

Whoever wishes to come
after me must deny
himself, take up his cross,
and follow me.

MATTHEW 16:24



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29-30, 2020 — Year A

N.E.T. Catholic

Holy Cross



Saint Anthony



All Saints



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Roman Catholic Parishes

Dryden/Freeville – Groton – Lansing,
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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.

- **Tuesday**, 10:30 am – Saint Anthony
- **Wednesday**, 10:30 am – Holy Cross
- **Thursday**, 10:30 am – All Saints
- **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

Please make faith a priority in your planning for this year

As the summer shortly will come to an end and we all start to plan for a new school year and in general for how we might go about the next year or so with COVID precautions in place I want to make a heartfelt appeal to you. As you plan and envision what this year will look like please make faith part of your planning.

I understand that some in our communities are very vulnerable and to them I say, please stay home but make sure to make faith a priority in how you set up your routine allowing for time each day for rest and self-care (this is the holy practice of rest, modeled by God on the 7th day of creation), dedicating time each day for personal prayer, some vocal prayers such as the rosary or other prayers and hopefully some more intimate prayers in which you simply talk to the Lord as you would talk to a friend or simply some silent meditation.

If you are blessed by living with others, then also some time each day to pray with them, if you do not all share the same beliefs, you can keep the prayer simple, but grounding ourselves in something greater than us is essential through these uncertain times and finally by attending Mass and other devotions online. Please know that you are in our prayers and do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is any way we can serve you. Also know that we will be offering a series of opportunities to grow in your faith online that we want you to put into your calendar and make part of your routine this year, please expect a mailing in the coming week and register to be part of these opportunities. Faith and Community will be our strength.

To those that are not decisively vulnerable but are struggling with fear and do not feel comfortable around people at this time, I say please be gentle with yourself, yet slowly try to overcome your fear and peacefully assess what might be some ways in which you can enjoy some social interaction while staying reasonably safe by practicing social distance, hand hygiene and mask wearing. As you gently test your comfort and try to overcome your fear please consider coming to Mass. We are disinfecting our churches before every Mass, we are strictly practicing social distance, every one is wearing a mask, we are doing absolutely everything we can to keep everyone safe. We have 9 Masses each week and you can check the sign up to see how many people are coming to a given Mass and attend one with a number of people you are comfortable with. Every week we have a few people that venture to come back to Mass for the first time and they all share how meaningful it is for them to be able to take Holy Communion again and to be with others (even at a distance). You might even consider, if you are not comfortable with coming to Mass every week, attending Mass online 3

weeks a month and attending in person once a month. Human interaction and a sense of community are essential to who we are and so necessary for us. So please, gently consider attending Mass in person once in a while, and complementing this with online attendance and registering for all the other online opportunities we will offer this year.

To those that are more comfortable attending gatherings and that have been out more through out the summer, but are not necessarily coming to church I say, please making coming to church part of your routine again. Through these times we must show our children that faith is a priority and that standing firm on our faith will get us through all the trials of life. The only way to show them this is by making faith a meaningful part of our routine and how invest our time. Daily prayer, faith formation and weekly attendance at Mass are ways to actually make faith a priority. We will offer all these online and in person, whatever your comfort level is, please put faith and faith practices into your calendars and make it a priority and register for our faith formation offerings. Look for a mailing in the coming week.

We do not know how long the challenges brought about by COVID 19 will be with us, we do not know what other challenges might come our way, what we do know is that we must remain human through all this and come out on the other side more human and not less human. So as we plan for the new year, we should all ask ourselves:

What keeps me human? What brings out the best in me? What gives my life meaning? What brings me peace, joy, love, hope? How can I make these activities a priority in my scheduling for this year? How can I do these things while staying safe? How can I make this work so I preserve my humanity through these hard times? These are questions we have to ask as individuals and as families and structure our days, our routines, our year in a way that set us up to continue to enjoy life and grow as human beings.

I am convinced that faith and community are an essential part in the answers to the questions above. That is why lovingly and gently I am inviting you and challenging you to keep them in mind as you plan and to even go out of your comfort zone a little bit, overcoming fear, while staying reasonably safe to come back to church, to be part of our programs, to continue to nourish your relationship with God in every way possible online and in person.

With deep love and concern for each and every one of you,
A.M.D.G. Father Daniel

Faith Formation News: How can I become Catholic?



If you want to become Catholic, or are simply interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we will be delighted to answer your questions and walk with you on this journey. The Church has created a program to facilitate this process that we call R.C.I.A. In our parishes we will be offering the R.C.I.A. process between October and March.

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the rite by which the Catholic community welcomes adults into the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults journey towards the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This journey involves prayer, reflection, learning and discernment... all done within the midst of parish community members who share faith and offer genuine hospitality.

R.C.I.A. is a process for:

- Those who would like to find out more about the Catholic faith.
- Those who are interested in becoming Catholic.
- Those who have been baptized Catholic but have not yet been Confirmed or may not have received the Eucharist.
- Those who have been away from the church for awhile and are interested in renewing their faith, understanding, and attaining a sense of community.

Wherever you are at in your faith journey, we welcome you and your questions and hope you will find in us, not travel agents who are experts in the field, but rather friends who offer themselves as companions for the journey. Remember... we are ALL pilgrims on this journey of faith. No one on earth has yet achieved the goal. Even the most learned & devout Catholics are still beginners on the journey to our heavenly homeland. So... welcome to the community of "beginners"!

If you are interested or know of anyone over the age of seven who is interested in becoming Catholic or in completing their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation), please contact: Dawn Burdick at (607) 288-2476 or by email at: dawn.burdick@dor.org.

