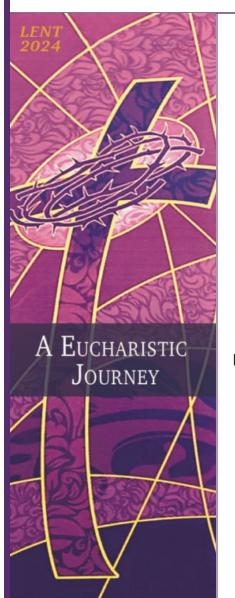
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LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 14 Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM

Daily Mass: 7:30 AM (M-F)

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at Noon

Exposition: Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Monday Feb 19, Feb 26, March 4, 11 & 18 at 6:30 - 7:00 PM Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM (No Confessions on Holy Saturday) "The Light Is On" Monday, March 25, 4:00 - 6:30 PM

Tuesday Evening Mass at 7:00 PM

February 20—Fr. Clifford Auth, Pastor St. Mary's & St. Augustine's-Baldwinsville February 27—Fr. James Buttner, Parochial Vicar, Spirit of Hope, Oneida March 5—Rev. William Muench, Retired Priest of Ogdensburg Diocese, In Residence at Holy Family, Syracuse March 12—Fr. Adam Rosinski SJ, Assistant Director of Jesuit Novices March 19—Fr. Christopher Ballard, Pastor, Spirit of Hope, Oneida

PARISH MISSION—AFTER EASTER

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Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R.

April 13/14 — Preaching at all Masses Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday — April 15-17 at 7:00 PM

Rev. Thomas J. Ryan, *Pastor*Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bill, *In Residence*Rev. Philip A. Hearn, *In Residence*

Weekend Assistance: Rev. Michael J. Carmola, Rev. Jason Downer, S.J.

Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:30 am Saturday: 5:00 pm (also live-streamed on website)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 pm Immaculate Conception School
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Parish Office

Monday -Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Fridays: Receptionist only 9:00-1:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18

7:30 am John Berry, Sr. by Chris, Cheryl & Emma Rapp

Tuesday, March 19

7:30 am Wally Kirk by Anna Roome

Robert Ross by The Collier Family

7:00 pm Diane Massina by Sandy Hearn

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 am Martin McIntyre by I.C. Parish

Theresa Nash by Monica & Michael Heath

Thursday, March 21

7:30 am Alyce McNamara by Her Friends

People of the Parish

Friday, March 22

7:30 am Paul Fuda by Rose Ann Caporuscio

Saturday/Sunday, March 23/24

5:00 pm Dennis M. Kenney by Nancy Kenney & Family

7:30 am Michael Anthony Fitzgerald by Joseph & Elaine Scuderi 9:00 am **Memorial Mass:** Francis Giacobbi & William Boulton

11:00 am John Dougherty by Peg Dougherty & Family

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE—3/10/24

Offertory \$22,718

Budget \$22,314

Difference \$404

Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

We will be live-streaming our Holy Thursday and Good Friday services, as well as the Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm on Saturday and the 9:00 Mass on Easter morning.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19, Feast of St. Joseph

2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16 Mt 1:16,18-21,24

Wednesday, March 20

Thursday, March 21

Gen 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22

Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday/Sunday, March 23/24, Palm Sunday

Isa 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47

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Pray for the Deceased

 Charles Mirucki, father of Marc Mirucki and Molly Robidoux

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — March 23/24, 2024

Liturgical Ministers: Please sign in at the Sacristy before Mass.

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat., 5:00 pm	E. Hartnett/C. DeAmicis J. Puglisi/N. Stevens	J. Cucinotta/K. Kolb L. Simonds/J. Simonds	Len DeStefano III, Aidan Kerivan, Enzo Trombino
Sun., 7:30 am	MJ Terrell/L. Schunck P. Pierret/T. Kelly	Tom Kelly Jan Vassar	Abigail & Patrick Duerr Mackenzie Thomas
Sun., 9:00 am	M. Godleski/P. Cambareri S. Antshel/M. Godleski	G. Denny/C. Mulvey C. O'Connor/A. Resig	Grace & Lydia Hanley Julia Otis
Sun., 11:00 am	D. Marnell/C. Noetscher A. Bleier-Long/M. Sheehan	R. Coleman/S. Coyne D. Jones/K. Conway	Lila & Mara Bleier-Long Eddie White

PASTOR'S COLUMN

I want to update you regarding "Victims

Trust Fund" that is the central part of the Diocesan settlement with the Committee of Unsecured Creditors which represents victims of sexual abuse. The pastors of the Diocese recently met with Bishop Lucia, Steve Breen, Chief Operating Officer, Tim Lystra, the lawyer representing the parishes, and the Pastor's Committee, regarding the final figures for settlement. As I shared last summer, the agreed upon settlement of \$100 million will be divided: \$50 million from the Diocese; \$45 million from all of the Parishes; \$5 million from the other Catholic entities (ie. Catholic Charities, etc)

The original, approximate parish contribution figures given to the parishes was based on *unrestricted* funds as of June 2022. The *final* figure is based on *June* 2023. Previously, I shared with the parish that our contribution to the fund would be in the range of \$1.8 million. It is now finalized at \$1,902,509. Some of the various parish contributions increased, while others decreased, depending on the June 2023 figures.

