

Love does no harm to a neighbor.
Therefore love is the fulfillment of the
law...
ROMANS 13:10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5-6, 2020 — Year A

N.E.T. Catholic

Holy Cross



Saint Anthony



All Saints



North East Tompkins County (N.E.T.)
Roman Catholic Parishes

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Office Hours: Visit us, Call or text (607) 241-0821

Tuesday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm at Saint Anthony

Wednesday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm at Holy Cross

Thursday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm at All Saints

Sunday 9:00– 10:30 am at Holy Cross

11:00 am—12:30 pm at All Saints (former crying room in the narthex of church)

1:00—2:30 pm at Saint Anthony

Confessions: By appointment. Call or text (607) 288-2350.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF OUR REVISED MASS SCHEDULE.

In-person attendance at Mass **by sign-up only** (please sign up online or call the office). All live-streamed Masses available at www.facebook.com/netcatholic and www.youtube.com/c/netcatholic. Please see schedule on page 4 for other live-streamed and online opportunities for prayer.

- **Saturday**, 2:30 pm Sunday Vigil – All Saints
- **Saturday**, 4:30 pm Sunday Vigil – Saint Anthony
- **Sunday**, 8:30 am – Holy Cross
- **Sunday**, 10:30 am – All Saints
- **Sunday**, 2:00 pm – Saint Anthony
- **Sunday**, 4:30 pm – Holy Cross

A note from Father Daniel

Our commitment as Catholics is to build a world in which human dignity is always the priority

Saint Irenaeus teaches that: “The Glory of God is the human being fully alive,” this refers to the human person fully transformed by the Spirit into the likeness of the Risen Christ and such transformation goes through the possibility of every human being to live her or his human dignity to its fullest. As Catholics, disciples of Jesus Christ, we do not live for ourselves, but to give glory to God and we do this by engaging this world in such a way that we create the conditions of possibility for ALL of God’s children to live their God given dignity to the fullest. Our commitment in this world first and foremost is not to any ideology, country, political party, or anything else that cannot offer us eternal salvation, that cannot even offer us salvation in this world for salvation in this life and in the next is only found in Jesus Christ. Our first and only commitment, our only allegiance in this life must be to Jesus Christ, His Gospel and His Kingdom, and we are to engage, support and use the institutions of this world as a means for the Glory of God and not as an end in themselves.



This week on September 9, we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Universal Patron of Human Rights, who opposed the understanding that people of color had no souls and fought for their equal dignity caring for them and their needs. So this might be a good time for us to call attention to three issues related to the dignity of human beings:

Our obligation in faith to protect the dignity of all workers:

Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. This Labor Day, we invite you to reflect on the dignity of work and rights of workers by visiting www.usccb.org/jphd to read the annual Labor Day statement from @USCCB.

We also invite you to pray with following prayer, especially conscious of those that are unemployed through this pandemic:
Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, How wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us. As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it. Help us stand up for living wages for those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet. Protect especially health care workers and other essential workers during this time of pandemic. Open our eyes to the struggles of those who are trafficked and exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal. Work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity. Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign. Amen.



Our obligation in faith to strive for racial justice:

Our faith calls us to speak out against racism and to work to transform structures that disregard the equal dignity of all human persons. Pope Francis reminds us that, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism or exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” Our bishops remind us that “Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by some groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanic and African Americans face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans for suspected criminal activity. There is also growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees. Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered.”

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love, pastoral letter against racism – US Catholic Bishops
You can find many resources to educate yourself better and respond to the obligation of your faith at: <https://tinyurl.com/racismsin>

A note from Father Daniel (Continued)



Our obligation in faith to care for creation:

Caring for creation as it is understood in Catholic Teaching is not only about the environment, it is a matter of caring for the human person and human dignity, it is a matter of upholding the sacredness of human life and living our preferential option for the poor. The first to suffer the effects of the devastation of the planet are the poor, yet we will all eventually suffer them. The first to suffer our appropriation and undue exploitation of the resources of creation without sharing them justly are the poor. This is why if we are to uphold human dignity and the sacredness of human life we must care for our common home.

