

Parish News

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

Stewardship-

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

*Stewardship for Oct 20th Ordinary \$5198.22
World Mission Sunday \$443.00*



Hope Appeal 2025

The Assessment for the Parish is \$32,143.00

Currently received as of 10/27/24 \$16,572.02

ANNUAL HAM DINNER



*Liz Gubbins Memorial Ham Dinner
November 3rd from 12 noon to sold 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.*

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)

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

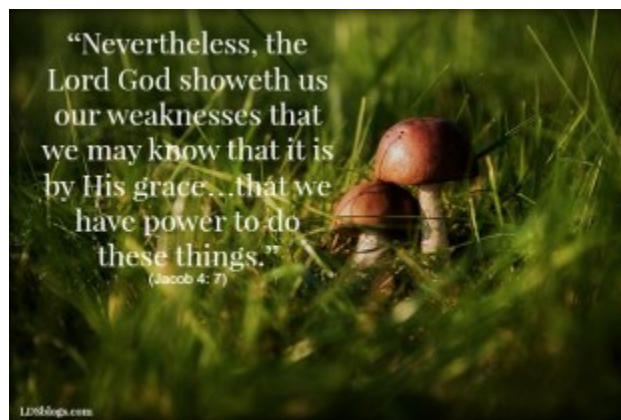
For questions Contact Campus Minister, Pat Gillick @

Uticanewmandoutreach@syrdio.org

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Campus

Food for thought





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.

There are so many items in the Church and they have so much meaning.

This week I will do my best to explain the tabernacle. For those who do not know, the tabernacle in our Church came for Sacred Heart Church when the 2 Parishes merged to become Sacred Heart/St Mary's. The original tabernacle of the original St. Mary's is now in the chapel in the Parish Office

The tabernacle is the place of the church that holds the ciborium containing the Eucharist.

This makes the tabernacle the heart and the cornerstone of each church; it is the reference of those who come to pray and worship the body of Christ even outside of celebrations.

The term comes from the Latin tabernaculum, a diminutive of taberna. Its meaning is therefore 'abode', the house of God by men. This justifies the centrality that has been given to the shrine over the centuries.



Altar Tabernacle with lamb cross and grapes

It not only wanted to invoke the presence of God, but to also show how he was near, under the eyes of the faithful, alongside their daily lives. The [Altar tabernacle](#) stems from the early Christian tradition of guarding the blessed bread in their homes, to be able to worship at all times, to make it a constant presence in everyday life.

In the past, it was located at the very center of the presbytery, above the altar, or at least in a central location where the faithful could always see it. In more recent times, it seems to have lost this prominent position: it is often located on a bollard a little out of sight, or even outside of the presbytery, in a chapel or side altar.

Nevertheless, you should not be fooled about the true value contained within the tabernacle for the faithful on a symbolic level. Although distancing the tabernacle from the altar may seem on the one hand a weakening of the symbolic expression of the Mystery of the Sacrifice, in fact enables the faithful to find, in the most intimate and private contemplation of the tabernacle, a deeper and more collected inner journey.

*The choice of the tabernacle's location from the table thus
does not affect its value. It remains a subject of major
importance to the adoration of the faithful and in every
church the symbol of the presence of God and the renewal of
his sacrifice of love*



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



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.*

Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Dt 6: 2-6

Responsorial Psalms: PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

2nd Reading: Heb 7:23-28

Gospel: Mk: 12:28b-34

*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.*



One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

God gave us the Ten Commandments to help us discern good from evil and carry out the good. In today's Gospel, Jesus sums up God's commandments with the following words:

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- *Like anyone else, God asks us for a love which is total. If we ourselves are not content with a superficial and inconstant love, so is God.*
- *A love which is total requires loving with one's ALL, with one's ENTIRE heart, soul, mind and strength.*
- *Love for God is also inseparable from love for our neighbor such that this is the thermometer of the authenticity and totality of our love for God, the consequence and the result of our love for God. The latter cannot exist without the former and vice-versa.*
- *Moreover, this love for our neighbor must be the same love with which we love ourselves. This is the guideline of our love for our neighbor. When we love by this manner, we are "imitators of our Lord" Jesus Christ (cfr. 1 Thes 1:5c-10), who taught us to love others "as I have loved you (Jn: 13:34-35)".*
- *Let us ask the help of Our Lady so that like her, we too may have a total and authentic love towards God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, manifested as well in our love for our neighbor.*
 - *"I love you, God, my strength! (Psalm 17)"*

Let us end our commentary with the words of Pope Benedict XVI: "In the "Our Father" we ask that his name be hallowed, that his kingdom come, that his will be done. It is first and foremost God's primacy that we must recover in our world and in our life, because it is this primacy that enables us to discover the truth of what we are, and it is in knowing and following God's will that we find our own good; giving time and space to God, so that he may be the vital centre of our existence.

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.

Nov 4th-Memorial of Saint Martin of Saint Charles Barromeo



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

Loving God, loving each other.

Object

A poster with "Classroom Rules"

Scripture

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

I imagine that most of you have seen a list of rules like this in your classroom at school. One day last week I walked through the school and every classroom I walked into had a list of rules on the wall. Even though there were some slight differences, most of them said pretty much the same thing. They said things like:

If you were to ask me which classroom rule is most important, I know what I would say. I would say that the most important rule is to respect and obey your teacher and the second is very much like it -- be kind and show respect for your fellow students. If we would just follow those two rules, there really wouldn't be a need for any more.

The religious leaders of Jesus' day liked to sit around and discuss the law. They especially liked to ask Jesus questions about the law to try to trick him into saying something that would cause people to turn against him. One day they were questioning Jesus and he answered them with one good answer right after another. One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Most of you know the ten commandments, don't you? How would you answer that question?

This is how Jesus answered. He said, "The most important commandment is this: 'The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

After hearing Jesus' answer, no one else dared to ask him any more questions!

What a wise answer. If we could just keep those two commandments, we wouldn't have any trouble keeping the rest of them, would we?

Dear Father, help us to love you with all our heart, soul, and strength -- and to love one another as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Prayer is such an important part of our faith. As we enter November, here is a November Blessing prayer.





Diocese of Syracuse

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.

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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