaking day. We thank You for each and every single one of their lives. We thank You for the mark they left on this earth, and we celebrate the impact they had on us as friends, family, and neighbors. Even if we did not know them personally, they mattered to the story of our world, and we thank You for them. Help us not to lose sight with time of these souls; help us become ever mindful that they were made in Your image and that their lives held such great value.

Help their stories to be told again and again, and may we feel pushed to share them with those who were not even alive on September 11, 2001, so that they too may come to admire and respect the fallen. We sincerely ask that the memories of those who have passed on would not be erased from this age.

4. Prayers for Our Nation

Father God,

We pray for our nation as a whole this September 11th. September 12th was met with unity and grief that we all shared. It is still something we share as a people; it is a reminder of how fragile and precious life truly is. Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. We pray that Your Spirit would pour out among us and that through and by You, there would be a common heart, a common goal, and a common desire for peace and kindness towards one another. Let us not lose sight of what is important

in this life and help us [love one another](#) as You truly love us. Lord, we pray for our leaders today. We pray that You would give them wisdom and discernment as they tackle events and dilemmas as they unfold. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God, one that seeks to glorify, honor, and praise You. This is our heart's desire, Lord. We desire to be Your people, and we strive to have peace. This nation has so much to offer, and Lord, we pray for our nation to truly be a City on a Hill.

In Jesus Name,

Amen

5. Prayers for Peace in Our World

Father God,

We pray for peace in our world. It is clear that so much of this world is full of chaos and hate, but we know that is not of You. Lord, we pray that there would be a new heart and mindset in the people of this world that would not be of destruction and madness but of kindness and a sound mind and heart. We pray that this world in every nation would desire peace with their fellow man and that the love of the Lord would be ever-present. We know that such a prayer is a lofty one, but Lord, we also know that You can do infinitely more than all we could ask for or imagine ([Ephesians 3:20](#)). We have not forgotten how You changed the heart of even leaders like Nebuchadnezzar, and Lord, we know You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow ([Hebrews 13:8](#)), so boldly we pray for our world to come to a place of peace.

We pray this in Jesus Name,

Amen

Years have passed, but the events of September 11th will not be forgotten. As the anniversary comes about, let us take on the heart posture of peace towards our fellow man, and let us come before the Lord God Almighty to pray for our neighbors, our nation, and our world. Ask the Lord this day how you can honor those who lost their lives and how you can serve the Kingdom of God here on earth. Let us be ever mindful to pray for peace and to boldly come before the Lord to invite His Spirit to be among us.



Syracuse Dioceses Information:

COVID Update:

In response to the Delta variant of the coronavirus and the CDC Guidelines that recommend a return to mask wearing indoors in our seven counties, Bishop Lucia is **highly recommending mask wearing** during Masses and during any indoor church related event. All Eucharistic ministers are asked to wear a mask during the distribution of the Eucharist and to use hand sanitizer prior to the distribution.

All other protocols remain the same and can be found on the diocesan website: <https://www.syracusediocese.org//assets/Uploads/Updates-Celebration-of-the-Sacraments-in-Time-of-Pandemic-5.21.21.pdf>. For information on the Catholic Church's position on the vaccination, please visit <https://www.syracusediocese.org/about-us/httpswww-syracusediocese-orgabout-uswww-syracusediocese-orgabout-uscovid-19-information/>

Washington, D.C. – Continue to Oppose Federal Taxpayer Funding for Abortions

Last week, in two separate votes on packages of appropriations bills, the United States House of Representatives voted to force federal taxpayers to pay for abortions domestically and overseas, ending the Hyde Amendment and similar provisions, such as the Helms and Weldon amendments, that have been in place for forty-six years and have protected federal taxpayers from being forced to pay for abortions both domestically and overseas. The statements of the USCCB Committee Chairs, Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Naumann, and Bishop Malloy, can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The appropriations bills move to the United States Senate next.

If you have not done so already, please click [here](#) to take action and contact your elected officials and please click [here](#) to visit notaxpayerabortion.com for more information and to sign the petition.

From the Office of Liturgy and the R.C.I.A.

Catechetical Sunday Liturgical Resource

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September (September 19th, 2021) as “Catechetical Sunday”— a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church’s mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year’s theme is “Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed.” A liturgical resource is available for the commissioning / blessing of catechists from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - [click here](#). Or, see the *Book of Blessings*: “Order for the Blessing of Those Appointed as Catechists” and “Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers.”

Twentieth Anniversary of September 11, 2001 Liturgical Resources

Most of us remember where we were on the morning of September 11, 2001. We watched in horror as images of the terrorist attacks flooded the news media. We mourned the thousands of men, women, and children who perished in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania. Churches, synagogues, and mosques opened their doors as people tried to find meaning. Believers - old and new - found comfort, strength, and challenge in prayer. This September, our assemblies will be faced with renewed turmoil. Media coverage, national observances and family gatherings will refresh their minds and open their wounds. Our nation will again express its grief. While politics and patriotism will certainly be visible, prayer should take the more central role on this somber anniversary. The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions offers the following [Liturgy Preparation Aid: Prayer Resources for the Twentieth Anniversary of September 11, 2001](#) for communal and private prayer.

2) From the HOPE Appeal:

This weekend is HOPE Appeal Weekend. Parish goals and the campaign guide have been *emailed* to all locations. HOPE Appeal posters, in pew pledge brochures and DVDs have been *mailed* to all locations. Hope Appeal information is updated on our website and you can view the new video at: <https://www.syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/> . The first solicitation packet is being mailed to donors at the end of this week. If you have any questions or need additional materials, please contact Maureen Alessio at 315.422.0203. Thank you for all you do to promote and support the Annual HOPE Appeal.

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