

Parish News

Here is your weekly update. There are also attachments for this week.

November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check this week's bulletin for the Mass schedule.

Stewardship-

Operating expenses for the Parish on a weekly basis are \$6,200.00 Collection.

Stewardship for Oct 13th Ordinary \$5372.00

Respect for Life \$572.00



Hope Appeal 2025

The Assessment for the Parish is \$32,143.00



Liz Gubbins Memorial Ham Dinner
November 3rd from 12 noon to solde old-Drive-Thru
\$15 per person

Parish Giving-

The Parish is pleased to introduce "Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer. It is convenient no more searching for a checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM. To excess simply Log on the parish website www.sacredheart-saintmary.org and click on the Parish Giving Log and follow the easy registration instructions. It is Secure.

Events at other Parishes in our area

Please remember we are all a Catholic Community and need to support each other.

Mt Carmel/Blessed Sacrament

Sunday Oct 27-Italian Murder Mystery-Funeral for a Gangster
Dessert murder mystery @ 2pm
Tickets \$25/per person

Mary Mother of Savior Parish

All Saints Day Party
Friday November 1 -Senton Center
Party begins @6:30pm after the 5:30 Mass
Children can dress as their favorite Saint
See attached flier

St Pauls Whitesboro

November 7th-Vetrans Mass @ 3pm
Donations of non-perishable items and monitor donations will be welcome

St. Anthony St. Agnes
Holiday Basket Festival
Sunday-November 10th
Admission \$6 in advance or \$8 at the Door
Baskets and gift certificates
Monetary prizes \$1000, \$500, and 3 prizes of \$125.00

Mary, Mother of our Savior Parish invites all teens in the Greater Utica Area to join us for Youth Ministry Nights:

Who: Teens in grades 7 thru 12 from the Greater Utica Area

Where: Mary Mother Of Our Savior Parish, Seton Center, 2 Barton Ave, Utica
(look for the welcome flag)

When: Monday evenings 6:30PM-8:00PM
(following the school calendar)

Youth Ministry Kickoff will take place on Monday, September 30th
www.motherofoursavior.org

Our Youth Ministry Nights (YMN) consist of games and snacks, followed by a short faith message. Then the teens form small groups to talk about that topic in a safe, honest, authentic way with their peers. This is a highlight of the night, to hear from peers about the faith, to share doubts and questions and to be lifted up and encouraged in their faith in God, all guided by an adult core team member. Then we go to the chapel for a short prayer service and end with an awesome dinner! We also make sure to include social nights once a month. Social Nights may include: Movie Nights, Camp Fires, Holiday Parties, Trips/Teen Outings like GetAir, Retreats, Service Opportunities and more...

For information please reach out to Brittany Wilcox: bwilcox@syrdio.org

Utica Newman Catholic

Christian Fellowship

For registered College Students/Utica Area

For questions Contact Campus Minister, Pat Gillick @

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Free Pizza and Wing Dinner after every 4pm Sunday Evening Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary Campus

Food for thought

"Spending time with God is
the key to our strength and
success in all areas of life.
Be sure that you never try to
work God into your schedule
but always work your schedule
around Him."

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As always, I like to share the deep traditions and meaning of our Church. What a great way to learn as a family and learn more about this great Faith of ours.

This November 1st is Holy Day of Obligation, What is a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholics?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains holy days of obligation this way: On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body.

The Code of Canon Law spells out when the holy days of obligation are on the Church's universal calendar:

Can. 1246 §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed:

- - the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 - the Epiphany,
 - the Ascension,
 - the Body and Blood of Christ,
 - Holy Mary the Mother of God,
 - her Immaculate Conception,
 - her Assumption,
 - Saint Joseph,
 - Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles,
 - and All Saints.
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These ten are the exact holy days of obligation that are celebrated in Vatican City, but there is variation elsewhere (including in Italy). The reason is that the Code of Canon Law goes on to state:

Can. 1246 §2. With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.

Thus different countries celebrate different holy days of obligation (apart from Sunday, which they all celebrate).

The country with the fewest number of holy days of obligation seems to be Hong Kong, which has only one: Christmas.

