

St. John the Evangelist Church

Parish Announcements

Ascension of Jesus

Ascension Day is **Thursday, May 29th**. It is a holy day of obligation. St. John's will hold Mass at 5:30 PM and Annunciation Church in Clark Mills will hold Mass at 8:00 AM. Please note that the parish offices will be closed in observance.



Cakes Wanted!

If anyone would like to donate a small cake for our "Get Fired Up" Pentecost festival cakewalk, please call the rectory office at 315-732-8521. The cakewalk was a huge hit with the children last year and we are looking forward to making it even bigger!



NO Eucharistic Adoration or Holy Hour

There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration or holy hour this week. Instead, please join us at 5:30 PM for Mass. Adoration will resume on **Thursday, June 5th** from 1:00 – 7:00 PM.

Banns

III Trevor Morgan & Rachel Hernon



Raise the Roof Campaign

The "Raise the Roof" campaign hopes to put on a new roof this summer and we are halfway there! If you are able to donate, you can either drop it into a marked envelope in the collection basket, or use this QR code. Please be sure to note that it is for the **Roof Fund!**



FINANCES

Collection	Week Ending:	May 18, 2025
Regular Collection:	\$	4,027.00
Loose Collection:	\$	845.00
Total Weekly Income:	\$	4,872.00
Next Weekend:	Catholic Communications	

Thank you!

Please note: All parish offices will be closed on **Monday, May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27) Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Syracuse to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

FrancisCorps

Do you know someone who is 21–25 years old who is looking for a year to grow in their faith and serve those in need? FrancisCorps invites young adults to experience a year of Gospel life rooted in the Franciscan charism locally in Syracuse, New York through service, intentional community, and faith formation. During the year, while the participants are volunteering their time, their needs including room and board are provided for by the program. No fundraising is required to participate. We are still accepting applications for the 2025-2026 service year beginning at the end of July. To learn more visit franciscorps.org or email info@franciscorps.org.

"Quick" New Parishioner Registration Form – You can drop it into the collection basket or mail it to us! You should be contacted by our office within a week.

Name: _____ Email or phone: _____

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
TO BENEFIT SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT

GET FIRED UP!

Pentecost Sunday Festival



GAMES

NEW HARTFORD
FIRE
DEPARTMENT!

SUNDAY
JUNE 8, 2025
12:00 PM

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It wasn't the water He came for. It was me.

- Are you yearning to have a deeper relationship with God?
- Do you feel stirrings in your heart and are not sure how to act upon them?
- Are you inspired by hearing the faith journeys of others?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to join the group Women at the Well. Led by Sr. Mary Ellen Schopfer, these women meet to encourage each other on their journey of faith. It is free and open to women who want a stronger relationship with God.

This confidential group meets the last Tuesday of each month from
3-4:30 PM at The Good News Center.
Please call 315-735-6210 to register.

 **The Good News Center**
10475 Cosby Manor Road Utica, NY 13502

Bishop's Annual Vocations Picnic



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OFFICE OF VOCATION PROMOTION

The Tenth Hour

**Monday,
August 4th**

4 PM - 6:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Church
400 Salt Springs Rd. Fayetteville

For All Young People Open to God ~ For Potential Future Church Leaders
Especially for young people involved in youth ministry and campus ministry!
The Tenth Hour is an evening of dinner, conversation, discernment, and prayer with our bishop, priests, deacons, seminarians, and religious sisters & brothers from the Diocese of Syracuse.

This is a perfect follow-up for young people who responded to the "vocation altar call" at the Steubenville Youth Conference

Meet our Seminarians, Clergy & Religious



The evening will conclude with a special Mass with Bishop Lucia when he will celebrate the Rite of Candidacy for a number of our seminarians. This Mass will take place Monday, August 4th at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Parish in Fayetteville; this Mass is open to the public. Parents/families are more than welcome to join their teens for this special Mass with our Bishop. The Rite of Candidacy is a significant step for our seminarians, marking their formal declaration of intention to pursue Holy Orders, and it involves a public expression of their commitment before the bishop and the Church.



