

St. John the Evangelist Church

Parish Announcements

Women's Club Revitalization Meeting!

Like our Men's Club, St. John's Women's Club is looking to revitalize and renew its ministry.

All women of the parish are warmly invited to a meeting on **Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 PM** in the church auditorium. Please join us and bring your ideas, hopes, and suggestions for revitalizing the Women's Club. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working together to build an active and welcoming ministry for the women of our parish.



Planning for a Wonderful Parish Picnic

No registration is required for our Parish Picnic, but we'd appreciate your help in estimating attendance so we can prepare enough food for everyone. Please use the link below or scan the QR code to let us know how many adults and children will be attending. You may also call the parish office at 315-732-8521. For complete event details, please see the flyer on the following page.



Help Make Our Parish Picnic Raffle a Success!

Our parish picnic is just around the corner, and we're making it even more exciting with a basket raffle. We invite parishioners to donate a themed basket or another raffle item to help make the celebration special. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Please note: The deadline for donations is Thursday, October 1.** Thank you for helping create a fun and memorable picnic for our entire parish community!



Finances

Collection	Week Ending:	September 20, 2026
Regular Collection:	\$	4,035.00
Online Collection:	\$	1,432.00
Loose Collection:	\$	1,259.00
Total Weekly Income:	\$	6,726.00



Schedule Changes

Please note these temporary schedule changes:



- There will be **no Holy Hour or Confessions** on Tuesday, September 29.
- There will be **no 6:45 a.m. Mass** on Wednesday, September 30.
- Adoration and Holy Hour **will still be held** on Thursday, October 1st from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM. A holy hour, led by Deacon Ed, and concluding with Benediction, will be held at 3:00 PM.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection – Respect Life

The first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. During the weekend of October 3rd and 4th, 2026, parishes across the Diocese will conduct a special collection to enhance the Respect Life Office's affirming work.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PARISH PICNIC

JOIN US IN THE BALL FIELD FOR SOME FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN

50/50 RAFFLE

BASKET RAFFLES

**OCTOBER 4TH 2026
12PM-3PM**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
3PM**

“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: _____

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Dear Parishioners,

Matthew 21:28–32 presents the parable of two sons, spoken by Jesus in the temple during his confrontation with the religious authorities. The story is simple: a father commands his first son to work in the vineyard. The son initially refuses but later changes his mind and goes. The father gives the same command to the second son, who agrees immediately but does not go. Jesus then asks which son did the father's will. The obvious answer exposes the central issue: obedience is demonstrated by action, not merely by words.



The parable follows Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his conflict with the chief priests and elders. These leaders have questioned Jesus' authority, but they are unwilling to respond honestly to John the Baptist's ministry. Consequently, the parable functions as an indictment of their religious appearance. The second son represents those who profess obedience yet fail to act. His verbal agreement may suggest respect and conformity, but his inaction reveals the truth of his heart. The first son, by contrast, initially refuses his father. His response is disrespectful, yet he later experiences a change of mind and obeys. The Greek verb often translated "changed his mind" can also convey remorse or repentance. Jesus applies this image directly to "tax collectors and prostitutes," socially and religiously despised people who responded to John's call for repentance. Their earlier lives appeared to contradict God's will, but their eventual repentance brought them into obedience.

The contrast is therefore not between respectable and immoral people in the abstract, but between **repentant sinners and unrepentant religious observers**. The chief priests and elders saw themselves as faithful representatives of God, yet they rejected John even after witnessing the transformation produced by his preaching. Their failure was not ignorance but hardened refusal. They would not "change their minds" and believe. The vineyard recalls biblical images of Israel as God's cultivated people, especially Isaiah 5. Within this setting, the father's command signifies God's

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call to participate in his purposes. The parable does not minimize the seriousness of initial disobedience, nor does it imply that words are irrelevant. Rather, it emphasizes that repentance can redirect a person's relationship with God, while religious profession without obedience remains empty.

