

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.

The 39th family Rosary Crusade will be held on October 3rd @ 3pm at St. Joseph/St Patrick's Utica. This year's guest speaker is Rev. Ronan Murphy, Chaplain of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Free Rosaries, scapular and blessed Miraculous Medals will be given out as well as St. Joseph's relics in honor of the year of St. Joseph. **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION** begins @ 1:30pm Chapel of Divine Mercy begins @ 2:45pm and the crusade program begins @ 3pm. The Holy Rosary will be held by the Knights of Columbus

St. Cosmas & Damian Pilgrimage: St. Cosmas & Damian Pilgrimage 109th Celebration will be held at St. Anthony/St. Agnes this weekend Sept 24 to Sept 26th. Fr. Arthur will be celebrating with Fr. Mark a Healing Mass on September 24th @ 6:30pm. September 25 there will be prayers at the Shrine of the Santi Medici recitation of the Rosary, followed by the Benediction in the front of the Church. Let us celebrate these two Doctors of our Catholic Faith.

Food will be available for take out Saturday from 5pm-9pm and Sunday from 9am-12pm



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

There is still time 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

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.

Attached is additional information from the Office of Catechesis



This is only for the Confirmation Students in 11th Grade 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 to be held at 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 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.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4pm

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

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. While 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.



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: NM 11: 25-29

Responsorial Psalm PS: 19-8, 10. 12-13,

2nd Reading: Jas 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



While I have found wonderful reflections regarding the weekly Gospel reading, these should not be replaced by the sermons by Fr. Arthur or Deacon Kirk at the weekly masses-Lynn

Reflection

John seems to be jealous of the one who was driving out demons in the name of Jesus. Jesus sees the one driving out the demons as building up the Kingdom, not diminishing it. Building up the Kingdom is rewarded. What is more important is that anyone who diminishes the Kingdom by causing another to sin finds himself condemned to Gehenna. This is a warning to us that we are responsible for our actions. If any of those actions causes another to sin there will be repercussions. It is better to encourage everyone in the love of Jesus and the salvation of their souls.

Action

Consider what it is you can do to build up the reign of God and encourage those who are on this journey of faith.



Theme

We don't have to be grown to make a difference

Object: Even small children can make a difference; they can show kindness to others even now. Show objects representative of big ways of helping others (I took in a drill and a sewing basket). Compare this to a simple cup of water and explain that even doing small things (such as giving a cup of water in the name of Jesus) is still very important to others and to God. (I had a special glass filled with ice cubes, with an LED light that lit up when I pressed the button on the bottom of it)

Scripture "If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded." Mark 9:41 (New Living Translation)

Do adults ever ask you what you do when you grow up? Maybe someday you will be a seamstress or a carpenter or a doctor, and do great things for God. However, in the bible reading we have today Jesus said that even the small things we do for one another are important, and each of you can do small things even now. You don't need to wait until you grow up!

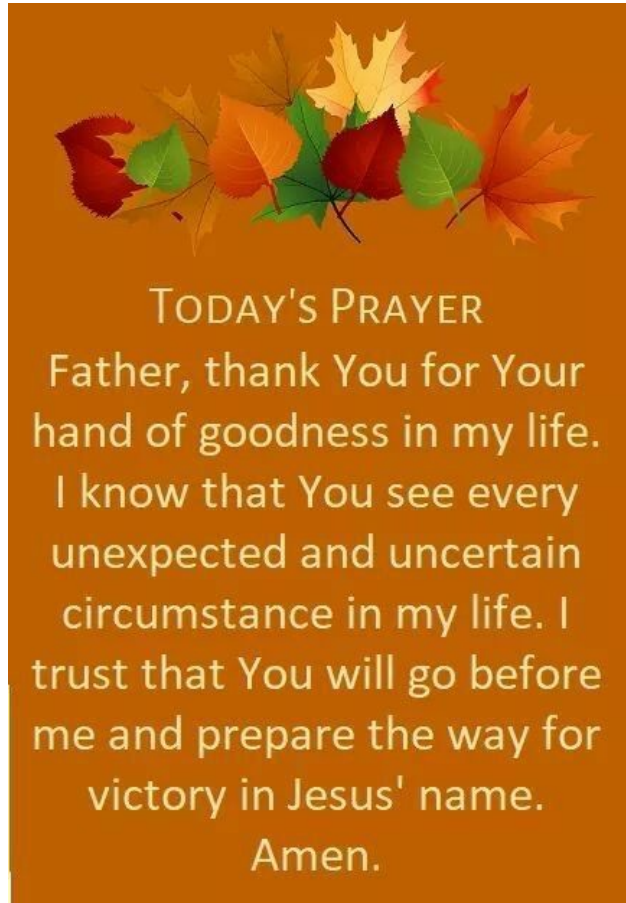
Look at this glass of water. Jesus said that even if we "give a cup of water" to someone in need it's important (and God will reward us). (Read out the text from Mark 9) Make the drill make a noise and ask the children if they would like to use the drill when they grow up. Open the sewing basket and show the children all the needles and thread, the scissors and the thimble. Ask them if they would be allowed to use the drill or the things in the sewing basket now, or if they need to wait awhile, until they grow up some more. Helping others in a small way is still very important, even when we're not very big.

God notices all the very small things we do for others. He even promises that in some way we will be rewarded. We've talked about some great ways of serving God and small ways of serving others. Now let's pray.

Dear Jesus, we look forward to your return. I pray that one day these kids will help make huge changes in the human race. But I am grateful to you that even when we are little, we can still do key things that help others. Aid us, through your Holy Spirit, to do those tiny things that will bless others that you approve of, remembering that even now, we can have a big impact. In Jesus' name. Amen!

Weekly Prayer

As summer has ended and fall has begun, lets us thank the Lord for the all the beauty that surround this season





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-us-covid-19-information/](https://www.syracusediocese.org/about-us/httpswww-syracusediocese-orgabout-uswww-syracusediocese-orgabout-us-covid-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 Msgr. Lang, Vicar for Parishes

The Tradition of the Annual Red Mass:

For nearly 800 years, the tradition of the Red Mass has invoked God's blessings and wisdom to guide

the life and work of the legal profession in the coming year. The tradition continues. There will be three Red Masses proclaimed in the Diocese of Syracuse for 2021:.

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 12:00 PM

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 259 E. Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY.

Monday, October 4, 2021 at 12:10 PM

St. Patrick's Church, 9 Leroy Street, Binghamton, NY.

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Historic Old St. John Church 240 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY

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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