



“Seek the LORD
while he may be
found; call on him
while he is near.”

Isaiah 55:6 (NIV)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19-20, 2020 — Year A

N.E.T. Catholic

Holy Cross



Saint Anthony



All Saints



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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

Our Lord is always near, any time is a good time to embrace healing

In our church we have two sacraments that we call Sacraments of Healing in which we celebrate God's constant love and care that offers us healing of body, mind and spirit every day and in every circumstance.

Last week we talked about the Sacrament of Confession and how through it and through applying its wisdom in our every day lives we can experience God's creative mercy healing and renewing our mind and spirit constantly so that we can be who we are and do not become just the accumulation of our guilt, shame, and hurt.

This week I invite you to reflect on the other Sacrament of Healing, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If anyone is interested in celebrating this Sacrament please get in touch with me via email, text or voicemail ((607) 288-2350, fr.daniel.ruiz@dor.org).

The Anointing of the Sick consists of anointing the hands and forehead with an oil blessed by the bishop while saying the following words: "through this Holy Anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." Following this is the laying on of hands by the priest and silent prayer over the person. The practice of using oil blessed by the Bishop for this sacrament goes back at least to the 8th century. The blessing of the oil happens in the context of the celebration of the Eucharist. If we think of the importance of the Bishop and the Eucharist we immediately see the relevance of this sacrament and its deeply ecclesial nature. This signals that the sick and the ministry to the sick is at the center of the Christian community. In the person of the bishop who blesses the oil, the whole community surrounds and blesses the sick. Later when the priests, bring the oil to the sick, by virtue of the Bishop's blessing they bring with them the prayer of the whole community to the sick person. This ecclesial embrace of the sick is even more heightened by our current practice of blessing the oil

specifically at the Chrism Mass when all the clergy gathers around the Bishop who blesses this oil not only in the context of the Eucharist but on the day (or a day close to it) in which we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. The importance of this blessing and of the sacrament itself is at least twofold: 1) It clearly shows that the ministry to the sick is of great importance to the whole community, that in this way continues Jesus' ministry to the sick, and 2) That this acknowledges that sickness is a **kairotic** time (a critical time of grace, a turning point) in one's life and that a sick person that lives this time in Christ is a gift to the Christian community. If we put the blessing of the oil of the sick in the context of the blessing of the oil of catechumens and the Holy Chrism during the same liturgy, we can see in relation to these, the twofold nature of the sacrament: As the oil of catechumens strengthens them in a kairotic time of their lives in which they work towards conversion and entrance into the church, so the oil of the sick strengthens the sick in a time of suffering and grace. As the holy chrism commissions the confirmed and the priests for a new role in the Christian community, the oil of the sick calls the infirm to unite their suffering to the suffering of Christ and face it in the certainty of God's triumph over death and suffering and in doing so, to become salvific witnesses in the midst of the community. Once again we see that through this oil the church ministers to the sick and also acknowledges the unique gift they are in the midst of the Christian community. This ecclesial ministry to the sick, and this ecclesial acknowledgement of the gift of the sick is preserved by the reservation of the blessing of the oil to the Bishop who is the head of the community, and as such exercises the ministry for the community as a whole. The ministry to the sick is clear in Jesus' ministry so we will not go further into that. The gift of the sick is not so readily understandable, so let us say a few more words about it. This gift is again twofold: 1) the gift of sickness for the ill person her or himself and 2) the gift of the sick for the church.

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Parish News

Restrooms

We have two volunteers at Saint Anthony, and two volunteers at All Saints 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 Holy Cross we have no volunteers for this task at this time so the restrooms will remain closed. If you want to volunteer, please email Fr. Daniel.

Faithful Citizenship

If you are wondering how to navigate the politics of the next few months and how to discern your vote in a way that is faithful to Christ, take a look at the resources we have gathered for you on our website and form your conscience.

www.netcatholic.org/faithfulcitizenship

Faith Formation News

Thank you to all who have already registered for this year's faith formation initiative: G.I.F.T. 2.0. If you haven't had a chance to do so, please let us know right away if you'd like to join us. To find more information and to register visit www.GrowingInFaithTogether.org, or contact Dawn at 607-288-2476.



Confirmation Parent Meeting—September 27

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process that begins no earlier than 8th grade. If you have a young person interested in receiving the Sacrament, or that began preparing last year, we ask you to attend our Parent meeting to take place on Sunday, Sept 27, at 5:45 pm at Holy Cross. There is also the option to attend this meeting online—contact Dawn for details: dawn.burdick@dor.org.

A note from Father Daniel (Continued)

In talking of sickness as gift, I do not mean to disregard the challenges, suffering, etc. that come with sickness, nor its essential evil, yet I intend to show how in the Christian mystery, this evil of sickness by the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection is transformed, lifted up, over turned in its core and from an evil becomes a gateway to grace, transformation and salvation. That is I think the essence of the Christian mystery and certainly what we celebrate in this sacrament.

Sickness (here I refer to sickness as an illness that forces one to face one's mortality, this is the kind of sickness in which the sacrament is properly administered, and the kind of illness I am talking about here rather than about a simple cold) is a gift for the sick person and opens a kairoitic time in their lives because it forces them to face death, and in facing death, to face the fundamental questions, their own truth, etc. Such times of suffering can be graced times of conversion and in this sense times of salvation for the sick.

