



Fr. Arthur is currently in Poland to celebrate his godson and only nephew's First Communion. Let us welcome Fr. Raphael who will be celebrating the Masses in Fr. Arthur's absence.

Let's keep Fr. Arthur's nephew in our prayers as he receives his First Communion.

And for Fr. Arthur's safe return.



Save the Date: Annual Church Festival with Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday August 13th 1 day only.

Ascension Thursday is this Thursday May 26th. It is Holy Day of Obligation.



We commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven (as per Christian belief) by celebrating Ascension Day, which occurs on Thursday, which is 40 (or 39) days after Easter. This year, it will take place on May 26. Known by multiple names — The Feast of the Ascension, The Ascension of Jesus, Ascension Thursday, Holy Thursday, or Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord —

As per the New Testament, after Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, He was resurrected from the dead in 3 days on Easter Sunday. For 40 days He stayed with His Apostles to instruct them how to carry on His teachings. Scripture tells us that Jesus and His disciples went to the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem. It is there that Christ then ascended to heaven to take His seat at the right hand of God.

To Christians, the Ascension signifies that Christ completed His work on Earth and allowed Him to prepare a place for us in heaven

The Ascension should not be confused with Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ, after His Ascension.

The St. Pio Prayer Group Meeting is on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome Call Gazak 315 507 2735 for questions.



Eucharist Devotion: An hour of Eucharist Devotion every Thursday after 12:10am. Prayers, Litany, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and time for private prayer

As a reminder, please TURN OFF all cell phones while attending Mass or leave in your vehicles.



Registration 2022-2023. It is important to remember that the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a 2-year required program. Those making First Communion are to attend 1st and 2nd grade and Confirmation is 9th & 10th grade. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me directly.

The Faith Formation Program is in need of a Catechist for Kindergarten. If you would be interested in teaching this class, please message me directly. Virtus training is required.

If any family wishes to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email me directly.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday @ 3:15 pm prior to Mass and the 1st Thursday of the month after the 12:10 Mass

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.



6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Responsorial Psalm: 67: 2-3, 5, 6 8
Second Reading: Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14: 23-29



Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Let us Pray: Everlasting God, you made the world and everything in it, we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you and give thanks for all wonders of your marvelous creation. We pray in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are still in the upper room from last week, it's still Maundy Thursday. Jesus is in a conversation among friends. And at the center of this conversation is the relationship that has been developing among these friends over the past three years. Now, as his mortal life is drawing to a close, Jesus invites his friends into an even deeper friendship than the one they have shared. He invites them into the eternal relationship he enjoys with the Father. It may still seem strange to be reading about events from Holy Week during the season of Eastertide, but in John's gospel, these are the chapters where we learn from Jesus himself what living into resurrection reality truly means.

As we either read or hear these familiar and loving words of Jesus: "My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." How do they impact you? I like to think of them as those peaceful moments in life. When all seems right with the world. When a sense of calm fills your heart and mind. When you're not stressed about everything you have to do or everything going on in your life. So, do you get a sense of and experience the peace and presence of Jesus? When we are upset, troubled or fearful Jesus may feel very far away. At these times, if we consciously breathe in his peace and his presence, we may begin to experience his presence with us. We need to stop and breathe in the love, the peace, and the presence of Jesus for a few minutes. We can know God's peace, which is real, deep, and meaningful, and the 'peace of God passes all understanding'. We can also know joy and purpose in our lives, but it requires us to do something. We need to love Jesus, and this is not some superficial, sentimental experience, it is practical and significant, we need to be obedient to what he calls us to do. When we do this, God comes to us and makes his home within

us. Jesus put it this way: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ..." (John 14:23)

So many people in this world are searching for peace in all sorts of places except the one place where it alone can be found, in His Word, where Jesus gives us his peace. What's that you say? "That kind of peace sounds really good. Let us work to have more of it in our lives.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Let us Pray: Living God, through Jesus Christ you give peace that the world cannot give. By the power of your Holy Spirit calm our troubled and fearful hearts and fill them with rejoicing as we await Christ's glorious return. We pray this in his name. Amen



With the Faith Formation Program ended for 2021-2022, here is a great way to continue your children's faith based upon the Gospel reading of the week. Each week there will be a download activity for the families.

