

# Parish News

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

With a sad note Fr. Paul Drobin passed away on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. He was well known for being a teacher and pastor in the greater Utica area. I knew him as he was one of my teachers at Utica Catholic Academy. Many may know him as the Priest at the Newman Center @ Utica College.

The funeral arrangement are as follows

Calling hours Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm @ Holy Trinity church

Vigil for the Deceased Priest @ 5pm following calling hours

Mass of Christian Burial October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 @ Holy Trinity Church-Bishop Luica will be the main celebrant

## **Parish Eucharistic Days-(formerly known as 40 hours)**

Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar after the 11 am Mass

Benediction will be held at the end of Vespers. Guest homilist will be Fr. Bourtors El Hachem from St. Louis Gonzaga Parish

Remember this is not a Mass, It is Vespers which is a Liturgy of evening prayer

## **Mark you calendars for the annual Falling Leaves and Friendship 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish dinner**

In support of Hope House

Saturday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm

Tickets \$30

## **Stewardship-**

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

Stewardship for Sept 15 Ordinary \$4,782.00 Online Giving for August \$1606.62

## **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](http://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**

#### **St Anthony/St Agnes Church-Utica-this weekend**

Feast of Sts. Cosmas & Damian

Saturday Sept 28 -Mass @4:30pm in the Church

6pm @ outdoor shire & benedictions to follow 6pm Mass-LaBanda Rossa will perform @8pm and

Sunday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> -Mass @ 9:30 am -Outshire @ 11AM

Grand Procession will begin @ 12ms

Blessing of the Sick offered @ 1:30pm @ the outdoor Shrine

Food, Beer & Wine, Pizza Fritta, Italian Novelties and Religious Articles Available.

Saturday 5-10pm, Sunday 8am-3pm

Red Mass has long been associated with the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, invoking God's blessings and the Holy Spirit to guide the life and work of the legal profession in the coming year.

This year's masses for the Diocese of Syracuse are listed below:

Monday, October 7th at 12:10 pm

#### **Historic Old St. John Church**

240 Bleeker Street

Utica, NY 13501

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

#### **Ignite Catholic Men's Conference**

Eastern Region Men's Retreat

Mary Mother of Savior Parish @ Lourdes

Featuring the 2 newly Ordained Priest

Fr. Ben Schrantz and Fr. Pawel Zmijia

7am to 12pm

Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

Register @ [www.ignitecatholicmen.org](http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org)

#### **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](http://www.motherofoursavior.org)

**What are Youth Ministry Nights?**

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](mailto:bwilcox@syrdio.org)*

**Utica Newman Catholic**

Christian Fellowship

For registered College Students/Utica Area

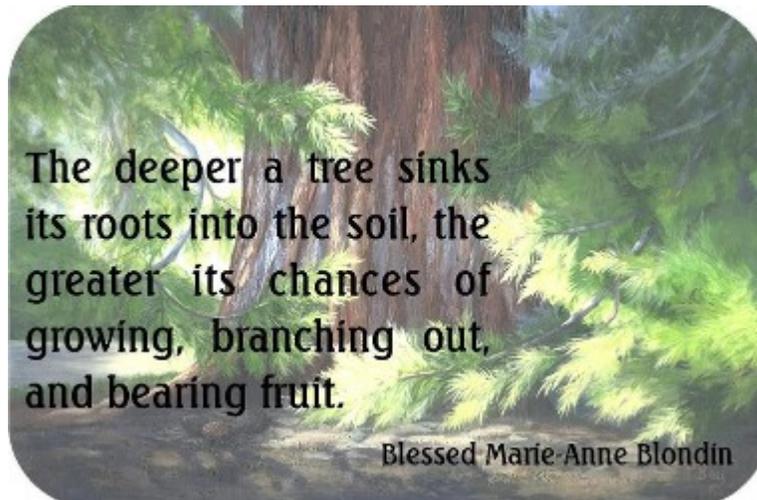
For questions Contact Campus Minister, Pat Gillick @

[Uticanewmandoutreach@syrdio.org](mailto:Uticanewmandoutreach@syrdio.org)

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Campus

Food for thought





Registration for the Faith Formation 2024-2025

**Faith Formation has started . 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

Our Parish follows the Diocese of Syracuse for the **Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation** which is the same in all Parishes in the Utica area. The Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a 2 year program in order to receive the sacraments. This is a requirement for both sacraments. If your child is making one of these 2 Sacraments and your child was not Baptised at the Parish, a copy of the Baptismal Certification is required.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

### **CONFIRMATION**

The 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade-Confirmation will be a block program offered thru the Greater Utica Area Unlike last year where registration was on 1 form for all Parishes, this year, students will be required to sign up for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation at the Parish.

