

We have all heard the terrible news of what happened in Texas and the loss of 19 children and 2 teachers. My heart goes out to all affected by this news. As a Parish let us pray for all the families that were affected by this terrible tragedy.

A prayer card with a background image of hands holding a white cup of coffee on a saucer. The text is centered and reads:

*Prayer - When I need
to be Comforted*

Almighty God, I need Your comfort
in the midst of the storm.

I need to feel Your tender touch,
Lord, to know that You are here and
would never leave or forsake me.

Show me, Father, how to seek Your
face and look to You for wisdom and
understanding.

Help me to experience the Peace of
God which can only come from You.

Read the full prayer @ christianstt.com

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

Students in Grade 7-10, this is a great way to complete some of the required service hours with assisting at the Church Festival.

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.

Other events in the Utica Area

The annual 13 Tuesday Novena in Honor of St. Anthony will be held At St. Anthony and St. Agnes Parish in Utica on June 7th @ 6pm with Concelebrated Healing Mass with Fr. Arthur

St Anthony Festival this year will be held on Saturday June 11 from 5pm-9pm and June 12 from 8am-12pm There will be sandwiches, water and soda Pizza Fritta only on Sunday



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



7th Sunday of Easter

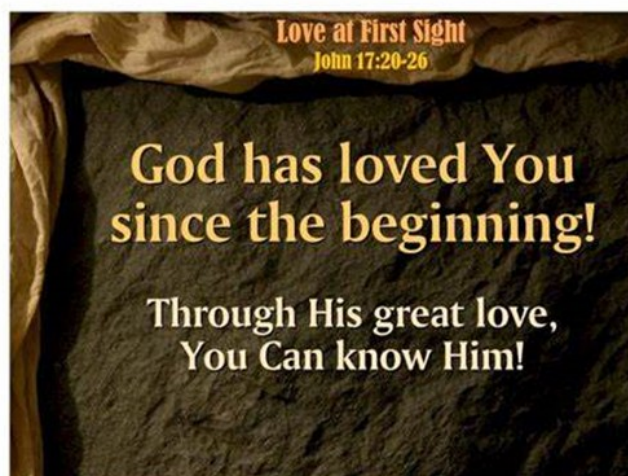
Sunday Readings

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm: PS 97: 1-2, 6-7 9

Second Reading: REV 22: 12-14, 16-17 ,20

Gospel: Jn 17:20-26



Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Let us Pray: Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world. This we pray in the Name of Your Son Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

John's Gospel this week allows us to continue to think about all that occurred that final night in the upper room. Jesus definitely poured His heart out to those with him, those faithful disciples whose world is about to get turned upside down. In this Gospel Jesus is praying to the Father. Jesus has shared a meal with his disciples, washed their feet, given them a new commandment to love as he loves, and told them of his leaving. Now he prays. In today's gospel we overhear a portion of his prayer to his Father and our Father. He prays for us. The high priestly prayer is directed towards all who will come after him and follow him as his disciples. Three times he asks our Father that we would all become one as he and the Father are one. If Jesus is praying for our oneness, then he is also recognizing and rejecting the boundaries and differences that divide us. There are divisions within us, our families, our churches, our nation. We live in a world full of divisions, male or female; rich or poor; gay or straight; conservative or liberal; educated or uneducated; young or old; heaven or earth; divine or human. They are not just divisions, they have become oppositions. These divisions exist not only out there in the world but primarily and first in the human heart. We project onto the world our fragmented lives. Oneness is not about eliminating differences. It is about accepting that there are differences. It is about love. Love is the only thing that can ever overcome division. Over and over Jesus tells us that. We need to Love God, love your neighbor, love yourself, love your enemy. Our love for God, neighbor, self, and enemy reveals our oneness, and the measure of our oneness, our Godlikeness, is love. In love there may be differences but there is no division. God created us for relationships. In community, we find

ourselves and we find God. God reveals himself by coming into the world as Jesus Christ but also through those who make God's name known. We can only share who and what we know, so as Jesus prays, he emphasizes the unity of the Triune God as a model of knowing. This knowledge does not come from memorizing verses of scripture devoid of contextual understanding. This knowing is not enhanced by rigid adherence to a set of rules without connecting that behavior to maintaining communion with the Holy One. Today it is important to recognize the significance of the Gospel. It tells us that Jesus prayed for us with these words: . "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. And by following these words this final statement is so revealing: "I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Let us Pray: Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds.
Amen.



Parents, the Faith Formation Program is over for 2021-2022, it is important that as parents you continue to foster your children's faith. Each week I will continue to send enriching ways you can share this week's Gospel with the children in a way they can understand.

I also hope to see the smiling faces of the children in Mass as the Mass is the core of our Faith.

Theme: In unity we show God's love to the world.