Most important is our responsibility for justice. Severe harm was done by people, ordained and lay. Harm was done to many individuals and its devastating effects have rippled through many lives and families over time. This Settlement process is part of taking responsibility and offering tangible restitution for the damage done. While the vast majority of these cases took place long before our time, it is essential that we do our part to assist in some sense of healing for these victims.

Thank you for your understanding in this very critical matter. I hope and pray that this helps our Church to move forward, rebuilding trust and faith. May the Holy Spirit guide us and may this effort and God's everlasting love touch those many innocent lives that have been harmed.

As I announced at the Masses last weekend, Bishop Lucia has decided that **one Pastor will serve both I.C. and St. Ann's Manlius, beginning July 1.** His statement follows this column. Unfortunately, due to

the limited number of priests in our Diocese, this model has become very prevalent in recent years. I.C. is one of the few parishes that continues to stand alone. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the Bishop and Priest Personnel Committee determine the appointment of a new Pastor.

With our Lenten theme, "A Eucharistic Journey," we continue to reflect on the sacred gift of this Sacrament during this "Year of the Eucharist." Be sure to stop in the main entrance Gathering Area to see the exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis. (It will be on display throughout Lent.) This young man, who died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15, spent his final years documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. It is an inspiring story.

As you know, we are very happy to welcome various Priests of our Diocese as our Celebrants for the 7:00 evening Lenten Mass. This Tuesday evening we are very pleased to welcome our good friend and previous Associate, Fr. Chris Ballard, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parishes in Oneida County, as our Celebrant and Homilist. As we have done in the past, a free-will offering is taken up each week as part of our Lenten almsgiving. Recognizing the importance of the Global Church, this year's donations will be given to the Mission of San Juan Diego in Cuernavaca, Mexico for the upkeep of their Chapel and for scholarships for poor students.

The **Liturgical Ministry** sign-up sheets for Holy Week are in the main entrance (*Ushers' List* is in the Ushers' Room). If you are able to assist us, please sign up as soon as possible.

The annual **IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference**, *Exalt*, is this coming *Saturday*, *March 23rd* at the SRC Arena. There is still time to register: www.ignitecatholicmen.org. I.C. always has a nice contingent of men attending. It is a wonderful Lenten opportunity!

Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day! Two wonderful Saints to celebrate!

Fr. Ryan

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PASTOR'S COLUMN (Continued from page 3)

A Message from Bishop Lucia (March 2024):

ing his tenure in the diocese.

Currently the number of active clergy makes it challenging to appoint a priest as pastor of solely one parish. Thankfully, we are benefitting from the gifts and talents of deacons and lay leaders who are serv-I would like to inform you that as of July 1 there will ing in various roles including Parish Life Directors, be one pastor for Immaculate Conception Church like Dc. Bob Street at St. Ann's Church. This model and St. Ann Church in Manlius. As you know, Fa- allows the parish to continue to grow and meet the ther Tom Ryan announced his retirement as of June spiritual needs of the faithful and further the mission 30, 2024 after serving as pastor of Immaculate Con- of evangelization. Each and every one of us has a role ception Church since 2006. I am grateful for his lead- in that mission and I pray that more leaders - both lay ership and pastoral ministry to the Fayetteville com- and clergy- will be invited and accept God's call to munity and the many communities he has served dur- serve. As we journey through this Lenten season, may we be open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit.

I.C. MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Living our lives as the Lord is calling us to live is always challenging. Our current world of wars, political and ideological divisiveness and an increasing level of hate make answering His call daily even more important. We can't do it alone! Thankfully, men of our Church invite you (men of every age) to scripture and fellowship! We meet Saturday mornings in Dwyer Hall from 7 am—8:30 am. (Don't worry, there's plenty of coffee and donuts!) We read, reflect and talk about the weekend's readings. All this and we're home to start the day with our families. Can't get to the Church? We also have call-in capabilities! For more info, call or text Matt FitzGibbons, 278-2364, or email fitzmkdlc@gmail.com

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM Reposition will close with Night Prayer In Dwyer Hall at 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion at 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Taize at 7:00 PM with Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

March 30, 2024

Easter Vigil Liturgy at 8:00 PM (Easter Fire at 7:45 PM)

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Liturgies will be celebrated at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS (315-637-9840/avoutsinas@syrdio.org)

Weekday Faith Formation: Please remember that should FM Schools delay, we will not have Faith Formation in the morning.

Also, please be aware many children cut through the IC property on their way to Wellwood, Fay El, and IC Schools during the time that you may be dropping off your children at Faith Formation or IC School. In light of this, please go slowly when in the parking lot. This is a gentle reminder as we want to keep all our children safe.