 **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Visit vocations-syracuse.org to Register
RSVP BY MONDAY, JULY 28TH

JOIN US FOR OUR



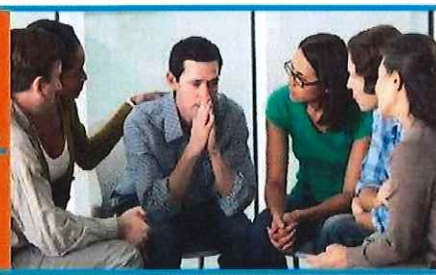
Fisherman's Club Summer Cookout Seminarian Meet & Greet

**MAY 27TH | 5:30PM
AT ST. PATRICK'S RECTORY
ONEIDA, NY**



THIS IS FOR ALL YOUNG ADULT MEN DISCERNING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, AND WILL PROVIDE DISCERNERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO HANG OUT WITH OUR SYRACUSE SEMINARIANS IN FORMATION AND GET TO KNOW THEM ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL. THIS IS AN INFORMAL EVENT AND WILL INCLUDE PRAYER, A COOKOUT AS WELL AS A BONFIRE.

PLEASE RSVP TO
**FR. JAMES BUTTNER BY
SUNDAY, MAY 25TH AT
JBUTTNER@SYRADIO.ORG**
VOCATIONS-SYRACUSE.ORG



Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) is a national organization founded in Arizona by a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor. Each PAL group is facilitated by a trained peer, someone walking the same path.

The primary goal of PAL is to provide **HOPE** through education for people dealing with the pain of having an addicted loved one. The guiding principles of PAL are confidentiality, respect, acceptance and support. Differences in opinion are embraced without judgment and we provide an atmosphere of understanding and the freedom to talk. Everyone experiences the journey at their own pace and is supported by the group.

Our meetings are **FREE** and open to the public; participants must be 18 and over.

PAL group educational lessons and discussions will highlight:

- Delayed emotional growth
- Three promises to a loved one
- Helping
- Enabling checklist
- Four stages of growth
- Family lessons about recovery
- Roles of addict/alcoholic and family
- Understanding re-entry
- Healthy adult relationships
- Six steps for families
- Steps of recovery
- Respond rather than react

Meetings are held every other **Monday** (except holidays)

6:00-7:30 PM at The Good News Center

Please call 315-735-6210 to register for meetings.

2025

January 6 January 27 February 10 February 24 March 10 March 24 April 7 April 21 May 5
May 19 June 2 June 16 June 30 July 14 July 28 August 11 August 25 September 8
September 22 October 6 October 20 November 3 November 17 December 1 December 15

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December 24, 2024 -
December 28, 2025

Building Faith@HOME

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: [Acts 14:21-27](#)

Responsorial: [Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13](#)

Second Reading: [Revelation 21:1-5a](#)

Gospel: [John 13:31-33a, 34-35](#)

Jubilee Year - Faith Fun

Pope Leo XIV - An Augustinian Priest

Our new pope was first ordained as an Augustinian priest. What does this mean?

Pope Leo XIV, was an Augustinian priest, which means he belonged to the Order of Saint Augustine. This religious order is a group of men and women who follow the teachings of Saint Augustine, a famous early Christian bishop and theologian. Augustinians focus on living in community, prayer, and serving others, especially those in need. They strive to grow closer to God through their actions and by sharing their faith with others. Pope Leo XIV was ordained as a priest on June 19, 1982.

The prayer to the Holy Spirit, below, by St. Augustine, connects beautifully with the Gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year C, John 14:23-29. In this Gospel, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit, who will teach and remind us of His teachings.

St. Augustine's prayer asks the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, actions, and hearts towards holiness. It reflects the role of the Holy Spirit as our helper and teacher, as mentioned in the Gospel. This prayer helps us seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in living a holy life.



The Sixth Sunday of Easter - This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. John teaches us that a Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; a presence of love, not fear.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries. As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace. [Loyolapress.com](https://www.loyolapress.com)

Family Table Talk

- Jesus says that the Holy Spirit is a teacher and a reminder. What would you like the Holy Spirit to teach you? What are some things you want to be reminded of by the Holy Spirit?



Try this activity to visualize the Ascension of Jesus.

