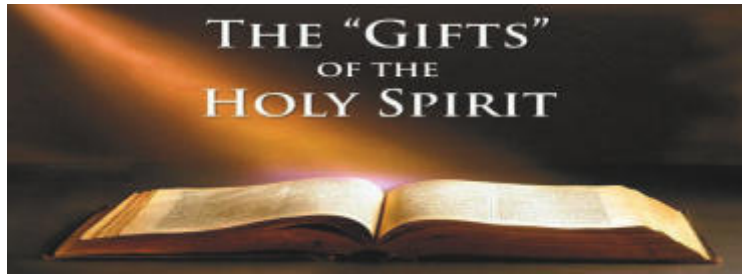


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Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



## Great Deals We Never Use

I reached to grab the truck keys and knocked all the folded Bed Bath and Beyond 20% off cards off the mail holder. The pile fell, blew apart and the cards went everywhere. Dagnab it! One card down between the boots and the heat, two floated over by the recycle bin and the others skittered over the floor under the table. I gathered them up and sat down on the bench I use to tie up my boots. Why don't I ever use these 20% off cards? I tried once, but the 20% off is never good for the item I want! Good deal. Worthless when you aren't a regular or take time to read all the fine print. I threw them in the burn bin and will deal with the wife's wrath on where they went later.

Walking to the truck, the Holy Spirit said, **"Joe, you know I am way better than 20% off."** "Say what Lord?" I stopped at the old milk house, which is now my tool shed to grab work gloves. The Holy Spirit said, **"You have lots of tools."** "Yep, I do Lord. I am not getting any work done in the next hour, am I?" **"Hear me out,"** the Spirit said. I sat on the plastic bucket and stared at the wall of hanging tools.

**"Today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (from Paul), is about my Gifts. My gifts are way better than your 20% off stinking bed baffle and bull feathers card. My gifts are free. I have print, but it is not fine. My print is easy to find. It's in any bible. Some even admit when they start reading me, they start liking 'My deals' even more! Some, of course, say the same thing you just muttered in the house."**

"Those gifts are for women or someone else. For sure, not me. They never work for me. It's a stupid store gimmick. A trick to get me in - and then boom, pay full price. It doesn't really save me anything; I will have to pay something! I don't have time to figure out how to use the gift. I'll be just fine on my own." **"You know Paul said all of that just before I knocked him to the ground and made him blind for a few days. You know My gifts get found in lots of ways. It doesn't have to be like Paul."**

**"Do you love Me, Joe?"** "You know I do, Lord. Lord, you know I do... Lord, you there?" **"Look at all the tools you have to dig a hole. Look at them. How many tools do you need to work with Me, Joe? How many tools do you need? Are you there, Joe? You there?"** "I am here, Lord. Just thinking. Lord, You have a list of gifts, but they all can't be for me?" **"Yes, I know, Joe. There are a few gifts, but they are for everyone. All from Me. For everyone. Get to know Me. Work with Me, and I'll show you how they work. I want you to try them. As we work together, you and I, all of a sudden - boom! - you'll say 'Oooo baby, I like that tool.' HA, I knew you would. I have a plan for you, and I have the gift you need to work it. My gift makes things easy. Go with it. My work is easier on your back than digging a hole."**

**"My gifts are for everyone. I promise, they will make life easier. For everyone. Giver. Getter. One way or another, together, we will find that sweet spot. The world feels the love. Everything gets better. Every gift I have is given for some benefit. I freely give it to you...and I love you. I love you all the time. I am here on the bucket for you always. You need to know how I love? Keep getting to know Me in the stories in the bible. Keep asking Me questions in our prayer time. Keep reaching to Me, and I'll show you these things and way more things you haven't thought about yet."**

Love you guys.... Get off your buckets and go get to know Him better!