Matthew 21:28–32 challenges readers to examine whether their faith is merely verbal or visibly enacted. Jesus places repentant outsiders ahead of confident insiders—not because sin is insignificant, but because humility and repentance lead to genuine obedience. The decisive question is not what one claims before God, but whether one ultimately responds to God's call.

God Bless,
Fr. Matt

Hunger Action Month takes place every September to raise awareness and inspire action to fight hunger across the United States.

Ways to Take Action

- **Volunteer:** Sign up for a shift at your local food bank or community pantry.
- **Donate:** Give non-perishable food items or financial contributions to local hunger-relief organizations.



Angels Among Us Food Pantry

St. John the Evangelist



Open 2 days a month

Next dates:
September 26th, October
10th, and October 24th



Hours:
10:00 am – 12:00 pm



Serving residents of
New Hartford (between
Rt. 8 and Rt. 12),
Washington Mills,
Chadricks, Sauquoit,
Cassville, and Clayville.



First visit? Please bring proof of address.



**Volunteers are always needed
for this very important ministry.**



Interested in volunteering?
Please call the rectory office at 315-732-8521.

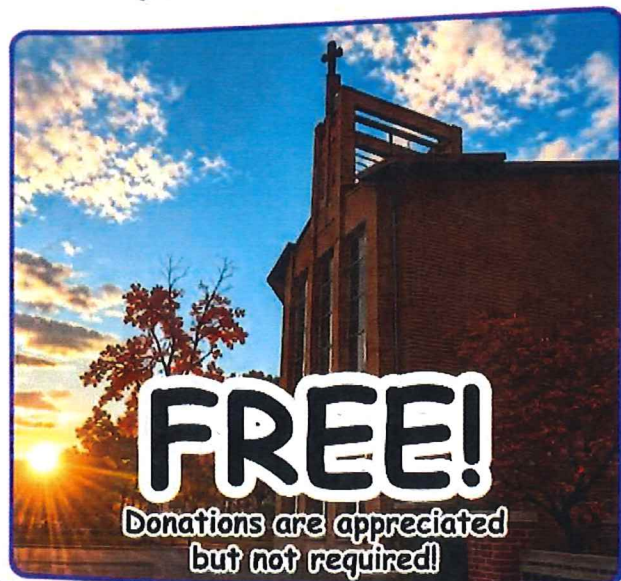
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Halloween Concert

with Half Moon Orchestra

🎵 A night of spooky, magical, and movie music for the whole family! 🎵



Sunday
October 18th
4:00 PM
Doors open at 3:30 PM

A yellow full moon with a black silhouette of a witch on a broomstick flying across it, with small black bats nearby.

St. John the Evangelist Church
66 Oxford Road, New Hartford, NY

Kids are welcome
to come in costume!

All are invited to stay after the show for
pumpkin decorating, donuts and cider!



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Share Your Gifts Through Music

St. John's Handbell Ensemble

The Handbell Ensemble rings once a month at the 11:00 am Mass from September – May with the exception of the advent and Lenten seasons. The ensemble also offers concerts at various retirement communities and nursing homes in December and early spring. The ensemble practices on Monday evenings, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, 3-4 times per month. Rehearsals will begin late September. You do not need to read music in order to participate, however, an understanding of basic rhythmic notations is helpful. You do not need to make every Mass that we play at, nor every rehearsal, as we have subs able to take your place. Please call the rectory office and leave your name and phone number if interested, or please feel welcome to stop up to the choir loft after any weekend Mass and try out the bells.



St. John's Adult Choir

The St. John's Adult Choir will begin singing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 4th, with a rehearsal beginning at 10:00 am that morning. Regular rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m., with an occasional Wednesday evening rehearsal during busy seasons such as Christmas and Easter. You do not need to read music; most of the present members cannot read and are taught through repetition. You do not need to be present every Sunday; you can attend as your schedule allows. We ask that you have a pleasant singing voice and a willingness to follow direction. The choir is open to young adults age 16 and older through older adults and all voice parts are needed. We hope that you will prayerfully consider this important ministry.