Sickness is a gift in the midst of the Christian community because: 1) by the presence of the sick in our midst we are all forced to a lesser degree to face our own mortality and so are called to conversion. 2) we are moved to serve and minister to the sick and in this sense moved to effective conversion, and to the effective practice of Christian love. The sick pull us into the experience of God. ("By experience of God we mean the following: when you feel from within that you have to commit yourself with someone or with something; that you have to lay down your life for others." Fr. Gustavo Baena, S.J. S.T.D.). I wonder if this was the intuition of the early church in relating this sacrament to the forgiveness of sins, the fact that it moves both the sick and the community to conversion (forgiveness of sins). If it was or not I could not say, what is certain is that this relation of the sacrament with forgiveness of sins (can also be related to the common origin of sin and sickness) ended up, by tying anointing and penance, in the practice of extreme unction that as we can see has nothing to do with the multiple twofold meanings that we have reflected upon. This is why we still have a lot of work to do in terms of catechesis to show the great value of this sacrament of anointing is radically different from extreme unction and viaticum. The sac-

rament of anointing is meant to strengthen and commission the sick for their special role in the community, their kairoitic time of sickness, and to minister to them and in some cases bring about not only spiritual healing (conversion) but also physical healing. Viaticum (Last Rites), has a very different meaning, it is ministry to the dying, nourishment for the journey of death and mostly that last participation in Communion that recalls the promises of Baptism (unity with God and God's family as a child of God, eternal life, etc.) that will be fulfilled in the heavenly banquet and the ultimate communion with God and others. This last Eucharist is a foretaste of the ultimate Eucharist. The Rite of Viaticum is beautiful and of great richness in itself but radically different from Anointing and it should be kept that way. The practice of extreme unction in a way pulled these two realities together and in doing so impoverished both distinct realities and occasions of grace and hope. I think that a poem by Gabriela Mistral sums up pretty well what I have intended to say when talking of this sacrament as the celebration of the gift of the sick/sickness:

PRAYER TO THE CHRIST OF THE CALVARY BY GABRIELA MISTRAL

On this evening, Christ of the Calvary,
I came to pray for my ill flesh;
but, when I see you, my eyes go back and forth
from your body to my body with
shame.
How can I complain about my tired feet,
When I see yours destroyed?
How can I show you my empty hands, when yours are full of wounds?
How can I explain to you my loneliness,
when you are hanging and alone in the cross?
How can I explain to you that I have no love,
when your heart is torn?
Now I do not remember anything,
all my sufferings fled from me.
the drive of the prayer I brought
became silent in my asking mouth.
And I only ask not to ask for anything,
just to be here, next to your dead image,
and learning that suffering is only
the key to your holy door. Amen.

A.M.D.G. Father Daniel

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9/ Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a/ Matthew 20:1-16a

Saturday, September 19

2:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ All Saints — For the intention of Donna Hoag**, by Norma Composti

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

Sunday, September 20

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

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints — For Larry Tvaroha**, by the Wagner Family

2:00 pm **MASS @ Saint Anthony — For John State**, by the Walpole Family

4:30 pm **MASS @ Holy Cross — For Anna Popa**, by Doris and Wally Kusznir

Monday, September 21

The Feast of Saint Matthew

No activities scheduled

Readings:

Eph 4:1-7,11-13

Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22

Tuesday Of The Twenty-Fifth Week In Ordinary Time-Green

8:30 am **Rising in Joy with Music** — Join us on Facebook

10:30 am **MASS @ Saint Anthony — For Mary Lee Carsello**, by the Walpole Family

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us on Facebook

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

5:30 pm **Saint Anthony Corporate Meeting**—MacNamara Hall

6:00 pm **Ignatian Retreat with Dawn**—Join us on Facebook and YouTube

Readings:

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13

Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina-White

8:30 am **Rising in Joy with Music** — Join us on Facebook

10:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross — For Donna Cole Fagan** by Ellen Fagan

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us on Facebook

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

5:30 pm **Holy Cross Corporate Meeting**—Cleary Hall

6:00 pm **A reflection on Sunday's Scripture for the Young Church with Dawn**—Join us on Facebook and YouTube

Readings:

Proverbs 30:5-9

Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24

Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week In Ordinary Time-Green

8:30 am **Rising in Joy with Music** — Join us on Facebook

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints — For the deceased members of the Hancy and Konetchny family**, by the Konetchny Family

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us on Facebook

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

5:30 pm **All Saints Corporate Meeting**—Parish Hall

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

Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 25

Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

No activities scheduled

Readings:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Luke 9:18-22

TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Green

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28/ Philippians 2:1-11/ Matthew 21:28-32

Saturday, September 26

2:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ All Saints — For the intention of Maria De Martino** by Norma Composti

4:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ Saint Anthony — No Intention Requested**

Sunday, September 27

8:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross — For Gerald Murphy**, by Katrina Schickel

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints — For Norman Wheeler**, by Pat Wheeler and Family

2:00 pm **MASS @ Saint Anthony — No Intention requested**

4:30 pm **MASS @ Holy Cross — For Marge Whipple**, by Doreen Dineen

Upcoming Second Collections

This weekend (September 19 & 20) our special collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection supports programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Thank you for your generosity.

Because of the COVID-19 shutdown, many people missed the opportunity to donate to the annual collection for Peter's

Pence which usually takes place in June. At the request of Pope Francis, on October 4, we will offer another opportunity to give to this collection.

If you have already given – thank you! If not, you can donate to these collections online at www.netcatholic.org/donate or use the specifically designated envelopes found by the Sacrificial Offering Station in the back of church. If you choose to mail in your donation, you must VERY CLEARLY mark your donations with the name of the specific collection.



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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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.

The Sanctuary Candles burn this week for the following intentions:

At All Saints

In Memory of Norman Wheeler, Happy Birthday We miss you, Love Pat

At Holy Cross

In Memory of Tate MacDowell, by the MacDowell Family



The Alter Bread and Wine this week are offered for the following intentions:

At All Saints

In Memory of Norman Wheeler, Happy Birthday, We miss you, Love Pat



Community News and Events

Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in 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

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.

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.