Canada has two: Christmas and Mary, Mother of God.

The United States, by contrast, has a fairly robust eight holy days of obligation, though two to three have been transferred to Sundays (depending on where you live).

The details of how the holy days in the U.S. have evolved [are found here](#). The details can be a little bewildering though, so here is a complete, up-to-date list of the holy days of obligation in the United States:

- **Mary, Mother of God** (always celebrated January 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)
- **Epiphany** (this has been permanently translated to the first Sunday after January 1)
 - **Ascension** (this is celebrated on different days depending on which ecclesiastical province you live in; a few provinces celebrate it on the traditional date, which is the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, but most provinces in the U.S. have transferred it to the seventh Sunday of Easter.)
- **The Body and Blood of Christ** (this has been permanently translated to the second Sunday after Pentecost)
- **Assumption of Mary** (always celebrated August 15, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)
 - **All Saints** (always celebrated November 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)
- **Immaculate Conception of Mary** (always celebrated December 8)
 - **Christmas** (always celebrated December 25)

Now about November 1st -All Saints Day



What Is All Saints Day?

All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1 in the Roman Catholic Church, is a *holy day of obligation*, and many other Christians celebrate it too, including Eastern Catholics on the Sunday after Pentecost. On this day, the Church honors all saints, both those formally canonized and others who have attained heaven (see Heb. 12:22-24). These saints are individuals who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Whether officially recognized by the Church or not, these [saints](#) have played a significant role in spreading Christianity and leading others toward holiness (Matt. 28:18-20).

How All Saints Day Is Observed

We observe All Saints Day by participating in Mass, as it is a *holy day of obligation*, and in honoring all the saints in a special way at that liturgy. Many Catholics also take part in prayers, reflections, and celebratory meals, as well as visit the graves of loved ones to remember and pray for those who have passed away.



Registration for the Faith Formation 2024-2025

Faith Formation has starts . If you have not registered your child (ren) it's not too late. You may register your family tomorrow.

Attached is the program for Pre-K -8 grade

Fee of \$25 for 1 child and \$45 per family

Mark your Calendars



PCA Collaborate Event -December 8th

St. Pauls, Sacred Heart/St Mary's/ Holy Trinity,Mary Mother of Savior Parish and joining us will be Blessed Sacrament/Mt Carmel

St Paul's Whitesboro
From 2-4pm Activities
Grades Pre-K to 6th and Parents



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday @3:15PM prior to Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4PM

Sunday: 8am and 11am

Weekdays 12:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday.

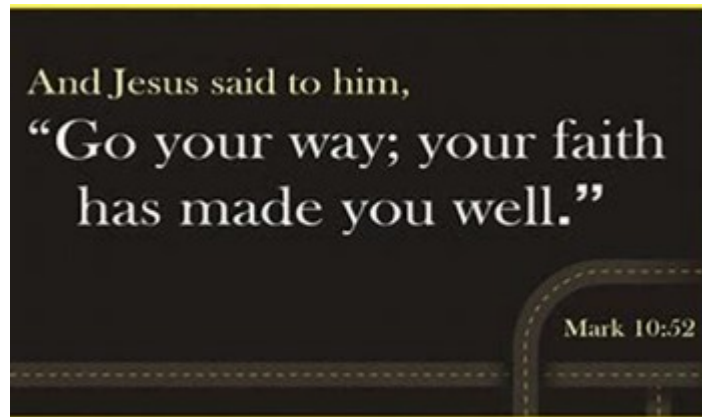
There will no Mass on Thursday

Let's remember that as Catholics, the importance of attending Sunday Mass. At Mass we stand at 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

1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9
Responsorial Psalms: PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
2nd Reading: Her 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

While these are wonderful reflections, please remember that they are not to be a substitute for the wonderful sermons of Father or Deacon Kirk at Mass.

As always, I try to find wonderful reflections for this week's Gospel reading. I let the Holy Spirit guide me.