Sunday Faith Formation Class: TODAY, Sunday, March 17th, 10:15-11:45 am at I.C. School.

CONFIRMATION (315-637-2375/gcapozzi@syrdio.org)

Confirmation I Class is Sunday, April 7th from 10:00-12:00 in Dwyer Hall.

Confirmation II Next Class is Sunday, March 24th from 10:00-12:00 in Dwyer Hall.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are Sunday, April 14, from 10 am—1:30 pm (Candidates only) and Wednesday, May 1, 6:30-7:30 pm (Candidates & Sponsors).



EASTER PLANT DELIVERY TO THE HOMEBOUND



Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Easter plants will be available to deliver to one or more of our homebound folks. They really appreciate it and it's fun to do. If interested, please email Elaine LaFollette at: elafolette@syrdio.org or call/text at: 315-447-8249 with your name, email and phone number. If you have done this before, you still need to contact Elaine to sign up.

Confirmation students will be helping as "runners," so you don't even have to get out of your car. Thank you so much for making someone's Easter a bit brighter.

Office of Adolescent Catechesis & Discipleship

Theology on Tap - back with a 4-week Lenten Speaker Series! Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults (ages 18-39) looking to connect and learn more about the Catholic faith. More information can be found on the diocesan website: http:// syracusediocese.org/theology-on-tap

A.I. - Authentic Intelligence—In a world enamored by artificial realities, Catholics are called to live their faith authentically. We will explore topics related to authentic discernment, doctrine, and devotion.

Dates & Location: Abbiocco by A Mano, Syracuse Thursdays, 7-9 pm March 14 | March 21



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CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION-

We are collecting for the Cathedral Food Pantry, as the need is so great. Bags are available this weekend at all the Church entrances, or you may use your own bags. Return items to Dwyer Hall by Sunday, March 24th, at 11:00 am.

Needed items: diapers sizes newborn, 4 & 6, baby wipes, tuna, tuna helper, rice, soups, (including ramen), cereal (including oatmeal variety packs), canned fruits & vegetables, spaghetti, elbow macaroni, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, beef stew, pancake mix/syrup, juice, boxed mashed potatoes, mac 'n' cheese, peanut butter/ jelly, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, feminine products, dish & laundry detergent.

DAY OF HOPE & HEALING FOR WOMEN

Have you felt sad, ashamed, or not forgiven due to an abortion? Experience God's mercy and peace at a Day of Hope and Healing. For more information, call Project Rachel Ministry at (855) 364-0076 or email: hopeandhealing@syrdio.org All calls and emails are confidential.

THE THIRD OPTON MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Hybrid Meetings in-person at The Church of St. Michael & St. Peter Parish Center or online every other Sunday from 6:30-8:30 pm. Come build your marriage in the comfort of your own home. Upcoming topics and dates are:

March 17: "Breaking the Hurt Spiral in Marriage"

April 7: "Practicing Forgiveness in Marriage"

April 21: "Rebuilding Trust in Marriage: It Can Be Done"

May 5: "The 2 Great Secrets of Happily Married Couples"

May 19: "Ending the Blame Game in Marriage"

For information or to participate, contact Stephanie at sstewart@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6754, ext. 5.

FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

- 1) Fast: This means consuming only one full meal and two smaller meals that, combined, would not equal a single normal meal.
- 2) Abstain from meat: Catholics should avoid eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, & all Fridays of Lent. For Roman Catholics, the norms on fasting apply from age 18 until age 59. Remember that these practices are not just about physical discipline. They also serve as a way to focus on spiritual reflection and penance during the Lenten Season; Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving being the three tenets of Lenten Sacrifice.

International Exhibition THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia when he was only 15 years old, outlined the distinctive feature of his brief existence: living with Jesus, for Jesus and in Jesus. Carlo, who was beatified in 2020, designed and created an exhibition to document the main Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. He then shared this collection with the world using his knowledge of computers and the internet. His exhibition will be on display at Immaculate Conception in the Front Vestibule during the Lenten Season.

Gentlemen, mark your calendars for IGNITE 2024!
The theme this year is:
"Lord, Guard Us."



EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Immaculate Conception holds Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Monday during Lent. Join us in Church from 6:30-7:30 pm. Come spend an hour, or a part of that time in Adoration and reflective prayer. Confessions from 6:30-7:00 pm.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever;...he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and...abides in me, and I in him." (Jn 6:51,54,56)

If Jesus were actually visible in Church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread because he is calling us to faith, that we may come to him in humility.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

There is an envelope in our current envelope packet for donations toward Easter flowers. On the back of the envelope you may write the name/ names of loved ones. You may remember living people (In Honor of) or deceased (In Memory of). If you do not use envelopes, you may send a check with a list of your loved ones' names. A complete list of donors and memorials will be printed in our bulletin after Easter.

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