I'm so glad to have all of you here today. Each of you brings something different that adds to our time together. (Name some things that stand out about individual children, and how they add to the group. Invite kids to share about others, as well, making sure one strength of each child is shared.)

We'll learn from the Bible today that when we're all united, that's one way we show God's love to the world. So let's do something to help us think about that.

Have children gather in a circle and hold hands. Have them stand and walk in their circle. Invite them to discuss ways the circle can represent believers being united in Jesus.

We're all different, but God works through all of us, and when we are all excited and working toward the goal of loving others together as one big circle, others will see God's love and want to join in. In the Bible, Jesus prayed for His friends that they would be united with Him and with one another. (Invite kids to share what they think that means.) It means we all work together to follow Him and love others. One way we can do that is to pray together like Jesus prayed.

Still holding hands, lead the kids in a brief prayer. Allow kids to say prayers, if they want to.

It also means we celebrate Jesus together! We tell others about Him and we worship Him!

Invite kids to brainstorm what they do when they're really excited about something. Challenge the children to perform some of these actions without letting go of one another's hands. If time allows, invite them to sing a verse of a worship song they're all familiar with and celebrate Jesus together while still holding hands.

Being united in Jesus means we also pay attention to everyone in Jesus' family, like the people to our left and our right. We stop and comfort them when they're down. We're helpful and encouraging.

While still holding hands, have kids turn and speak encouraging or comforting words to their left and their right. If time allows, invite children to share some other ways they think people can be united in showing Jesus' love, and challenge them to perform an action to demonstrate that idea.

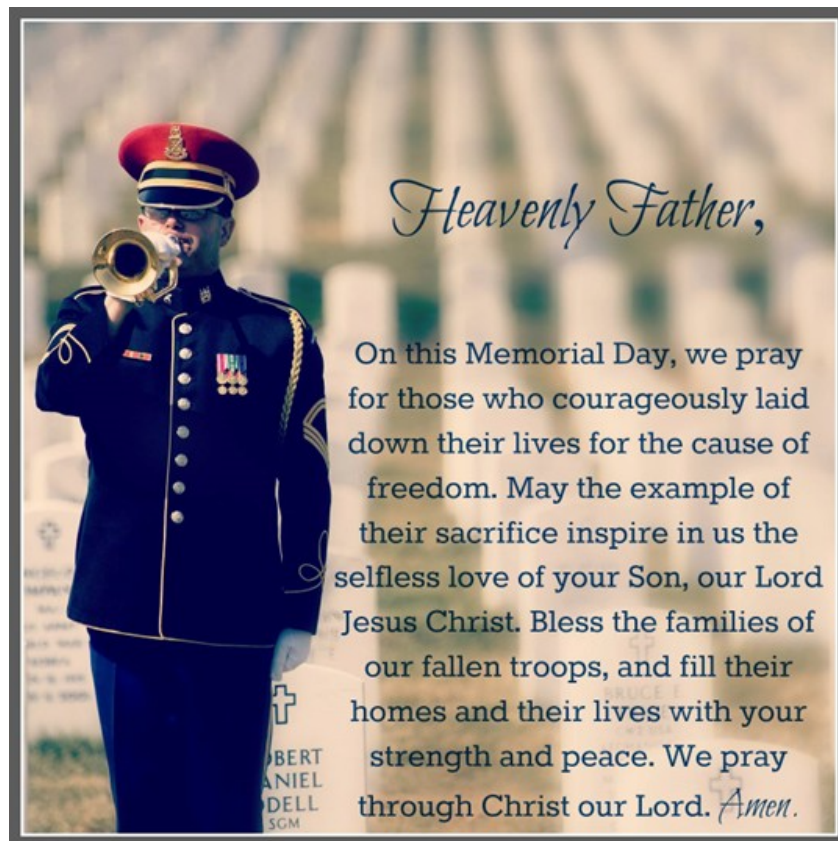
Today we've practiced being one in Jesus, and we can be one in Jesus in our lives, too. We don't have to hold hands. If we all love Jesus and love others, this is a way to show God's love to the world together.

God, help us to be united in Jesus so others can see Your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

Weekly Prayer

As we celebrate Memorial Day, please let us remember for all who have served this great company. I am proud to say that my grandfather, father and nephews served this Nation proudly.

Thanks to all the men and women who blessed us with their service to keep us safe.





From Bishop Lucia:

Bishop Lucia asks that you all include prayer intentions for the victims of both the Buffalo and Uvalde Texas shootings. He has written a column on the horrific shootings in Texas and previously made a statement regarding the shootings in Buffalo. The column regarding Uvalde can be found on the Catholic Sun website: <https://thecatholicsun.com/bishop-lucia-message-on-uvalde-texas/> . The statement regarding the shootings in Buffalo can be found in the Sun and [here](#) .

On June 18, the Diocese of Syracuse will join with other Dioceses in the United States to open a 3 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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