

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

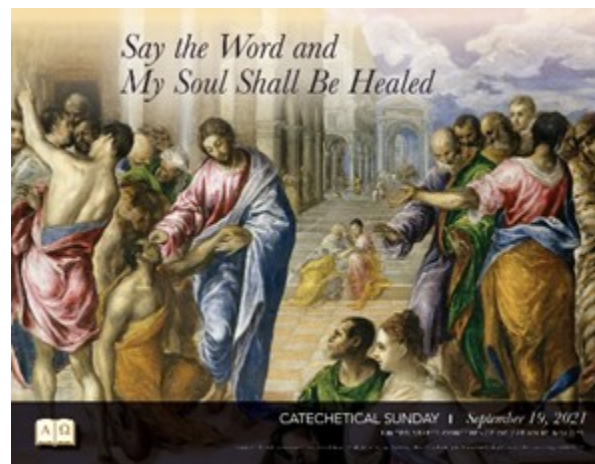


.. Faith Formation

We are working hard to develop a program for Family Catechesis along with the regular children's program. Family Catechesis is a model of faith formation that engages the whole family in learning about the our faith. We are looking at a family movie event, an event focusing on both Advent and Lent and a special event where all families are given a gift of Holy Water for the home. More to follow on these events

Faith Formation, the program is scheduled to start on September 19th and in person. There is a small change in the schedule . October 10th is Boilermaker Sunday. If the Boilermaker is not canceled, there will be no class that day due to multiple road closures in the area. I will keep all families updated is class will be held or cancelled

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. The Church celebrates this date under the theme of "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



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 for the Faith Formation Program, if you have not already. 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

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 Direct Prep 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 for Syracuse University to St. Paul's Catholic Church in Whitesboro. Mr. Mark Ranieri will facilitate the retreat. All students are to attend Mass after the retreat.

Confirmation is October 28th @ 7pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Whitesboro. Bishop Cunningham will celebrate the Confirmation Mass. The practice will be held on October 27th @ 5pm with a dinner with the Confirmandi 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.

Let's remember that as Catholics, it is important to attend Sunday Mass. At Mass we are able to stand mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship. With Faith Formation before the 11AM Mass, all families are welcome to this Mass. If unable to attend this Mass, please attend the Church Masses. Faith Formation Classes alone do not teach your children about their faith. It is important they see their faith in the Mass.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 7:30AM, 8:30AM, 10AM Polish Mass and 11am



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 2:12,17-20

Responsorial Psalm PS: 54, 3-4, 5, 6. & 8

2nd Reading: Jas 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



Reflection on this week's Gospel

Fr Arthur or Deacon Kirk do a much better job

Good News: The greatest shall be the servant of all.

Jesus is the only Son of God who came down to earth to reunite the people with the Father. To achieve this purpose, He needed to be humble and obedient to the Father even if it entails untold suffering and death upon a cross. (Philippians 2:8) His apostles did not fully understand the meaning of a suffering servant and instead argued who among them is the greatest. So, He presented to them a child and asked them to be like this child.

Who then is the greatest? To Jesus, it is not the mightiest ruler, or the fastest athlete, nor the handsomest celebrity. It is not what humans consider it to be. It is quite the opposite.

If you want to be the first, be the last and the servant of all, Jesus explained and He lived by it. He could have been the mightiest general and he could have driven the Roman soldiers out from Palestine in the shortest possible time but He chose another way. He became the stone rejected by the builders and most of all, he chose to be the suffering servant. He chose to conquer the enemy with love, not with military equipment. For the enemy is not another human being but the unseen evil.

To be the greatest means to be full of love and to be humble and obedient like a child. Moreover, to be a loving person means to be welcoming of others especially the poor and oppressed – those vulnerable members of society. Therefore, whenever we think of our own importance, let us go out and serve our less important brothers and sisters. People may not notice us but God is smiling and showing a thumbs-up sign.

Sermon Outline and Commentary:

1. The Nature of Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah

The gospel passage is part of Jesus' revelation of His identity as the Christ or Messiah who will suffer and be killed. His disciples could hardly understand why the Son of God should undergo such tragedy. Verse 32 says they were afraid to question Jesus. Most probably, they remember how He rebuked Peter and called him Satan for protesting His first pronouncement of His suffering and death (Mark 8:33). It could also be that like any other human being, they did not want to appear so confused or ignorant.