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established September 1 as

an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Recommended reading for the Season of Creation 2020

Laudato Si' – the 2015 encyclical letter from Pope Francis.
Querida Amazonia– the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis
Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2020 [coming soon]
Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2020
Saint John Paul II's Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All of Creation (1990)
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation (2010)
All of these can easily be found online.

As our children and youth go back to school we are all reminded of our duty to continue to learn and grow and specially to continue to grow in our faith. We have delayed the start of our Faith Formation programs this year to October, yet I invite you to use this month of September to educate yourselves and your families on these three matters of human dignity, that are essential in our living out our faith.

A.M.D.G., Father Daniel

Parish News

Restrooms

We have two volunteers at Saint Anthony willing to clean and disinfect the restrooms once a week. This will allow us to **open the restrooms for emergencies only**. This means that we highly discourage the use of the restrooms, for in doing so you expose yourself to the germs of all who might have gone in before you in the last 7 days. If you have an emergency and must use the restrooms please remember that according to state regulations only one person can be in the restroom at a time (unless a parent needs to assist a child) and wear your mask, our restrooms do not have ventilation and infected droplets can remain in the air for a long time. At All Saints we have 1 volunteer, and at Holy Cross none, so the restrooms at those parishes will remain closed at this time until we have more volunteers.

Faith Formation News

We are excited to announce our new Faith Formation Initiative for all ages: Growing In Faith Together 2.0 "Responding to the Pandemic, Standing Firm in our Faith through the Storm" (G.I.F.T.). Watch your mailboxes for a mailing containing details and registration information, and plan to join us on this new adventure!

Visit our Faith Formation website for more information: www.GrowingInFaithTogether.org or to sign up. Contact Dawn Burdick with questions: dawn.burdick@dor.org or call 607-288-2476



Community News and Events

Job Opportunities

Immaculate Conception Church-Ithaca, is looking for a Building Maintenance and Grounds Keeper. This is a part-time position for a maximum of 20 hours a week. Duties include performing a variety of maintenance repairs and services, cleaning of the church and its buildings, and maintaining the grounds. Working with the Building and Grounds committee to identify problems and manage until completion, communicating with sub-contractors when needed. Ordering cleaning materials and maintaining Vendors. Please contact the Parish Office at 607-273-6121 for more information or if interested.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career op-

portunity representing our insurance program in the western New York area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. IN order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information please contact, John Hoolick, General Agent, at 570-654-3390 or HoolickAgency-Mail@KofC.org

Prayer for the Unborn

All are welcome to come and pray EVERY Friday morning from 830-11 AM at Planned Parenthood in Ithaca. Save The Date: 40 Days For Life begins Sept 23. Visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/ithaca> to sign up for your time to pray at the vigil site: across the street 620 W Seneca St., Ithaca.

This week in our Parishes (Schedule, Mass Intentions and Liturgical Calendar)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9/ Romans 13:8-10/ Matthew 18:15-20

Saturday, September 5

2:30 pm MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ All Saints — No intention requested

4:30 pm MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ Saint Anthony — For Julie Burnham, by Lewie and Fran Sovocool, and June Kenyon

Sunday, September 6

8:30 am MASS @ Holy Cross — For Tate MacDowell, by the MacDowell Family

10:30 am MASS @ All Saints — For Phyllis Gigliotti by Pat Wheeler and family

2:00 pm MASS @ Saint Anthony — For Linda Gobel, by Jim and Cathy Bishop

4:30 pm MASS @ Holy Cross — For Tate MacDowell, by the MacDowell family

Monday, September 7

Monday of the twenty-third Week of Ordinary Time

*Father Daniel is taking a staycation this week Sept.7-11
No activities scheduled*

Readings:
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8

Feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Father Daniel is taking a staycation this week Sept.7-11
No activities scheduled*

Readings:
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver

*Father Daniel is taking a staycation this week Sept.7-11
No activities scheduled*

Readings:
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10

Thursday of the twenty-third week of Ordinary Time

*Father Daniel is taking a staycation this week Sept.7-11
No activities scheduled*

Readings:
1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13
Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 11

