

Parish News

Here is your weekly update.

This Sunday we have 20 children making their First Communion -May
God Bless them as they make their 2nd Sacrament of Intention in the
Catholic Church

Conversation Series

We are happy to announce a brand-new Conversation Series. We will
meet once a month on the first Monday of the month in the Cow
Palace-May 5th @ 6pm
Hope you can join us for this new and exciting spiritual, education
opportunity open to all

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.

Stewardship-

Operating expenses for the Parish on a weekly basis are \$6,900.00
Collection.

Stewardship for April 20

Ordinary \$8362.00

Online Giving for March \$2743.23

Chicken BBQ-sponsored by the NYM Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary

May 4 @ 11:30am cost \$15.00

On May 7th, the College of Cardinals will enter the Conclave to elect a new Pope. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guides them to elect a new successor to the seat of St. Peter.



Hope Appeal 2025

The Assessment for the Parish is \$32,143.
We have reached our goal-Thank you to all that contributed to reaching the Hope Appeal

NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS

14TH Annual Raffle \$100,000.00

Additional cash prizes and more-Tickets are \$100
On sale at Notre Dame Jr/Sr. High School and Chanatry's Market in
Utica

www.NorteDameUtica.org 315 724-5118 ext 26

Drawing Sunday May 4, 2025 @ 12PM



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.

With the passing of Pope Francis, our Cardinal will now enter the Conclave to elect a successor to the Chair of St. Peter. This process will start on May 7th in the Sistine Chapel. Here is a what happens in these processes

They say the church is not a democracy...but it still hosts historically important elections. Councils, synods, and even parishes often employ democratic norms in their decision-making processes. But, as [recent cinematic releases attest](#), no voting within the Catholic Church draws the world's attention quite like the election of a pope.

The College of Cardinals is responsible for this task. Their conclave begins 15 to 20 full days following the office of the papacy becoming vacant. In the meantime, the cardinals assemble in Rome and, unless the pope has retired, typically participate in the funeral of the pope nine days after his death.

During this time, the cardinals are also responsible for maintaining the necessary functions of the Vatican. Most office holders appointed by the previous pope are automatically discontinued upon a papal vacancy. The cardinals are not permitted, however, to act with any powers reserved for the papacy that have not been granted by a former pope as necessary during the transition. Responsibilities or decisions falling under the powers of the papacy must wait for a new pope to assume the office.

The most significant clarification of the election process in recent history comes from Pope St. John Paul II. His 1996 document, [Universi dominici gregis](#) (On the Vacancy of the Apostolic See and the Election of the Roman Pontiff), clarifies the existing

processes while revising some aspects of the process. For example, new popes can no longer be elected through popular acclamation as had happened in centuries past. Rather than being subject to the emotion of the moment, John Paul II's process prizes privacy and thoughtful discernment.

Ordinarily one vote above a two-thirds majority is required to elect a new pope. However, John Paul II provided a pathway to election through a simple majority if a stalemate persisted after several cycles of balloting and mandatory days for prayer and discernment. John Paul II's new rule did not last long. Benedict XVI returned to the absolute two-thirds majority requirement in his [2013 update](#) to John Paul II's norms.

Secrecy is also a key component of the process. Although it can be the source of public intrigue, this is directed primarily at limiting the influence of any outside pressures that could influence voting. The cardinals are sequestered within the Vatican City State, their communication is limited, and the Sistine Chapel is professionally swept to detect any recording or listening devices.

Many of the voting processes are also articulated in significant detail. John Paul II went so far as to provide specific instructions on the shape of the ballots, how to write on them, how they are to be folded, and even where the needle is to be inserted when binding the counted ballots together by a string.

Results of each round of voting are announced via smoke after the ballots and all other notes are burnt. White and Black smoke are created by chemical additives burnt in a dedicated stove. White smoke indicates a successful election.

The papacy is filled when a successful election is followed by the candidate freely accepting the office. The candidate provides his new papal name to the cardinals and from that moment on assumes full authority of the office. A public announcement in St. Peter's Square traditionally follows in relatively short order, where the world learns the identity of Peter's most recently elected successor.