Fr. Gaetano Piccolo *A Jesuit priest, originally from Napoli. now living in Rome and teaching philosophy at the Gregorian University.*

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. (Mark 10:46-52)

Gospel Reflection Mark 10:46-52

Sometimes in life, we feel stuck, incapable of making a decision, confused. Generally it's because we feel as though we don't see ourselves clearly; we don't see the situation clearly or which way to go to get out of it.

Perhaps that's because things just aren't clear, to begin with but many times it is we who pull the wool over our own eyes: ***we prefer not to see***. It is no accident that when one is depressed, he closes the shades and seek refuge in sleep, in the illusion that we can distance ourselves from reality. Many times we blind ourselves, like Oedipus. We refuse to look at the consequences of our own choices.

Sometimes it's the weight of our past that holds us back because we feel as if we cannot change. We can feel utterly lost, like a bottle of oil shattered on the pavement, like the pitiless time that slips through our hands without hope of ever being recovered.

Bartimaeus is a little like this. And maybe it's not by chance that the encounter described in this Gospel passage happens in Jericho – the city built below sea level, the city that represents the abyss of humanity, our miseries, the places into which we feel sunken, depressed and especially alone.

In fact, Bartimaeus is a lonely man. Sometimes in life, we carry around a painful contradiction: ***we want to be someone, but we find ourselves deeply alone***.


Bar-Timaeus is the son of Timaeus; he is one of those who have been called to relationship but instead lives his drama and his paralysis in solitude. We don't know if Bartimaeus chose to set himself apart or if he was set apart by another, but he certainly still longs to be heard: he won't stop begging for someone to stop.

Jesus had descended into Jericho, to the depths of the abyss, to find the man that felt that he was hopelessly lost, but Bartimaeus wasn't even there. Bartimaeus is outside, outside the city, and even off the road (*he sat by the roadside*).

Bartimaeus doesn't live within Jesus' paths. He is the last-minute-man; the man that holds on when everything is slipping out of his hands. He is the last possible cry for help.

We carry with us certain resources that sometimes we don't even know we have.

They come out at the moment we are most desperate: Bartimaeus is a beggar and he has learned not only to ask but to cry out. Like so many of us, Bartimaeus begs for just a bit of affection, just a little attention.



Jesus is a man that stops when he hears the cries of he who only wants to be seen, recognized, looked upon with dignity. It's astonishing to see how Bartimaeus revives, that is how he stands up when Jesus stops before him, even before healing his eyes. **We too can help others to revive if only we would stop to listen to what they are saying.**

Sometimes we need help to get back on our feet, like Bartimaeus, to throw off that which is holding us down, that which oppresses us, that which blocks our path, even if it seems to be the very think that protects us, that keeps us warm, that defends us, a little like Linus' blanket.

Bartimaeus throws off his cloak and it makes us wonder if it wasn't that cloak that was keeping him from getting up. For the cloak of a beggar is his most precious possession: it's his home, his blanket, his only wealth. It's not insignificant that the Law prohibited taking the beggar's cloak for more than a day: *If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset* (Ex 22, 25).

Sometimes the things we are most attached to are the very things that are holding us back. Linus will only grow when he has the courage to abandon the blanket that makes him feel so safe.

Only when Bartimaeus frees himself of his fears does he become aware of the true desires he carries in his heart. In fact, it's only at this point that Jesus asks him what it is that he truly wants. Often we do not necessarily want to know how things truly are.

Bartimaeus wants to *see again*, but the verb *anablepein* also means to look on high, and to look on high one must also raise one's head. Bartimaeus wants to rediscover his dignity as a man that sees things as they are.

Once Bartimaeus has rediscovered this dignity he is free to do as he pleases: **Jesus does not bind, but frees.** Jesus even says to Bartimaeus, "Go your way!" He does not say, "come!" And Bartimaeus freely chooses to follow Jesus.

Even for Bartimaeus – the man that seemed to be hopelessly lost, the man who couldn't even be found in the depths of Jericho – even for him, there is a road to walk.

This week's Saints of the week:

The saints are models of human excellence, perfected by the life of Christ and the communication of his Spirit. They demonstrate in their lives how to really live and how to really die. They consistently point to the horizon of love which leads to the fulfillment of all human desire: eternal communion with the Holy Trinity.