St. John's Funeral Choir

The St. John's Funeral Choir is always looking for new members. This choir sings at most funeral Masses held at our church. You need not be present for each funeral Mass – you can participate as your schedule allows. Please call the rectory office if interested, and leave your name and phone number.

Vocal Cantors and Instrumentalists

We welcome all practicing vocalists and instrumentalists to participate in weekend and special liturgies throughout the year as your schedule allows. Please contact the rectory office to leave your contact information; or stop up to the choir loft after any weekend Mass to receive more information. This is a great way for high school musicians to acquire volunteer hours!

Youth Choir/Youth Chime Ensemble

We are again attempting to re-establish a Youth Choir at St. John's. This choir is open to students in grades 3 – 8. The group sings once a month at the 11:00 am Mass. The group practices at 10:00 am just prior to the Mass they are singing at. It is a low commitment group, and a great way for students to be involved in the liturgy. Students do not need to attend every Mass throughout the year – they can participate as their schedule allows. We ask that your child is involved in some type of singing ensemble at school if possible.

We have acquired a set of hand chimes which are like handbells but offer easier technical skills to play. We would like to begin using them either in conjunction with the Youth Choir or as a separate group. This group, if formed, would need to practice separately, so there is a bit more of a time commitment. We are looking at a rehearsal time of 5:00-6:00 pm on Monday evenings, twice a month. Dates would be coordinated with parents/students schedules if possible.

The Youth Choir/Chime Choir will require a minimum number of 6 students in order to be able to form a group.

If your child is interested, please contact either the rectory office, or leave your contact information with Julie Stephens, our Faith Formation Coordinator.

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NYS Police Safety Training for Parishes

- Wednesday, October 14 @ 6pm
- St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Chadwicks, Church Hall
- (Park in the back parking lot)



The New York State Homeland Security team is offering free safety training for our parishes. Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Risk Management, this one-hour training will be presented by members of the New York State Police. There is no cost to attend. Everyone is welcome, with a special invitation to ushers and members of the Pastoral Council. **Call the parish office at 315-732-8521 to register.**

Join The Good News Hospitality Team!

The Good News Foundation is seeking a Part-Time Hospitality Support Associate to help create a welcoming, caring, and Christ-centered experience on our campus. If you enjoy serving others, creating inviting spaces, and making people feel cared for, we'd love to hear from you! The ideal candidate is dependable, flexible, attentive to detail, and passionate about sharing Christ's love through hospitality. Evening and weekend hours are required. Interested candidates can call 315-735-6210 or email Jessica at jessica@thegoodnewscenter.org.

16TH ANNUAL
**SYRACUSE CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2026
SYRACUSE, NY

Make me an instrument of your peace.
JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

7:30-10:00 Adoration, Benediction and Veneration of First-Class Relic of St. Bernadette
Marian Mass followed by Rosary Procession

THE ONCENTER CONVENTION CENTER:

10:30-4:00 Speakers, Vendors, Lunch, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration Chapel, Statue Raffle,
Veneration of First-Class Relic of St. Francis and Vatican-Sanctioned Relic of the Holy Face, Brown Scapular Investiture



Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
Provincial Superior of the
Marian Fathers of the Immaculate
Conception located in the US,
England and Argentina



Mother Gabrielle Marie
Mother Superior and foundress
of the Benedictine Daughters of
the Divine Will



Robert D. Enright, Ph.D.
Professor of educational
psychology at University of
Wisconsin-Madison and
co-founder of the International
Forgiveness Institute



Anna Nuzzo, Musician
International Catholic singer,
songwriter and recording artist



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WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Scan the QR code, or
2. Visit www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org, or
3. Check with your parish for a Table for 10



ST. PATRICK'S-ST. ANTHONY'S
CHADWICKS
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
NEW HARTFORD
ST. MARY'S
CLINTON
CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION
CLARK MILLS

Thinking About
Your Faith Journey?
You're Not Alone.