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Events at other Parishes in our area

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

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St Paul's-Whitesboro

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Deacons Speakin -May 6th @ 6pm

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Rosary Rally in Whitesboro Village Green
Saturday -May 10th @ 12 noon

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St Anthony/St Agnes-Utica

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St Anthony Novena- 13 Tuesdays
March 18-June 10th @ 5pm

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May 8th -Chicken Parmesan Dinner
4-7pm

Eat in or take out
Cost \$18/per person-presales available
Includes chicken parmesan over linguini, salad, garlic bread,
dessert and coffee.

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St. Anthony/St. Agnes Festival
June 9, 7 & 8th

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Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacraments Parish-Utica

Italian Festival
July 18 5-10pm 19 5 to 9pm & 20th 12-3pm
Pizza Fritta, food, drinks, Entertainment

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Youth Ministry Event

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

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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)

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When: Monday evenings 6:30PM-8:00PM-
(following the school calendar)-
www.motherofoursavior.org
For information, please reach out to Brittany
Wilcox: bwilcox@syrdio.org

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Utica Newman Catholic

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Christian Fellowship
For registered College Students/Utica Area
For questions Contact Campus Minister, Pat Gillick @
Uticanewmandoutreach@syrdio.org
Free Pizza and Wing Dinner after every 4pm Sunday Evening Mass
Our Lady of the Rosary Campus

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Catholic Young Professionals
The Cyrenian Way
First Thursdays @ 6:30 pm Monthly
Mary Mother of Our Savior Parish
Seton Center
Food Fellowship, Prayer and Discussion

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Totus Tuus /Diocese of Syracuse

Mary, Mother of our Savior
July 20-25, 2025

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This is a summer Catholic youth program. It is dedicated to share
the Gospel and promote the Catholic faith thought evangelization,
discipleship, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship

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Teen Program -7th -12 grade Evenings Sunday July 20-Thru July 24
7pm-9pm \$25 per youth
Children Program Day Program 1st grade-6th grade Monday July 21-
July 25th 9am-3pm \$55 per child maximum of \$110 per family
Questions?

Bwilcox@syrdio.org or mmoosfaithformation@syrdio.org

Camp Nazareth

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Camp Nazareth is an overnight summer camp for youth (ages 8-16) where
children experience traditional camping activities in the best of the
Adirondacks.

Register your campers now

2025 Weekly Sessions 7/6/25-7/11, 7/13-7/18, 7/20-7/25

Contact David George-Program Manager

dgeorge@ccharitycom.org 315 796 6133

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Food for thought





While the Faith Formation Program is over this year I am starting to work on next year's program.

The Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a required 2-year program. Any student making Sacraments must attend 2 years to make these Sacraments. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

The Faith Formation Program is looking for a Catechist for the following Grades; 1st, 5th 7-8 and 9th Grade- Will require VIRTUS Training. If interested, please contact Lynn 315-527-8399



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

Weekdays 12:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday.
There will be no Mass on Thursday

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

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3rd Sunday of Easter

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1st Reading: Act 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalms: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

:2nd Reading: Revelations 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

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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.



John 21:1-19 Reflection: Peter

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A reading from the gospel according to John 21:1-19:

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1 At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the
Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way.

2 Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from
Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him,
"We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat,
but that night they caught nothing.

4 When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the
disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

6 So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.

7 So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.

8 The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish.

9 When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."

11 So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

14 This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

16 He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

17 Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

18 Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

19 He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Reflection: The Peter in us

Let us recall how Jesus called Peter to become a fisher of men. It happened on that seashore one morning when he and his companion were about to go home after a night of disappointment because they had not caught any fish. After a boatful of catch upon His instruction, Jesus asked them to follow Him. Followed Him and for the next three years, Peter was eyed and trained to be the leader of the community Jesus formed. At one time, Jesus called him Satan for protesting His impending suffering and death.

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On the night Jesus was about to be arrested, Peter declared with bravado that he is ready to lay down his life for Jesus. To his shame perhaps, Jesus foretold how he will deny Him three times. It did occur that when Jesus was arrested, Peter denied Him on three occasions when he was recognized as one of His disciples. To his credit, he was filled with guilt and mourned his mistake.