Here are the parent meeting dates that we invite only 9 and 10 th grade teens and parents to attend. They **MUST** attend one meeting that is convenient for them in order to hear the block explanation and register for which classes they want. This is 9&10 only.

5. Sunday sept 29 at seton center at Mt Carmel/Blessed Sacrament 6pm

### **Mark your calendars**

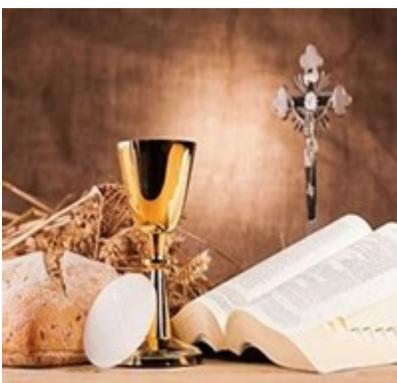
PCA Collaborate Event -December 8th

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: NM 11:25-29**

**Responsorial Psalms: 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Jas 5:1-6**

**Gospel: MK 9:38-43, 45 47-48**

**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.**

**This week's reflection comes from St. Ignatius Catholic Community  
The Jesuit Church of Baltimore**



John said to him, ‘Master, we saw someone who is not one of us driving out devils in your name, and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’

39 But [Jesus](#) said, ‘You must not stop him; no one who works a [miracle](#) in my name could soon afterwards speak [evil](#) of me.

40 Anyone who is not against us is for us.

41 ‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, then in [truth](#) I tell you, he [will](#) most certainly not lose his reward.

42 ‘But anyone who is the downfall of one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone hung round his neck.

43 And if your hand should be your downfall, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into [life](#) crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that can never be put out.

45 And if your foot should be your downfall, cut it off; it is better for you enter into [life](#) lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

47 And if your eye should be your downfall, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of [God](#) with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell

48 where their worm [will](#) never die nor their fire be put out.

### REFLECTION:

This Sunday, Jesus teaches us about tolerance. Tolerance (or ‘pagpaparaya’ in Filipino) is often associated with being permissive. Being tolerant or permissive is suspect; it has to be checked if it could lead to abuse of freedom or to violent consequences. A mother, who is not able to correct her children’s bad behaviour early in life, is being tolerant in a wrong way. Tolerance could also be right in other cases. In fact, it would be a big mistake to view tolerance in its negative value only.

In the gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to be tolerant. If tolerance were not good, why would Jesus require such from his disciples? As narrated, it started when after the disciples ‘saw someone driving out demons’ in the name of Jesus, they prevented him from performing exorcism because he did not belong to the followers of Jesus.

We could only surmise what were in the minds of the disciples. Were they jealous because the man could also cast demons though he was not one of them? Were they angry because they have assumed that the power to exorcise demons was a privilege given only to the followers of Jesus and not to any other person? The disciples were confused. Suddenly, what they have thought to be their exclusive right was no longer their own alone.

Jesus had his reasons: 'Do not prevent him,' he said, 'there is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.' With these words, Jesus has taught his disciples about tolerance more as an exercise of Christian humility and charity.

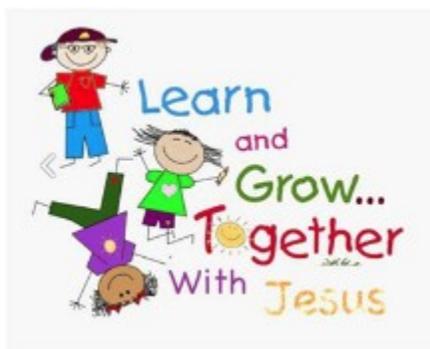
This teaching is so relevant for us today. We should not think that salvation is reserved only for us who were baptized and who believe in Christ. Membership to his Church, faith, and the sacraments are still considered the ordinary ways to receive salvation, but this does not exclude the possibility that God could offer other ways of bringing people to encounter the 'paschal mystery of Christ' in their lives. Like the outsider who performed exorcism in the name of Jesus, we have to understand that it is really Jesus who is the true source of salvation; the rest is just his medium.

Jesus calls us to religious tolerance, as long as it is not against him and his teachings. It is prudence perhaps that sometimes makes us doubt whether something or someone should be tolerated or not. However, Jesus challenges us towards religious tolerance so that individually we also learn to discern about the faith we have received: what is truly to follow Christ, how is it really to belong to him, what does it really mean to be a Catholic? In the answers our salvation is found.

