

Parish News

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

Parish Eucharistic Days-(formerly known as 40 hours)

Sunday October 20th

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

Benediction will be held at the end of Vespers.

Guest homilist will be Fr. Boutros El Hechem from St. Louis Gonzaga Parish

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

Stewardship-

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

Stewardship for Sept 29th Ordinary \$5164.00



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

St. Louis Gonzaga-Utica

October 22

Healing Mass @ 6pm

Blessing of the relic of St.Charbel

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

Holy Trinity -utica

Mushroom Stew Take Out

October 19th 2pm-6:30pm -Holy Trinity Marian Room

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 19th 2024

Register @ 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

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 @

Uticanewmandoutreach@syrdio.org

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Campus

From St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church

SAINT MARIANNE COPE CELEBRATION The Catholic Churches of Greater Utica will mark the 12th Anniversary of Saint Marianne Cope's canonization at **St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church**, 702 Columbia St., Utica with Mass on **Sun., Oct 20 at 10:00 am** & Brunch from **11:30 am to 1:30 pm at 5 Points Public House and Event Center**, 623 Columbia St, Utica. Tickets for brunch are \$25/each. Call 315-735-4428 x5 for tickets and more information.

Novena to Saint Marianne Cope (Oct 12 thru Oct 20) www.saintmariannecope.org under "Support" tab: "Prayer & Novena". Novena booklets available at the Mother Marianne Book Shoppe at the Church before & after all weekend Masses. Flyer attached

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.

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

First Communion Student/Parent Meeting-

For those who could not attend there will be a make up meeting -October 23rd at 6pm

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 9th & 10th 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 9th & 10th 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.

There will be a make-up Student/Parent Meeting.

October 15th or Oct 21@ St.John the Evangelist in New Hartford @ 6:30pm

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

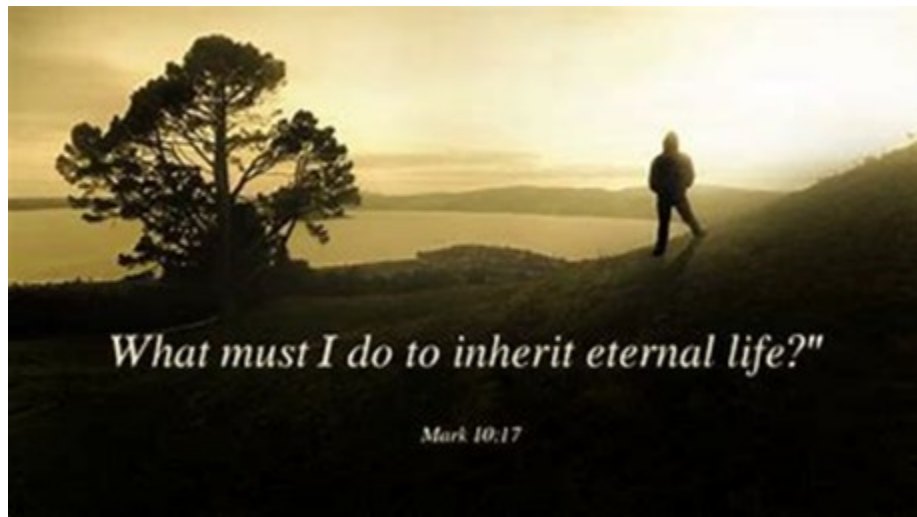
Let's remember that as Catholics, the importance of attending Sunday Mass. At Mass we stand at mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 7:7-11
Responsorial Psalms: 90:12-13,14-15, 16-17
2nd Reading: Heb 4:12-13
Gospel: Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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 weeks reflection comes from Catechist Aide

Desiring God

The rich young man in today's gospel is eager to inherit eternal life. We read that he ran to Jesus and knelt before him. He greets Jesus as "good teacher" so we can assume that he has been listening to Jesus preach. It appears that the man wants to move beyond just hearing the word of Jesus. He has tapped into something that resides within each of us. Created in God's image, we were made to know and to love our Creator. We were made to be in a relationship with God. This is the "God-shaped hole in the heart of every man" that Blaise Pascal referred to. Pascal said that within each of our hearts is a longing – a desire for something which is not of this world – and which can only be satisfied by God himself. The rich man in Mark's Gospel has found in Jesus, the one thing that fills his heart to overflowing, and now he wants to have it for all eternity. So, he asks the question, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Minimum Requirements

Jesus responds first with his own question. He asks the man if he has kept the commandments given to Moses.