Whether you've been baptized Catholic and never confirmed, are considering becoming Catholic, or simply feel a quiet pull toward God—this is the place to begin.

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INITIATION OF ADULTS

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS OF
BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION,
OR CONFIRMATION



LEARNING MORE ABOUT
THE CATHOLIC FAITH



ASKING HONEST QUESTIONS IN
A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE

Classes Begin Sunday October 11th

Classes will meet at St John's Church in New Hartford
66 Oxford Rd., Sundays at 12:30 PM-1:30PM



READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?
Please Contact the Parish Office
or scan the QR Code to Register.

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Come and See



John 1:39

**SAINT SHARBEL
MASS & ANOINTING**

THURSDAY, October 8, 2026

6pm Mass and Special Blessing with the relic of
SAINT SHARBEL, THE MIRACLE WORKER

ST. LOUIS GONZAGA CHURCH
520 RUTGER STREET, UTICA NEW YORK
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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44th Annual Family Rosary Crusade

The 44th Family Rosary Crusade will be held on **Sunday, October 4th at 2:45 pm** at St. Joseph-St Patrick Church in Utica.

This year, the guest speaker will be Rev. Jason Hage from Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish. Free Rosaries and Scapulars. To commemorate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the first-class relic of St. Francis will be here for all to be blessed!



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

A Family Perspective

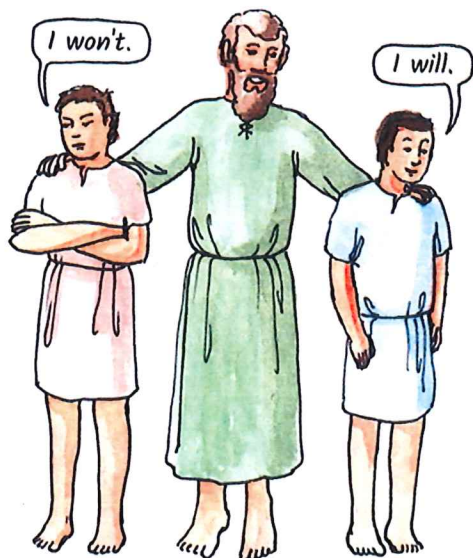
In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

The Kids' Bulletin

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2026**

*In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.
Which one did what his father asked?*

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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MASS INTENTIONS: SEPT 26 – OCT 4

Saturday, September 26 – (Vigil) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 Jerry & JoAnn Griffin – The Griffin Family

5:30 Dr. Vincent & Ursula Vaccaro – Fred & Marlene Carville

5:30 Simeon Magtoto – Family

Sunday, September 27 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Jane Congi – The Pitarresi Family

8:00 Coach Jones – MaryJo Buttiglieri & Brandon LaPorte

11:00 Kaylee Marie Brooks – Family

11:00 Robert & Clyde Beck – Ray & Tina Beck

Monday, September 28 – Weekday

6:45 Paul W. Kohan – Mom

Wednesday, September 30 – Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:45 NO MASS TODAY

Friday, October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

6:45 Katharine Kernan – Kathy Kernan

Saturday, October 3 – (Vigil) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 Shannon Foley Livingston – Nora Shahoud

5:30 Antonio Faga (8th Anniv.) – Sons

5:30 Raymond Lux (Birthday) – Wife & Three Sons

Sunday, October 4 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

8:00 Shirley DeLett (9th Anniv.) – Daughter, Karen Pohorecki

8:00 Faye Nappi (Birthday) – Walt & Sandy Kowalski

11:00 Charles Pratt – Friend

11:00 Matthew Bohn – Patty

11:00 Mary Ellen Price – The Winfield & Satterlee Family



*Sanctuary Light in Memory of
Garrett Bramer*

Requested by Aunt Renee

"The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God."

– St. Catherine of Siena