

# The kingdom of Heaven is like...

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25-26, 2020 — Year A

### N.E.T. Catholic

#### Holy Cross



#### Saint Anthony



#### All Saints



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#### 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](https://www.facebook.com/netcatholic) and [www.youtube.com/c/netcatholic](https://www.youtube.com/c/netcatholic). Please see schedule on page 4 for other live-streamed and online opportunities for prayer.

- Monday, no Mass.
- Tuesday, 10:30 am – Saint Anthony
- Wednesday, 10:30 am – Holy Cross
- Thursday, 10:30 am – All Saints
- Friday, no Mass.
- 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

Please sign up to join us for Mass. If you do not feel safe coming to church yet, please know that the obligation to attend Mass remains lifted and **all of our liturgies are livestreamed and recordings remain available afterwards.**

## A note from Father Daniel

### Our hearts are filled with joy, even as we mourn

My beloved sisters and brothers, these past 4 months of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic has brought us so much loss. The loss of our routines and life as we knew it, for many the loss of our financial stability, for some sadly the loss of health and for 145,000 American families even the loss of the life of a loved one to COVID-19.

We need to honor these losses and to take the time to mourn them. As people of faith we also need to find the space for gratitude and hope even in the midst of these losses. We need to be able to give thanks for all the blessings received before these losses and we need to be able to hope that our loving God will somehow bring future blessing from these very losses. Eternal life for those who have been taken away from us by this virus and learning, growth and deeper relationship with God for all of us experiencing different losses.

It is with a heavy heart that I look to the losses that we have already experienced in our communities in these past few months: the disruption of our liturgical life and our communal life and our opportunities for interaction, and more than anything the loss of members of our team due to Diocesan policies created to weather the financial crisis of the pandemic, as its effects might extend for a couple years at least.

To these losses we also added the partial loss of the presence of Barb Ivers and Jeanne Pellerin as they decided to step down from their volunteer roles in our Music Ministry and the loss of Emmanuel as he prepares to move to Pittsburg for the next stage of his academic formation.

It is with a heavy heart, that today I must share with you one more loss that our communities will experience.

When I came here in 2017, Deacon George made me aware that he would complete 12 years of service to our three parishes in 2018, which would mean that at that point he would be transferred. In conversation we decided that we would write to the Bishop and ask that he would consider extending his second term at the parishes a few years at least until my transition was complete and the parishes were in a better situation. The Bishop generously granted our request for an extension, which would conclude at his discretion considering my transition as well as the needs of the Diocese.

Last week we received a letter from Bishop Matano informing us that he was giving Deacon George a new appointment at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca starting September 1, 2020.

For the last 14 years Deacon George has served these three parishes under 3 different pastors, and through many different circumstances with great generosity.

So many of you have shared with him moments of great joy and profound sorrow. Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and he has been a steady presence of God's love and care through some very difficult times for these communities and many changes.

So as we mourn the loss of his transition I invite you all to also give thanks for the many blessings he brought into our lives and to

look with hope to the blessings he will have as he transitions to Immaculate where there is more to do and more opportunities for ministry and more people for him to bless by his presence and care.

8 years ago, the Kozak diaconal team became complete as Mary Ann also joined the ministry team for our parishes working in faith formation and pastoral care.

For 8 years, so many of you have looked to the Kozaks for guidance, support, care and inspiration. We have so much to be grateful for!

Deacon George and Mary Ann, have been a great support to me, even before I came as they assumed leadership of the parishes while I recovered from surgery (June 25–August 31, 2017) and was able to come. They walked patiently with me these past 3 years, helping me come to know the communities and continuing to be that caring presence to all. I am grateful to our Bishop for allowing them to stay with us for a couple extra years.

As the Kozak Diaconal team of Deacon George and Mary Ann moves on to a new adventure, they do so with our love and our gratitude, with our hope and our prayers.

We mourn their leaving, yet we rejoice in all that God has given us through them and all that they will bring to those they will now serve. They will only be a few miles down the road, which will allow for relationships to continue in one way or another. May their future be filled with blessing and may God help our parishes find new paths as well.

You will find a message from Deacon George below.

Please consider joining us for **Mass and Picnic at Myers Park, Sunday, August 2 at 4:30 pm** as we thank and celebrate all who are transitioning.

Because we want as many as possible to join us for this celebration we will not have 6 Masses that weekend, we will only have 3 Masses, in consideration of those that might have a scheduling conflict we will have our Saturday 4:30 pm Mass at Saint Anthony, our Sunday 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross and our 4:30 pm Mass at Myers Park.

Please note that on the weekend of August 2, there will be NO 2:30 pm Mass on Saturday and no 10:30 am or 2:00 pm Mass on Sunday, and the Sunday 4:30 pm Mass will be at Myers Park instead of Holy Cross.

Deacon George will be assisting and preaching at our 4:30 pm Mass at the park.

If you plan to attend, please sign up online (our usual Mass sign up genius) or by calling the office 9am– 4 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 607-241-0821. Sign up is needed for meal planning and contact tracing.

If you live outside the town of Lansing you should pick up a parking pass at church when you come for Mass or when the office is open, or call the office by July 30 for one to be sent to you in the mail.

A.M.D.G.  
*Father Daniel*

## A note from Deacon George

In St. Paul's Letter to the Roman's, St. Paul writes: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

So, keeping that in mind, dear Friends, I am sad to report that I am being transferred by Bishop Matano to Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, NY. I did not seek this transfer, but I have been at our three Churches for over 14 years and the Diocese of Rochester has a rule that Deacons can spend no longer than 12 years in an assignment, and I was already 2 years beyond that limit. I will be starting at Immaculate Conception on September 1, 2020.