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After Jesus was resurrected, He appeared to His disciples several times. Still, the apostles including Peter were inclined to go back to their old life, to their usual livelihood which is fishing. That was not what Jesus planned for them. In the gospel reading above, Jesus was there again at the time they had caught nothing. When Peter realized it was the Lord, we saw his willingness or shall we say his immense enthusiasm to meet His Lord and Master whom he denied three times. We see him ready to put the past behind and renew his relationship with Jesus.

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As before, they were again on the seashore. After feeding them with bread and fish, Jesus asked Peter if he loves Him more than the others. Peter answered in the positive. Previously, Peter denied Jesus three times and now Jesus had to ask Peter the question three times in order to emphasize the need for Peter to really commit himself to his mission of 'feeding the lambs' of Jesus.

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We are all like Peter. Jesus called each one of us to follow Him. We are also called to become fishers of men. Many times, we become disappointed but, on those times, Jesus would energize us with His body and blood in the Eucharist. Many times, we deny Jesus through our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. Some of us would turn our backs on Jesus and abandon Him. Yet, Jesus does not give up on us. He continues to tell us, "Follow me." Like Peter, let us love the Lord despite our weaknesses.



Here is this week's Gospel for children who are unable to attend our program. What a great way to share this Gospel with them.

Theme

Following Jesus brings great rewards.

Object

Toy fishing nets - 1 per child; Plastic eggs - at least 1 per child; Stickers - 1 per plastic egg; Permanent marker; Assorted printed images; Paper Pencil

Get Ready: Either draw or find and print each of the following images on a small piece of paper: (1) a group of male friends, (2) a boat, (3) a pile of fish, (4) a splash in a body of water, and (5) a campfire. Place each image inside a separate egg. Use the permanent marker to write numbers on the eggs with images in them, following the number scheme above. Then put a sticker inside each egg, except for the numbered eggs. Hold onto the extra stickers.

Do This: (Have kids sit in a circle.) Let's see what we can catch today. (Have kids use their nets to try to scoop up "fish" from the center of the empty circle.) Of course we didn't catch anything because there was nothing there to catch.

That reminds me about what we are learning from the Bible today. Jesus had died and come back to life on Easter. Later, Jesus' friends were out fishing, trying to make a living. Jesus' friends fished all night and caught nothing. Then, they saw a man, not knowing it was Jesus, on the shore. Jesus yelled to them, asking, "Have you caught anything?" They didn't know the man was Jesus, but they still listened when He told them to cast their fishing nets on the right side of the boat.

(Spread out the eggs around the room and tell kids to "catch the fish." Make sure everyone catches at least one. Tell kids not to open the eggs.)

You caught something! That's like what happened to Jesus' friends. Jesus' friends caught 153 fish! (Point out that there are numbers on some of the fish. Have kids come forward with the fish with a "1" on it. Explain that image symbolizes that Jesus' friends were together. Repeat with eggs two and three, inviting kids to tell what they think the image symbolizes from what you've covered in the Bible passage so far.)

There were so many fish that the friends couldn't pull in the fishing net. That's when Peter realized Jesus was the man yelling to them from the shore. (Have the child with the egg labeled four show the image in the fish and tell what he or she thinks it symbolizes.)

Peter was so excited when He realized Jesus had appeared again to them that He jumped into the water and swam to the shore where Jesus was!

The rest of the friends brought the boat to shore. (Have the child with the egg labeled five present the image in the fish and tell what he or she thinks it symbolizes.)
Jesus cooked breakfast over a campfire. Jesus' friends were reminded that day that following Jesus brings great rewards.

I think if you open up your "fish," you'll find a reward, too! (Allow time, and give a sticker to the kids who had the numbered fish.)

The disciples got to see Jesus and spend time with Him, and they ate the delicious breakfast He made for them and even had leftover fish to take home. Jesus loves being friends with you, too, and when we follow Him, He takes care of us and blesses us in amazing ways!

PRAY: Dear Father, we know that you have wonderful blessings in store for us when we follow Jesus. Our prayer is that we will always follow you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Weekly Prayer

Prayer is a large part of our Faith. Here is a wonderful May prayer.



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