Friday of the twenty-third week of ordinary time

*Father Daniel is taking a staycation this week Sept.7-11
No activities scheduled*

Readings:
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Luke 6:39-42

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

Readings: Sirach 27:30-28-7/ Romans 14:7-9/ Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday, September 12

2:30 pm MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ All Saints — Victor Composti, by Norma Composti

4:30 pm MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ Saint Anthony — For Roy Shields, by Lewie and Fran Sovocool, and Joan Kenyon

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am MASS @ Holy Cross — For Sylvia Huss, by Nan Lisk

10:30 am MASS @ All Saints — For Anthony Petrella, by Maureen Ronsvalle and family

2:00 pm MASS @ Saint Anthony — For Mary Graham, by Jim and Cathy Bishop

4:30 pm MASS @ Holy Cross — For Marge Whipple, by her Holy Cross Bible Study friends

Our Sacrificial Offering for the Fulfillment of the Mission of Jesus Christ (August 1—31)



Holy Cross

Budgeted Donations \$12,500
Online Donations \$8,235.00
Other Donations \$2,968.82
Total Donations \$11,203.82
Deficit for August \$1,296.18
Year to Date: **Deficit \$3,784.84**



Saint Anthony

Budgeted Donations \$8,350
Online Donations \$3,663.34
Other Donations \$4,794.80
Total Donations \$8,458.14
Surplus for August \$108.14
Year to Date: **Deficit \$1,498.75**



All Saints

Budgeted Donations \$16,500
Online Donations \$10,335.00
Other Donations \$4,617.00
Total Donations \$14,952
Deficit for August \$1,548
Year to Date: **Deficit \$3,092**



For Health Care Professionals and First Responders

We thank you Lord for their generosity in service at this difficult time and we pray that you keep them safe and give them strength and peace.

Kiersten Chambers - police officer in NYC, Brandi Senter, Stephanie Notar, Niki Cornelius and all the health care workers at Guthrie Medical in Cortland, and Mikayla Perkins, RN at Cayuga Medical Center. Also Anne Cornelius RN, Dr. Tim LaFrance, Dr. Russ LaFrance, Richard LaFrance PT, Jussie Street PT, Dr. Michelle Carley, Dr. Brian Nicholas, nurse Melissa Carley, Matt Youngs hospital worker, Dr. Grant Bonavia. Ben Cramer, Betsy Kane, Phil Thomas, Markus Hardt, Connor Moore, Johnelle Keck, Chris Keck, Susan McCarthy, John Nolan, Ellen Nolan, James Lafler, Maggie McDonald, Carrie

McCollester, Kevin McCormick, James Mona Dali and all the staff at Cayuga Medical Center, Megan Drake and Rebecca Drake, Carrie Stock, Katie Stevens, Don and Maria Gentry, Dr. Brendan Barrett, Jonathan Burdick, Patricia Brown, Mark Romond.

“Let us pray for them and their families. I thank God for the heroic example that they have given us in their care for the sick,”
—Pope Francis

For Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Angelo Alaimo, Jane Baldwin, Bobby Berrido, Ginny Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Francis Hertel, Kirsten Hess, Angela Hughes, Nimr Ibrahim, Jeremiah, Sean Kane, Autum Kenyon, Steve Kletjian, Valerie Kuramoto, Mr. Liggett, Miguel Marte, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Lee McGill, Chavonne McKenna, Fred Mellberg, Sara Morse, Dennis Osika, Jim Oswald, Kathy Pumphrey, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Thelma Rusak, Lourdes Santana, Emilie Searle, Virginia Shafer, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Phyllis Stewart, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Tom Walpole, Richard Weiss, Ryan White, Jocelyn Woods, Bob and Agnes Zavaski, and several Special Intentions.

Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.

Let us Pray...

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love.

You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Altar Bread and Wine are offered at our three parishes this week for **Parents, Teachers and Students** as we go back to school



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the following intentions:

At Holy Cross in the main church for

Tate MacDowell by the MacDowell family

At Holy Cross in the Chapel for

Marge Whipple



APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED STATES



Please join the Pope in praying for the following intention during the month of September 2020: **Respect for the Planet's Resources** - We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.