

# 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 Pastor Appreciation Month The celebration of this day began with the idea to celebrate the contributions of priests, ministers, reverends, and pastors to the country, especially in the United States. IF you see Fr. Arthur, thank him for all that he does here @ Sacred Heart/St. Mary's

Save the date: The Parish will be holding its annual Ham Dinner on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Annual raffle tickets will coincide with the Ham Dinner. (Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, butternut squash, green beans, kapusta roll and pies. Cost \$12.00

This week please remember that All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints' Day is the day on which Christians all around the world commemorate the saints who are in heaven. It is considered a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the below from the Syracuse Diocese. Per refer to the Bulletin for Mass times.

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## **From the Pastor Desk.**

Since Election day 1059, we have been gathering to concelebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our deceased brothers who have served in the Polish American Community in the Diocese of Syracuse. This year November 2, the Mass will be offered @ 12:10pm. All parishioners are invited to join for this Mass remembering deceased loved ones whose names are included in all souls' envelopes as well as the priest of Polish descents who have served in the Diocese

**Adult Catechism:** Please come and learn about your beautiful church and how it brings blessing to yourself and others in deepening your faith. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month @10am in the Cow Palace. Next Class; Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>



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

I will be on vacation from November 1-12. In my abeyance, Mrs. P. Doggett and Mrs. S. Spina will be running the program.



Confirmation students who will be making Confirmation in the Spring of 2022, there will be a very important meeting for students and parents after class on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to attend as we will be going over requirements for Confirmation.



There will be a very important meeting for parents on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in the Cow Palace. Had to change the date as December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation.

## **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: DT: 6-2-6**

**Responsorial Psalm: 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 7:23-28**

**Gospel: MK 12:28B-34**



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

### **Reflection: Love and the Kingdom of God**

Jesus summarizes the whole law and whole bible into one word: love. If we have it, nothing more is needed. If we don't have it, everything is lost.

To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength is to always remember Him and to do his will every moment of our life. We show fondness of Him by having constant conversation with Him through prayers, singing praises, reading the scriptures and maintaining a joyful attitude all the time.

To love others as we love ourselves means to treat them as we treat ourselves, to take care of them as we take care of ourselves and to work for their growth even if we work for our own.

Understanding the real meaning of Love brings us near the Kingdom of God but having love in our heart brings us into the Kingdom of God.



Do you enjoy playing games? (Pause for responses, and invite children to shout out their favorite games.)

I especially enjoy getting together with family or friends and playing games. Sometimes we play card games or board games. This is one of the games I like to play. (Show the game.) Before we play, we always explain the rules so everyone will know how to play the game. (Invite kids to share some of the rules to the game you showed them.)

Have you ever played a game with someone who didn't follow the rules? Touch your nose if your answer is yes and touch your ears if your answer is no. (Pause for responses.) Do you always follow the rules? Touch your nose if your answer is yes and touch your ears if your answer is no. (Pause for responses.)

There are rules we must follow in the game of life, too. I have the rulebook right here. (Hold up the Bible.) To really enjoy life the way God intended, it is important to follow His rules in the Bible.

During Jesus' time on earth, religious leaders liked to sit around and discuss the law. They would sometimes ask Jesus questions about the law to try to trick Him into saying something that would cause people to turn against Him. One day, they were questioning Jesus, and He answered them with one good answer right after another. One Jewish teacher asked Him, "Of all of the commandments, which is the most important?"

Jesus answered him, "The most important one is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

There are a lot of rules in this book. It may sometimes be difficult to remember all of them. If we can just remember to obey the two commandments that Jesus said were the most important, all of the rest would follow. Then we would enjoy life the way God intended it.

Dear God, please help us to love You with all our hearts and to love others as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Weekly Prayer

**This Monday and Tuesday is All Saints Day and All Souls Day. This week's prayers are for both. Let us remember all the Saints who were believers of Jesus Christ and who followed his teaching. They are recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, likeness and closeness to God**

### All Saints Day Prayer (Lit. of the Hours)

Father, All-Powerful and ever-living  
God,  
today we rejoice in the holy men and  
women  
of every time and place.  
May their prayers bring us your  
forgiveness and love  
We ask this in the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### All Souls' Day

November 2

*J*esus, dear Savior,  
on this day we prayerfully remember  
all our loved ones who have died.  
Please give them comfort and hope  
and may they be at peace,  
knowing that they will  
rest in God's arms eternally.  
Thank You for our memories of them  
and for the good times we shared.  
We ask You, please,  
through their intercession,  
to deepen our faith,  
strengthen our hope  
and increase our love  
that we, too, may someday  
stand before You,  
ready to enter Your  
Holy Kingdom.  
*Amen.*





### **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-us-covid-19-information/>

### **From the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry:**

Registration is now open for the Syracuse Diocese Pilgrimage for Life youth trip to Washington, D.C.!

On this powerful 3-day experience, participants will travel to Washington D.C., attend Mass with Bishop Lucia, enjoy a guided walking tour of the monuments, see the Smithsonian Museums, join an evening [Youth Rally](#) with Sr. Josephine Garret, CSFN and music by Dave Moore, and of course, participate in the **National March for Life**. This is open to youth in grades 7-12. \$199 per person includes: travel, lodging, and most meals; tickets to Life Is Very Good Youth Rally; and a tour of the National Monuments.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

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### ***World Marriage Day***

**The Diocese of Syracuse will celebrate *World Marriage Day* on Sunday, February 13, 2022** by hosting a special Mass with Bishop Lucia at the Cathedral at 2:00pm. Couples married 20, 25, and 50+ years in 2022 will be recognized by receiving a certificate during Mass. A mailing will arrive next week with flyers, posters and a letter with information from Bishop Lucia.

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