

# Parish News...

Thanksgiving Donations: We ask for your help in assisting needy families this Thanksgiving. Please purchase a gift card from Wal-Mar, Price Chopper or Adlie and place it in an envelope marked **Thanksgiving Donation** and place it in the collection basket. Monetary donations may be placed in the envelope as well. Donations can be accepted in the Parish office. All donations are due by Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** -Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm @ Sacred Heart/St Mary's Please join us along with our neighbors from Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Polish National Church in giving Thanks to God. Desserts are needed to serve our guests. Please drop off desserts at the Cow Palace prior to the service on November 24th

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.



Parents, please remember that all people entering the building are required to wear a face mask. NO exceptions. There will be extra if needed for the children if required

This year the Christmas Mass at 4pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>, the Parish celebrated the Christmas Pageant with the children. Looking for 2 additional Wise Men (2<sup>nd</sup> grader boys if interested), angels (the parish has limited costumes to be used, so please contact me if interested), shepherds and animals. Also looking for a reader for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings. If interested please contact me. 315 527 8399.



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 well as go 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. Date had to change 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.



**Thirty -third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Dt: 12:1**

**Responsorial Psalm: 16:5,8, 9-10, 11**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 10::11-14,18**

**Gospel: Mk: 13:24-32**



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

- As we approach the end of the liturgical year the readings remind us of this aspect of Jesus' teaching: his insistence on the urgency of our situation and the need to decide in the light of the impending judgement. He will be the judge who will come in all his power and glory, when his teachings and his followers will be proved right.
- Jesus does not say these things to frighten us but to convince us of the need to be vigilant, to be prepared. The day of his coming heralds the salvation and vindication of the righteous, a day of joy rather than fear. Yet we need to watch out so as not to be caught unawares when that mysterious day comes. I thank Jesus for these comforting words, and ask for the grace to lead a watchful rather than a superficial life



The readings in today's Mass tell us about some of the things that will happen at the end of the world. It seems pretty scary- the sun and moon will stop shining and the stars will fall down. But it should also be a very happy thing to think about- Jesus is coming back! When the end of this world comes, all the good people will go to live with God and will be completely happy forever! As long as we stay close to God and keep away from sin, we can be happy when the end of the world comes. Are you ready for it?

**Closing prayer:** *Lord, thank you for hearing our prayers. Help us to remember that you are always close to us. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Reflecting on the Reading with Children

*What would you think if all the stars fell from the sky and the sun and moon went dark? How frightened do you think people would get?*

*Sometimes when scary things happen to people, they wonder if God is still with them. Remember Children, Jesus promised us he is always by our side, so there is nothing to fear.*

*[It may be appropriate to insert a personal story here, e.g. about how when I went to a new school/house it was totally new and a bit scary, but then it turned out that I made really good friends in the end.]*

*What things make people worried like that?*

*Even if the scariest thing in the world happened, God would still be with us. It might even turn out better than we expected!*

## Weekly Prayer

**This week's prayers are for the month of November and all the blessings that God has given us.**





### **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 Safe Environment**

The Diocese of Syracuse will celebrate its 6th annual *Safe Environment Week*, November 15 - November 21, 2021. This specially designated week acknowledges and thanks the thousands of people across the diocese who are committed to keeping our children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe in our parishes, schools, agencies, and the community at large.

To promote this important week, students across the diocese, including our Catholic Schools and Faith Formation students, are invited to display their creativity by participating in our coloring contest: *#BeKind*

- Students in Grades Pre K – 12 may choose one of four coloring sheets and use their creativity with crayons, markers, colored pencils, or watercolors.
- There will be one winner per grade.
- Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.
- Submissions are due **by Friday, December 17, 2021**.
- Winning entries will be showcased in *The Catholic Sun* and on diocesan social media during National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 2022).

**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.

***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. See attached flyer for posting or social media.

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