I came to our three Churches in July of 2006. Originally, I was centered at St. Anthony's, but within a year, Fr. Scott Kubinski had me helping at Holy Cross and All Saints, occasionally. With Fr. Eloo, my duties and responsibilities grew in all three Churches, and my wife, Mary Ann, joined our ministry team as Religious Education coordinator for Holy Cross and St. Anthony's and then Pastoral Associate for those two Churches. Briefly, before Fr. Daniel came, my wife was even my boss (!), as she assumed the temporary role as Pastoral Administrator for the three Churches.

With Fr. Daniel's coming, our responsibilities and ministry

changed, once again. In all of these changes, I looked to St. Paul's words: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

During these past 14 years, we started out as three separate Churches and Communities, but over time we came together, working and worshiping with our lives centered on the Eucharist. We even almost merged our three Churches into one Parish with three worship sites. But whether we are physically together or spiritually, our three communities are like the treasure that Jesus mentions in the Gospel reading for the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field (Matt. 13:44)". You are all that treasure.

I have been blest to be with you these past 14 years. Mary Ann and I appreciate all the love and support that you have given us, especially when our young son, John, died 6 years ago from leukemia. I feel as if God had placed us with you to help us through that difficult time with your love and understanding.

We will never forget you.

God Bless,  
*Deacon George*

**COME AND SAY THANK YOU!**

**Mass 4:30 pm Picnic 5:45 pm**  
Sunday, August 2 Myers Park, Lansing, NY

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

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

**Readings:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52

#### Saturday, July 25

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

4:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ Saint Anthony** — **For Janice Bartlett Ehersman**, by Norm and Muriel Bartlett

#### Sunday, July 26

8:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — **For Carole Ann Andola**, by the Yantz Family

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints** — **For Norm Wheeler**, by Maureen Ronswalle

2:00 pm **MASS @ Saint Anthony** — **For Linda Gobel**, by Fran and Lewie Sovocool

4:30 pm **MASS @ Holy Cross** — *No intention requested*

#### Monday, July 27

Monday of the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

**No activities scheduled**

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 13:1-11

Matthew 13:31-35

#### Tuesday, July 28

Tuesday of the

Seventeenth Week of  
Ordinary Time — Green

6:00 am **Rise in Joy** with Manny

10:30 am **MASS @ Saint Anthony** — **For David Jacques**, by  
Irene Gutchess

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us online

3:00 pm **Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart** — Join us online

6:00 pm **Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love** with Dawn

8:30 pm **Adoration and Benediction with Recitation of the Holy  
Rosary** — Join us online

9:30 pm **Lullaby**

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 14:17-22

Matthew 13:36-43

#### Wednesday, July 29

Memorial of Saint  
Martha – White

6:00 am **Rise in Joy** with Manny

10:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — **For the Deceased Family and  
Friends of the Muller Family**, by Kathy and George Muller

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us online

3:00 pm **Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart** — Join us online

6:00 pm **Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love** with Dawn

8:30 pm **Adoration and Benediction with Meditation on the Holy  
Spirit** — Join us online

9:30 pm **Lullaby**

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

John 11:19-27

#### Thursday, July 30

Thursday of the  
Seventeenth Week of  
Ordinary Time – Green

6:00 am **Rise in Joy** with Manny

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints** — **For John and Elizabeth Wagner**, by the  
Wagner Family

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us online

3:00 pm **Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart** — Join us online

6:00 pm **Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love** with Dawn

8:30 pm **Adoration and Benediction with Meditation on the Most Holy  
Eucharist** — Join us online

9:30 pm **Lullaby**

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Matthew 13:54-58

#### Friday, July 31

Friday of the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

**No activities scheduled**

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 26:1-9

Matthew 13:54-58

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-3 / Romans 8:35, 37-39 / Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday, August 1 — 4:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ Saint Anthony** — **For McKenzie Elliott**

Sunday, August 2 — 8:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — **For Margaret Buechel Morreale**, by Richard and Sharon Buechel

### CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AT MYERS PARK

Sunday, August 2 - Myers Park, Pavilions B and C

4:30 pm - Mass • 5:45 pm - Picnic



## 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, 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, 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, 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, Marge Whipple, Ryan White, Jocelyn Woods, Bob and Agnes Zavaski, and several Special Intentions.

**Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.**

**The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the following intentions:**

*At Saint Anthony:*

**Richard J. Moon, Jr.**



The Altar Bread and Wine at **Saint Anthony** are offered for the intentions of **Kathleen Martin.**



**Please join the Pope in praying** for the following intention during the month of July 2020: **Our Families** – We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## Community News and Announcements

### Donate Cloth Face Masks for the Dryden School District

As we turn an eye toward the Fall, the Dryden School District is trying to be prepared for a number of scenarios. They would be incredibly appreciative if people in the community would be willing to make and donate cloth masks for adults and/or children. Donated masks can be dropped off anytime at the District Office Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Thank you for your support!

### Food Donations for the Dryden School District's Summer Food Program

The Summer Food Program will be providing food each week this summer. This week we could use boxes of peanut butter and cheese sandwich crackers, canned green beans, canned black beans and stuffing mix. We will also need cereal and jelly on a weekly basis. You can drop off your donation outside the district office (at the high school) by simply ringing the bell located at the entrance and stepping back to wait for a staff member to bring it inside. The district office is open on Monday – Friday from 8am to 3pm. If you are interested in providing financial support for this effort donations can be made to Dryden Central Schools with the HANDS fund written in the memo section. Checks can be mailed to PO box 88, Dryden NY. Thanks for your continued help and support!