<https://bit.ly/Ascension-Craft>

Ascension Thursday: May 29



Enjoy making and eating this easy "cloud" desert as you reflect on the Ascension of Jesus. [Luke 24:46-53](#)

<https://bit.ly/Jello-Cloud-Parfait>



Prayer to the Holy Spirit by St. Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
Amen.



More Faith Builders!

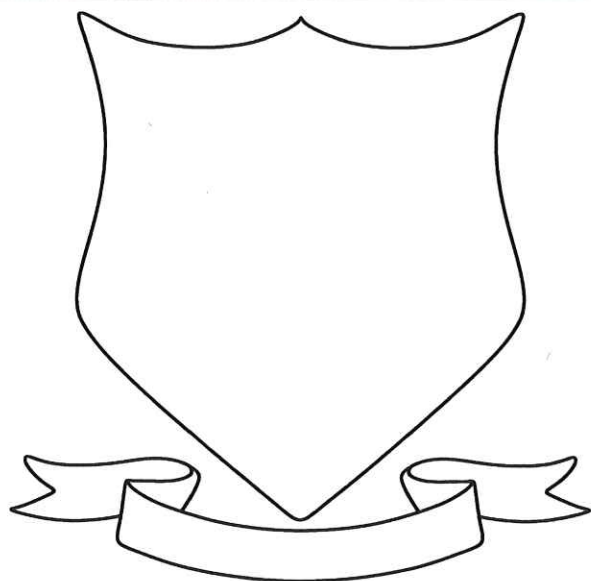
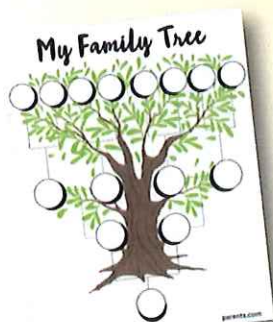


May 30 - June 1 is the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly Jubilee of Families, Children!

Create Your Family Tree!

Download this Family Tree Activity and share the stories of your family history.

<https://bit.ly/Family-Tree-Sheet>



Many shields of past popes included their "family emblem" Visit:

<https://bit.ly/Papal-Coat-of-Arms>

What would be your family emblem?



Parents' Corner

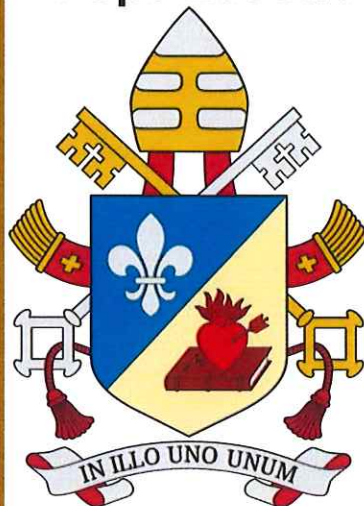


Pilgrims of Hope - The Church celebrates Family!

As a mom of 4 little ones years ago, I remember the challenges of bringing my crew to Mass...talk about a pilgrimage! It took planning, collaboration with my husband, timing, packing necessities. But the pilgrimage was always worth the joy it brought. The article below is for the families with young children with tips for your Sunday pilgrimage. Let us all remember the joy of having the gift of these beautiful children in our midst. Rejoice when you hear the fidgety, crying, babbling babies and toddlers. Offer a prayer of gratitude for the gift of life. Together, we are one family, pilgrims of hope, leading each other to Christ.

<https://bit.ly/Taking-Children-to-Mass-Tips>

Pope Leo XIV - Coat of Arms



In a pope's Coat of Arms there is always:

1. **Crossed keys of gold and silver** symbolizing the Keys of St. Peter, with spiritual and temporal power.
2. **A Mitre or "triple tiara"** with 3 bands of gold representing the three powers of the Supreme Pontiff: Sacred Orders, Jurisdiction, and Magisterium.
3. **The Shield** carries symbols connected to the person.

The ribbon with a motto is customary of heraldry, but it is not a required element of the Coat of Arms. Pope Leo's motto translated is: "In the One, we are one" which reflects echoes of St. Augustine's sermon on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one." The symbols on the shield include a lily symbol for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Augustinian symbol of the pieced heart transformed by the Word of God. (Vatican News, 5.14.2025)

AS A FAMILY... what would your Coat of Arms look like?