Here's what those who recently went through RCIA have to say:

"The process of RCIA has surely been what I have been asking for in prayer. The Holy Spirit working through RCIA has given me a renewed commitment to Christ, a desire to be an active member of the body of Christ in the Catholic Church, and filled me with a knowing that I am loved and was made to love. Through

the RCIA Team's, education, and compassion I am proud to say I am a Catholic and I love the church. I am a child of the Lord, the King, the Savior Jesus Christ. I am grateful beyond words for what I have learned and experienced in RCIA. I am better for it, as is my family. Thank you to all who support RCIA. For anyone thinking of joining it will surely be a blessing to you." – Sarah

"As I listened to our RCIA group share what this process has meant to them, I detected a common thread that lead us all to conversion and confirmation. For me, and others, there was "something" missing. Whether it was in the wake of a painful event, a loss, a desire to "re-connect" with our faith, or even just a wonder of whether our lives are meant to have a deeper, more fulfilling meaning. Some of us just came because a friend asked us to come with them. But we all agreed, that as we progressed through the process, we became more and more aware of all the subtle hints and nudges that had been leading us to the RCIA process, all along. What we discovered was a trail of circumstances, left by the Holy Spirit, leading us to RCIA and an awareness of our relationship with Christ; opening our eyes to how he is and has been working in our lives. We discovered new friends, such as our Group and the parish community. Most importantly, we all opened our eyes, ears and hearts to our relationships to Christ and discovered how to begin to love and live a life of self-gift just as Christ did. There are but a few moments in our lives (e.g. marriage, children, and illness) that we can consider life-changing. And for me, and every member of our group, RCIA was such a moment. It is the beginning of a new life; a resurrection." – Ric

"I originally started to look into joining the Catholic Church as a result of a relationship I was in at the time. As a child, I was brought up as an Episcopalian, but was never encouraged to practice my faith. Ever since my journey with the Catholic Church, my faith has grown tremendously. I feel as if I joined the church at just the right time. A dear friend was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer at the beginning of this year, and without my newly renewed faith, close friends, and the tremendous support of the church, I don't think I could make it through the news of my friend's health." – Jillian

In Olivia's words: *"The RCIC has been life changing for me. I came in to this knowing nothing and now I know a lot. There were some days that I gave up going to my basketball/ soccer practices to go to classes that was difficult, but in the end it was worth it. The people were so nice and always made me feel welcome. I really wanted to be baptized and feel part of a church community and now I am thankful that I am."*

In the words of her Mom (Michele): *"My daughter's interest in being baptized brought us here. The RCIA program has opened my eyes and my heart to a wonderful new way to view the world. I have made some amazing new friends and strengthened bonds with old friends, while brushing up on and learning so many new things. I feel like I received a good foundation to begin a new journey. I look forward to continuing to grow in faith and I am thankful for all of those who showed us such kindness and welcomed us with open arms."* – Michele and Olivia

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

Saturday, August 29

Please note that given that we have the celebration of Confirmations at Immaculate, there will be no Masses at our parishes on Saturday. Please plan to attend one of the four Sunday Masses.

Sunday, August 30

8:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — For Helen Graney

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints** — For the deceased members of the Ecker Family by Anna Wagner

2:00 pm **MASS @ Saint Anthony** — For James Condron, by Donna Condron

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

Monday, August 31

Monday of the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

No activities scheduled

Readings:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1

Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time — Green

6:00 am **Rising in Joy with Music**

10:30 am **MASS @ Saint Anthony** — No intention requested

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**

Readings:

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2

Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time-Green

6:00 am **Rising in Joy with Music**

10:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — For **Bea Long** by Nan Lisk

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**

Readings:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great— White

6:00 am **Rising in Joy with Music**

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints** — **Rudolph and Agnes Konechtny** by the Konechtny Family

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

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

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

Readings:

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 4

Friday of the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary time

No activities scheduled

Readings:

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Luke 5:33-39

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9/ Romans 13:8-10/ Matthew 18:5-20

Saturday, September 5

2:30pm **Mass @ All Saints**—No intention requested

4:30pm **Mass @ Saint Anthony**— For **Julie Burnham** by Lewie and Fran Sovocool, and Joan Kenyon

Sunday, August 6

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

Parish News

School Supplies for Dryden Central Schools

This week some of our Holy Cross teenagers are arranging a school supply drive to provide vital supplies for teachers and students who are struggling to adapt to a new distance learning experience. Especially needed are boxes of crayons, plastic pencil cases, thin dry erase markers and children's scissors. If you can help, there is a box in the entrance of Holy Cross. You can bring your contribution when you come to Mass, or drop it off Monday through Friday, 8am until 8pm.



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, Virginia Schafer, 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 **All Saints** for **Chuck Benson** by Sophie Stark and Cheryl Casey

At **Holy Cross** in memory of **Donald Johnson** by the Harkenrider Family



The Altar Bread and Wine

At **Saint Anthony** are offered for the intentions of **Kathleen Martin**.

At **All Saints** are offered in memory of **Joyce Heck** by Sophie Stark and Cheryl Casey



**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.

Community News and Events

Notre Dame Retreat House is offering "Desert Days"

In the place of our normally scheduled Fall retreat weekends, Notre Dame Retreat House will be offering single days in silence and reflection entitled **"Desert Day"**. ALL are invited to join us -- men, women, couples -- and we ask that you please consider signing up for one of these single meditation days. There are twelve (12) dates to choose from between mid-September through the beginning of November. Note that in order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each **"Desert Day"** to fifteen (15) people.

In these troubling times, give yourself a day to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart. Allow yourself time to recover emotional balance, interior unity, inner balance and peace of soul. We will give you the time, space and materials . . . all you need to do is come with a willing heart and an open mind.

For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: www.notredameretreat.org Other inquiries, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

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.