Theme: Jesus gives us peace of mind and heart

Object: A teddy bear



Is anyone here afraid of the dark? (Pause for response.) Lots of people are afraid of the dark! Do you know what often makes me feel better when I'm afraid? Something to make me feel less alone, like this teddy bear. (Pass the bear around for children to squeeze.)

We are all afraid at times. It is nothing to be ashamed of; even adults are sometimes afraid. Some of us may be afraid of the dark. Some may be afraid of the thunder and lightning that comes with a storm.

Can you think of other things people are often afraid of? (Allow time to respond.)

When Jesus told His disciples that He was going to return to His Father, they were afraid. What would happen to them? Would the enemies recognize them as His followers and try to harm them?

Jesus knew that His disciples were afraid and He offered these words to comfort them. "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. Don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I have told you: 'I am going away, but I will come back to you again. I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me.' "

These words were a great comfort to His disciples and they are a great comfort to us today. When Jesus returned to His Father in heaven, He asked God to send the Holy Spirit to comfort His disciples until the day when He returned. That includes you and me! What a wonderful gift Jesus has given us: peace of mind and heart. We no longer have anything to fear. Whenever we find ourselves in the dark or in the storms of life, Jesus is with us.

Father, we thank You for the Holy Spirit who guides us and calms our fears. We also thank You for the promise that one day we will be in Heaven with Jesus. In His name we pray, amen.



Weekly Prayer

As we celebrate Ascension Thursday, this week prayer is about this Holy Day and asking our Lord to fill us with His love and guidance.



A PRAYER FOR THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

Look on us, Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
disappear before the beams
of your brightness.
Fill us with your holy love,
and open to us the treasures
of your wisdom.
We seek your face,
turn your face to us
and show us your glory.
Then our longing will be satisfied
and our peace will be complete. *Amen.*

—*St. Augustine of Hippo*



Syracuse Diocese News

From Bishop Lucia:

On June 18, the Diocese of Syracuse will join with other Dioceses in the United States to open a three year process of Eucharistic Revival and Renewal in the Catholic Church in the United States. The goal of the revival is to deepen faith and understanding in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and to inspire a return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The Opening Liturgy of the Eucharistic Revival will be Saturday, June 18 at the 5:10 Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception – the vigil of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Following the Opening Liturgy, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral through the streets of downtown. Look for more details to come!

Formation for Ministry/Deacon Formation Information Sessions. Is God calling you to learn more about your faith and serve the church? Come and see how Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation can help you answer that call.; June 5, St. Anthony/St. Agnes, Utica; Sessions are 1:00-3:30.

Register at bit.ly/2022InfoSessions or formationforministrysyr.org or call 315-470-1491.

From Christ the King Retreat House:
Join us for a special week-long retreat with Jim Krisher.

DRAWING HEAVILY ON SCRIPTURE AND THE INSIGHTS OF SAINTS LIKE IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND JOHN OF THE CROSS, AS WELL AS MORE RECENT HOLY MEN AND WOMEN LIKE THOMAS MERTON AND EVELYN UNDERHILL. JIM WILL TALK ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT SHARPEN OUR AWARENESS OF THE APPROACHES OF GOD IN OUR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES. HOW DO WE DEVELOP SUCH A CONTEMPLATIVE STANCE, SUCH AN OPENNESS TO DIVINE LOVE? RETREAT BEGINS ON SUN. JULY 17 AND CONCLUDES ON FRIDAY, JULY 22. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CTKRETREAT.COM. SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO.

Have a Blessed and Safe Week.

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