My daughter is a personal trainer, and when she gets a new client, the first thing she does is a sort of inventory to determine where they are now so she can develop the proper plan to get them where they want to go. If this young man had gone to a personal trainer and asked for advice on how he can create more muscle mass, the trainer would probably start by asking about his general health. The trainer would want to know if he is eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, getting the proper rest, etc. She might suggest that he get rid of junk food and sodas and concentrate on getting his required daily nutrients. But that's just the starting point. The trainer would also point out that, if you're really interested in changing your body composition, you'll also need to commit to a rigid workout and training schedule. Likewise, keeping the commandments, while essential to fostering a good relationship with God, is a kind of minimum daily requirement for us. When Jesus asks if he keeps the commandments, he is asking, are you doing the bare minimum?

Total Commitment

Moving beyond the minimum, we must tear down any obstacles that stand between God and us. To be in right relationship with God, we must rely entirely on him, not ourselves. In the reflection for last week's gospel, we said that eternal life is a gift that God offers to us. It isn't forced on anyone, and we are free to say, "No, thank you." To accept God's gift of eternal life, we must be like little children – utterly dependent on Him. We can't be the one in control. And this is essentially what Jesus is telling the rich man today. Jesus says that if he wants to have a deeper relationship with God – if he wants to go "all in" – then he must let go of his wealth. When Jesus tells the rich man to give everything he has to the poor and follow him, he is asking him to trust God completely. By giving away his earthly treasure, the rich man will find an even greater treasure. Jesus wasn't making a bargain with the man. The "letting go" was the only way he would experience true charity and giving of self. This is the love that God wants us to experience with one another. This is the love for which we were created.

Who Can Be Saved?

We read that the rich man "went away sad, for he had many possessions." Jesus lamented, "how hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God." He said this, not because wealth is a sin, but because it's so easy for those with wealth to rely on themselves rather than trust in God. We don't know what happened to the young man in Mark's Gospel after his encounter with Jesus. Change is never easy, but Jesus tells us that with God anything is possible. I like to think that the rich man went home and thought about what Jesus asked him to do. Even though he couldn't fully commit that day, perhaps he was able to take a first step by letting go of one possession, and then another and another. What is the first step that we can make today that will move us toward giving our whole selves and trusting God completely? What can we do today so that we don't walk away sad?

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 15th Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus Virgin and Doctor of the Church; October 17th Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, October 18th Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist; October 19th Memorial of St. John Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest and Companions, Martyrs



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

With God, all things are possible.

Object

An old sock, a sewing needle, and yarn

Scripture

Mark 10:17-31

Have you ever gotten dressed in the morning only to discover your sock has a hole? I've been there. (Show the sock). Today, I thought we could mend this sock together. I brought these to help me. (Show the needle and yarn.)

First, I'll thread the needle. That means you hold the needle like this and push the thread through this little hole called the "eye." (Show the eye.) This could be difficult. Do you think I can do it? (Attempt to thread the yarn, and make a show of it. Ask for help, and let a couple children try.)

You know, this problem of threading the needle reminds me of something that happened with Jesus. One day, a rich young man came to Jesus and asked what he needed to do in order to go to heaven. Jesus answered him, "You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie, do not cheat, honor your father and mother.' "

Well, the young man said he'd followed all the commandments since he was young. How many of us have never, ever, ever broken a commandment, even a little bit? (Pause for responses.) Then Jesus told him there was one more thing he needed to do: "Sell all you have and give the money to the poor," Jesus said.

The young man was very disappointed. He turned and walked away because he was very wealthy, and he wasn't willing to give up his wealth and belongings -- not even to go to heaven. Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Now, putting thread through the eye of the needle can be pretty difficult. How would you like to try to put a camel through the eye of a needle? (Pause and hold up the needle again.) That seems impossible, doesn't it?

Does that mean Jesus was saying it is impossible for a rich man to enter into heaven? I don't think so, because next, Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God. With God, all things are possible." That is the God we serve. The God of the impossible! Heavenly Father, we are thankful that You are the God of the impossible. Without You, it would be impossible for any of us to get to heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.

Weekly Prayer

With Fall upon. I found this wonderful prayer.





Bishop Lucia invites all parishes to take up a voluntary second collection for Hurricane Relief in Florida during the weekends of October, in addition to the approved collections on the National Collection Schedule. Checks can be made to the Diocese of Syracuse-Hurricane Relief and mailed to the Finance Office, Diocese of Syracuse, 240 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse NY 13202. The donations will be sent to Catholic Charities USA. Below is some information from their website on their work to date.

CCUSA, as the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, has launched a dedicated Helene disaster relief campaign. All donations received for disaster aid will be allocated to the Catholic Charities agencies providing critical relief — including shelter, food and other humanitarian aid — to those most in need. In late September, Hurricane Helene tore through communities in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. It left a devastating toll in its wake, with more than 100 dead and 600 missing. The storm washed away homes and highways and decimated power and water systems. Catholic Charities agencies are springing into action to provide immediate disaster relief with necessities such as water, food and shelter. They will stand by their communities through the long-term recovery. More information to follow on Hurricane Milton.

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@syrdio.org or visit our website at <https://www.syracusecatholicwomen.org>

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