Verses 33 and 34 tell us that the disciples resorted to arguing among themselves. This is the obvious result when you refuse to clarify things with the one who is knowledgeable.

2. The Nature of a Child as a model of Discipleship

- a) Jesus took a child and placed it in the midst of the disciples who were indeed like little kids who lacked understanding and instead resorted to quarreling.
- b) Jesus accepts us no matter how ignorant we are. He is very patient with our lack of understanding.
- c) Jesus wants us to embrace the curiosity of a child who always "wanted to know" and who is not

afraid to ask the hard question.

d) Jesus teaches us to accept the little ones but look down on them.

3. Who is the greatest?

a) In a world of “Me first” attitude, it is quite hard to accept that the greatest among us is the last or least or lowest and that he must be the servant of all. Diakonos is the Greek word for servant and from which we get the word deacon.

b) The greatest must be like Jesus who humbled himself to become the servant of all.

c) There are some people in modern times who chose the most unlikely profession: to help the least in our society. Foremost is Mother Teresa. By giving charity work a human face, she became an inspiration to many people.



Theme: True greatness comes in serving others

Object Book: "The Rainbow Fish" (You should be able to find this book in your local bookstore or library.)

Scripture: Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:35-37 (NIV)

Activities + Resources

Have any of you ever read "The Rainbow Fish?" This book is about the most beautiful fish in the ocean. His scales were every shade of blue, green, and purple with sparkling silver scales mixed in. He was very beautiful, but he was also very selfish and self-centered. He was so beautiful that he thought he was too good to play with the other fish in the ocean.

One day a little blue fish asked Rainbow Fish for one of his beautiful, shimmering scales -- but he refused. Because of his selfishness, he was very unpopular with the other fish. He was not only the most beautiful fish in the ocean, he was also the loneliest fish in the ocean.

He told Starfish about his problem and Starfish sent him to talk to a wise old octopus. The octopus told Rainbow Fish that if he wanted to be happy, he should give one of his beautiful scales to each of the other fish. Rainbow Fish just could not imagine giving away his beautiful scales.

Once again, the little blue fish asked for one of Rainbow Fish's scales. He hesitated for a moment, but finally pulled off one of his scales and gave it to the little blue fish. When the other fish saw the little blue fish with a shiny scale, Rainbow Fish was surrounded by fish asking for one of his shiny scales. Before he knew it, he had given away all of his shiny scales except for one. Suddenly he realized that although he was no longer the most beautiful fish in the ocean, he was happier than ever before.

This story reminds me of something that Jesus said to his disciples. One day He heard his disciples arguing about which of them would be the greatest in God's kingdom. Jesus said to them, "If you want to be first, you must be last and you must be the servant of all." He then put his arms around a little

child and told his disciples, "If you welcome one of these, you welcome me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one that sent me."

Sometimes we think the most important thing is to be the first, to be the most beautiful, to be the smartest, or to be the GREATEST! That isn't what Jesus said. He said that the most important thing was to think of others first and ourselves last. If we want to be great in God's sight, we should seek to be a servant rather than seeking to be served.

Dear Jesus, help us to remember that to be the greatest, we must be willing to be the least. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

This week, we start our Faith Formation Program. This week's prayer asks the Lord to open the children's minds to knowledge and faith to you.



PRAYER - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Precious Lord I come to you today thanking You for this great country where our children can attend school and learn. Today as our children start back to school I pray our children grow in knowledge and faith - open their minds to both Lord. I pray for protection. I pray for teachers, staff and admin, and pray that you will continue to rise up teachers and staff that love you and are willing to share their faith boldly by the way they act and teach. I pray our children and parents have peace today. I pray for new friends, I pray they are a witness to You and that they will be bold to talk about You. I pray for Godly friends and decisions. May your presence be felt in every room, cafeteria, gym, bathrooms and hallway in our children's schools this year. Father may You be glorified this year like never before. These things we pray in Christ name. AMEN

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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.”

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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