Things to consider:

- Does your family name have a significant meaning or translation that can be symbolized?
- What spiritual devotions are important to your family?
- Do you want a symbol for each family member?
- Are there certain skills that can be symbolized?
- Are there symbols to connect your family heritage, places of origin, important achievements, etc?
- Consider symbols that reflect the family's core virtues and values.
- Colors have significant meanings as well:
Gold: Generosity, wisdom; Silver: Peace, sincerity; Red: Courage, passion; Blue: Loyalty, truth; Green: Hope, vitality; Black: Constancy, grief

Use the template to the left or create a large one of your own.

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Reflection from St. John's Pro-Life Group

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

This Weekend's Music Selections

Love Divine All Loves Excelling
This Day God Gives Me
One Bread One Body
America the Beautiful



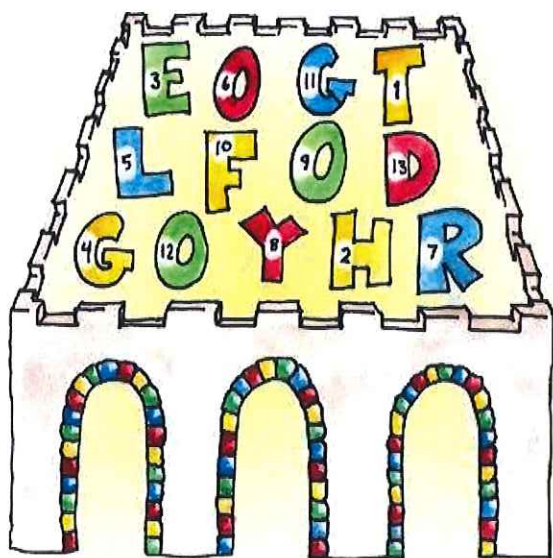
Camp Nazareth

Registration is now open for Camp Nazareth, an overnight summer camp for youth ages 8-16, located in the Adirondacks. Go to www.campnaz.org or call Dave George at 315-796-6133 for more information.



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 2025



Today's second reading tells about
the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city.
Sort out the letters by their numbers
to fill in the blanks...

The city has no need of sun or moon because

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

will be its light. Rev.21:22-23

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 24 – JUNE 1

Saturday, May 24 – (Vigil) Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:15 Wesley Dutch – Wife, Philmain
5:15 Robert A. Bankert – Dcn. Ed & Cathy Kernan
5:15 Helen LaMonte – Jerry & Carolyn Kupiec

Sunday, May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 Peter R. DeLett (Birthday) – Daughter, Karen
8:00 James R. Lothian – Dcn. Ed & Cathy Kernan
8:00 Kevin Grimmer – John & Lynette Cunningham
11:00 Carol Kahler – Family
11:00 Audrey Dorn – Husband & Children
11:00 Chrstine Reynolds Madden – Husband, Jeff

Thursday, May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord

5:30 The People of St. John's

Saturday, May 31 – (Vigil) Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:15 Irene Gilles – Michael J. McDonald
5:15 Carol Sue Raitt – Ken & Kathy Giffune
5:15 50th Anniv. of Msgr. James Lang – Kathy Kernan

Sunday, June 1 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 Peter R. DeLett (Birthday) – Daughter, Karen
8:00 James R. Lothian – Dcn. Ed & Cathy Kernan
8:00 Kevin Grimmer – John & Lynette Cunningham
11:00 Carol Kahler – Family
11:00 Audrey Dorn – Husband & Children
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*Sanctuary Light in Memory of
Wesley Dutch
Requested by Wife, Philamin*

While weekday Masses are currently paused, please note that daily Mass is available:

- **8:00 am** Wednesday & Thursday at Holy Trinity
- **8:15 am** Tues. & Thursday at Our Lady of the Rosary
- **8:15 am** Monday & Wednesday at Lourdes
- **12:10 pm** Monday – Friday at Historic St. John's
- **12:15 pm** Friday at Holy Trinity
- **12:15 pm** Mon – Wed at Sacred Heart & St. Mary's in New York Mills

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength."
– St. Francis de Sales