October 28-Feast of St. Simon and Jude Apostles; November 1st Solemnity of All Saints; November 2- the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



The program has started. There are children who are too young to attend the program or have decided not to return this year. As always, I find material to you to share with your children so they may understand today's Gospel reading

Theme

Praising God regardless of our circumstances

Object

A bouquet of flowers

Scripture

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Isn't this a beautiful bouquet of flowers? Can you imagine what it must be like to be blind and never see the beauty of things such as these beautiful flowers? The gift of sight is one of the most precious of all of God's gifts.

There is a story in the Bible of a man named Bartimaeus. He had never seen the beauty of a bouquet of flowers, because Bartimaeus was blind. One day as he sat begging beside the road, he heard the sound of a large crowd of people coming his way. He asked someone what was happening and they told him that Jesus

was passing by. Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and about how he had healed many who were blind. He began to call out to Jesus. Others in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he would not be silent.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus calling out to him and he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Teacher, I want to see!" said Bartimaeus.

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." The Bible tells us that immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight.

That is a wonderful story, isn't it? Unfortunately, stories about the blind don't always end that way. There are many blind people who want to see, and yet they are never healed. Fanny Crosby was one of those people.

When Fanny was only six weeks old, she was left blind by an illness. Even though she was blind for the rest of her life, Fanny was never bitter or complaining. Instead she made the most of her life by using the other gifts that God had given her. She had a wonderful gift for writing poetry and during her lifetime, she wrote over 8000 poems. Some of her poems were set to music and many of them are still in our hymnals today.

One day a well-meaning minister said to Fanny, "I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you."

"Oh no!" Fanny replied. "If I could have only one request, it would be to be born blind."

"Why?" asked the surprised minister.

"Because," answered Fanny, "when I get to heaven, the first face that these blind eyes will ever see is the face of Jesus, my Savior."

Some, like Bartimaeus, receive the gift of sight. Some, like Fanny Crosby, are blind their entire life. One thing is certain, when we get to heaven, we will all see Jesus.

Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of sight, but more than that, we thank you that one day we will see you in heaven. Amen.

Prayer is such an important part of our faith. Each week is a special prayer to allow us to be closer to God. This week is All Saints and Souls Day. Below is a beautiful pray for both.

All Saints' Day Prayer

November 1st



Heavenly Father, Your saints have taught us many things by their words and deeds. Your ideals and truths have been revealed by their unwavering faith in You.

Allow us, who pursue their saintly ways, to be filled with the essence that blessed their lives on earth. We are grateful for the example of Your saints.

Dear heavenly saints, we join our prayers of thanks to yours this day. With you, we praise God's greatness, rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate His immense love for all of us.

Amen

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All Souls' Day Prayer

November 2nd



Merciful Father, on this day, as we commemorate all of the faithful departed, we thank You for the memories of them and for the times we shared together. Please give them comfort and rest with You eternally.

As we reaffirm our faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, we pray for their joyful reunion with You, their loving Creator.

In closing, we also ask for Your mercy upon the souls suffering in purgatory. We know there is no boundaries to Your compassion. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through Your mercy, rest in peace.

Amen

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Office of Liturgy & the O.C.I.A.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 -- A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

In 2024, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. **Previously**, when the DATE was transferred the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true.

«**FROM THE USCCB:** Earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, wrote to the Holy See seeking clarification about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday. In a memo to the U.S. bishops dated Thursday, October 10, Bishop Paprocki communicated the Dicastery for Legislative Text's response: "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." In light of this new directive, **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.**

From the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Discipleship
Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference-The greater Utica area will participate in this event. Last year a number of students went and experienced a great and spiritual time.

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Date: Saturday, November 23, 2024

Location: Sacred Heart Church - Cicero, New York

Youth from across the diocese are invited to join Bishop Douglas Lucia for this Diocesan Youth Conference! Featuring keynote speaker Ennie Hickman and worship leader John Paul von Arx! Participate in Mass, games, talks, lunch, and Adoration.

Open to youth in grades 7-12. \$20 per participant.

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