

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 month of October is devoted to Mary and praying the Rosary. It is a month during which we need to increase our Marian spirituality. I loved what Fr. Arthur said this Sunday about praying the Rosary for a family member. If you do not know how to say the Rosary, I have attached a guide for all families to use.

Pray is such an important part of being Catholic and a great way of praying is thru the Rosary. The Rosary has its only purpose in prayer. For the Rosary it is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of one's salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary and these are the 5 Joyful mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday) 5 Luminous mysteries (said on Thursday and 5 Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday & Sunday which was included by St. John Paul the 2nd

One may ask what is the meaning behind each of the 5 mysteries on the Rosary. When one meditates on the Joyful Mysteries one accompanies Mary & Joseph as we learn that Mary will be the Mother of the Son of God, the journey with them through the birth of Jesus and His childhood.

40 Hour Devotions. Eucharistic Celebration 1 day only Sunday October 17th.

Reposition 12-4pm

Confession prior to Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

Mass @ 4pm with Procession to follow after Mass. Take this opportunity to thank God for all your blessing

Save the date: The Parish will be holding its annual Ham Dinner on November 7th. It will be drive thru. Annual raffle tickets will coincide with the Ham Dinner.



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

Classed resume normally this Sunday for all classes

Please note the continuing protocol implemented regarding entrance in to the school



This is only for those Confirmation students making the Sacrament on October 28th.

The retreat will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Whitesboro. Mr. Mark Ranieri will facilitate the retreat. All students are requested to attend Mass after the retreat.

On October 24th, students are requested to attend the 11AM. Fr. Arthur will have a special blessing for the Confirmdi

The practice will be held on October 27th @5pm with a dinner with the Confirmedi and sponsor at 5pm and practice to follow. Each time will sign up for a dish to pass.

Confirmation is October 28th @ 7pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Whitesboro. Bishop Cunningham will celebrate the Confirmation Mass.

For the **Students making confirmation in the Spring of 2022**. Please note there will be an important meeting on November 14 after class. Parents and students are required to attend. We will be going over all the requirements for Confirmation

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-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm PS: 33:4-5, 18-19-20.22

2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45-10:45-45



While I have found wonderful reflections regarding the weekly Gospel reading, these should not be replaced with attending Sunday Mass

Good News: Jesus came to serve and to give His life for us.

In this gospel reading, we see disciples James and John requesting Jesus to allow them to sit at His sides. Unlike the ten other disciples, Jesus did not get mad or rebuke them but instead He took the opportunity to teach them a lesson about service. Here are the lessons that we can also learn from this episode:

1. To sit on the throne with Jesus means to rule with Him but to rule with Him, we must also go through what He had undergone: to serve, to suffer and be ready to die a violent death. He is our ultimate model. As the Son of God, he humbled himself and became a servant of all. May we imitate Him by becoming humble servants for others.
2. There is no need to get angry with others who want a position. Why did the other disciples get angry with James and John? We can assume that they got mad for the brazen ambitiousness of the two because they too wanted the same position. In any organization like the church, for example, there are many roles or positions that must be filled. Not everyone can become the leader. We should just focus on the role assigned to us. We can legally jockey for the top position if it is vacant but a real servant is happy to accept any role. Look at the apostles. Not all of them became leaders or evangelists! Let us give thanks if we are given a role. God knows what is best for us. So don't get mad. Get busy.

Christian leadership is servant leadership. It is all about service to God and others and not about having power and influence over others. While it is true that we must harness all our God-given potential for leadership, we must never lose sight of the fact that everyone was created to care for others. In short, the path to true greatness is self-denial in order to become the servant of all.



For some people, the best thing about having chicken for dinner is the "wishbone." After you finish eating, two people each hold one side of the wishbone, close your eyes and make a wish. Then you pull on the wishbone until it breaks apart. The one who gets the biggest piece is supposed to have his or her wish come true. (If you have a wishbone, allow a boy and girl to try it.)

Have you ever wished for something? On the count of three, say out loud what you wish for: 1, 2, 3. (Pause for responses.)

Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true.

Have you ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining FOREVER? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up, and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it?

James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus replied.

"In Your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honor next to You, one at Your right and the other at Your left." You see, they thought Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside Him on the throne. They wanted to share in His glory and greatness.

Jesus answered, "You don't know what you are asking." Then He explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give My life as a ransom for many."

I don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for!

Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." But is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must live as servants the way Jesus did. Only then can we be truly great and show God's love to the world.

Dear God, help us to mean it when we say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Please show us each day how to become a greater servant to those around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Weekly Prayer

Lets us celebrate the month of October in prayer. Give thanks to the Lord for all the good blessings.

Welcome October

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Confess all your mistakes and sins.
Praise God that

Today He will provide and protect you
and your loved ones.

Outpouring of His love and grace claim it
with thanksgiving

Blessings will overflow through you so
you can be a blessing to others too

Every day be grateful that God works in you to

Restore and renew your life for His glory. 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-org/about-uswww-syracusediocese-org/about-us/covid-19-information/>

From the Office of Family/Respect Life:

1. **October 2021 - Respect Life Month**

We are in the midst of celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph set a wonderful example as a defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters. For more ways to observe *Respect Life Month* go to the Family/Respect Life Facebook page or to [respectlife.org/celebrate](https://www.respectlife.org/celebrate). Flyers and graphics are attached for posting and social media.

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