#### **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.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>-Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial of St. Therese of the Child of Jese, virgin and Doctor of the Church; October 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial of the Holy guardian Angels; Oct 4<sup>th</sup>- Memorial of St.Francis of Assisi



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**

Serving the Lord

**Object**

A cap, t-shirt, a pin, or any object that shows that you belong to or support some organization.

**Scripture**

"Whoever is not against us is for us." Mark 9:40 (NIV)

Do you belong to a club? There are a lot of clubs that boys and girls can join. Some of you might belong to a club such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts that teaches you to become a better person and encourages you to help other people. There are Bible clubs like Awanas that help you to learn how to better love and serve Jesus. You may belong to a reading club that encourages boys and girls to develop a love for reading. I am sure that many of you belong to a club or group that encourages participation in a sport such as gymnastics or soccer. One thing I have noticed about these clubs is that most of them have a cap, a t-shirt, or something similar which boys and girls can wear to let other people know that they belong to that club. All of these clubs do much good and it's great to belong to a group that does good things, isn't it?

The early followers of Jesus belonged to what they thought was a very special club - and it was. There were only twelve in that first group that followed Jesus. They felt very good about being part of Jesus's team. In Jesus' name they healed sick people and taught them about the Kingdom of God. One day the disciples saw someone who was not a member of their group doing good things in Jesus' name. You would think they would be happy to see other people doing good things, but were they? No, they told them to stop what they were doing because they were not a part of their special group.

The disciples thought Jesus would be pleased by their actions, so they went and told him what they had done. To their surprise, Jesus was not pleased. "Don't stop people who are doing good things in

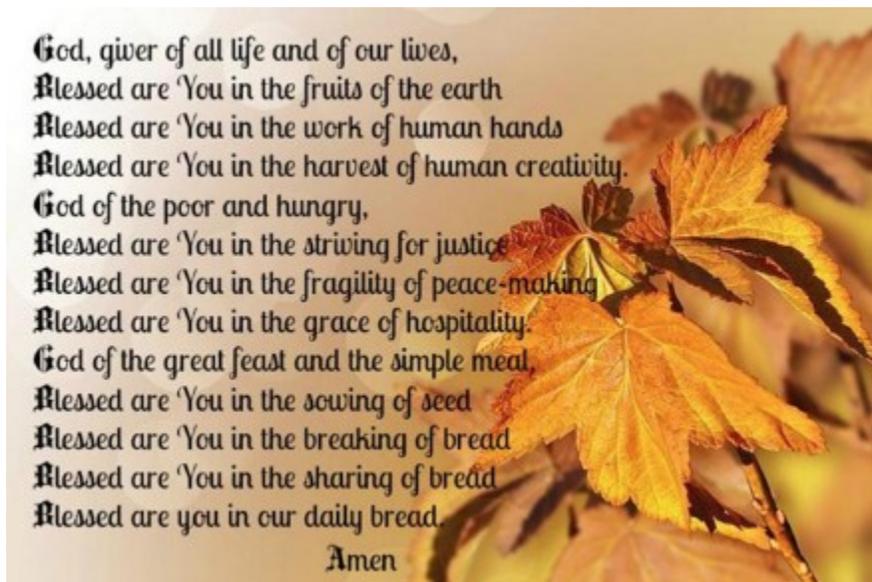
my name" Jesus said. "No one who is doing good things in my name will then turn around and say bad things about me. Anyone who is not against us is for us."

It is good to belong to a group, but it is especially good to be a part of the family of God. The family of God is very large and there are many different groups who make up that family. Whenever we see anyone who is doing good in Jesus' name, we should not be jealous. We should rejoice and be glad because "If they aren't against us, they are for us."

Heavenly Father, we are thankful to be part of your family. Help us to rejoice and be glad when we see other members of your family doing good things. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Weekly Prayer

**With Fall upon. I found this wonderful prayer.**





## Diocese of Syracuse

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.

### **2 From the Diocesan Women's Commission**

The Women's Commission of the Diocese of Syracuse is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the fall conference to be held on October 26, 2024 at the Oncenter in Syracuse. Parish packets with all of the registration information are being mailed this week. Attached is a digital version of the conference flyer and registration form. If you have any questions. Please email [swc@syrдио.org](mailto:swc@syrдио.org) or visit our website at <https://www.syracusecatholicwomen.org>

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