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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please call Deacon Gary - 315-730-2770.**

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**Daily Mass:** EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm

Bishop Lucia live streamed/recorded at 12pm on [www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio)

**Sunday Mass:** EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm / WBNG Channel 12: 6am

Pre-recorded diocesan Mass on [www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio)

MHR by 2pm on <https://www.youtube.com/c/MostHolyRosaryMaineNY>

**Parish Liturgies for the Week of January 16, 2022 (+ indicates deceased)**

**Monday - 1/17 - 9:00 AM - NO Morning Prayer / Office Closed**

**Tuesday - 1/18 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday - 1/19**

9:00 AM - For the People of Most Holy Rosary Church and the Unborn

**Thursday - 1/20 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Friday - 1/21**

9:00 AM - +Theresa Tokos / Req. by MHR Staff

**Sunday - 1/23 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM - +Theresa Tokos / Req. by the Knights of Columbus Council 11621

+Stanley & Lorraine Grzybowski / Req. by Family

+Joseph Blodgett / Req. by Albert & Fran Olsen

**READ YOUR BIBLE AND  
HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**



*Our Giving*

Weekly Goal: \$4,950.00

January 9: unknown at time of publication

Online: \$ 502.00

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**Mass & Candle intentions:**

Please email or call the office with your 2022 requests. Offerings can be dropped in the lockbox, in the Church collection or mailed. Thank you!

Bulletins, Holy Water & calendars are in the boxes hung on the rectory.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon/Wed/Thurs, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Closed Monday, 1/17

**New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places through February 1 as a safety precaution.**

**Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will cooperate with this important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate.**

Therefore, Bishop Lucia expects us to wear masks during Mass and during any indoor, church-related event.

TRUST IN GOD ~ FAITH NOT FEAR

**As always, if you do not feel well, please do not enter the Church.**

**We continue to offer the right side of the Church for those who wish to continue to observe safe distancing.**

Inside the Church, the holy water dispenser is on the right, and hand sanitizer is available on the left.

**You may attend in your car.** Tune your FM radio to 93.5 to hear the Mass (or bring portable radio). Communion will be brought to you.

Please come to **9am daily Mass or Morning Prayer.**

There is plenty of room.

**Confession:** Fridays, 9:30am (or by appt in the Church)

**Church of the Holy Family's schedule:**

Mass: Tues. - Fri. - 9am (cancelled on the day of a funeral)

Saturday Vigil: 4pm / Sunday Mass: 8am & 11am

Confession: Saturday, 3pm

**Friendly Reminder:** Daily Mass & Morning Prayer are cancelled when Maine-Endwell schools are closed due to inclement weather.

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Please join the MHR Men's Group for our monthly meeting in the hall this week on Mon., 1/17, 7pm. Help strengthen fellow men and share in true Christian fellowship! All are welcome. Contact Jeff Felice with any questions 607-341-1336.

### **MOVING AROUND**

**By about 1238, the Saracen slaughter forced the surviving Carmelite hermits to escape to Western Europe where unfavorable conditions necessitated their becoming mendicant friars (that is itinerant begging preachers).**



*This is the 16<sup>th</sup> article in our series. Please stay with us on our Carmelite journey.*



**Ministry Schedule for next weekend**

**Saturday, 4pm, Jan. 22 at Holy Family**

Lector - Kim Hayden

**Sunday, 9:30am, January 23**

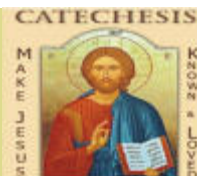
- Sacristan - Doris Rovente
- Videographer - Colleen Steele
- Altar Server - Josh Karp
- Ushers - Jim Bishop, Bryan Takacs
- Lector - Tami Carl
- EM - Dc. Jim, Tami Carl, Matt Karp



### **CATECHESIS:**

No Classes today due to the holiday.

We'll see you next weekend.



**The Rosary is prayed before Mass each Sunday at 9am. Please join us! Group prayer is powerful!**

**The prayer & scripture hour is on Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm in the hall to watch the series, The CHOSEN. See Jesus through the eyes of those who know Him. **All are welcome to attend!****

**Please join us this week for Holy Hour/ Benediction & Reflection on Tues, 1/18 at 6pm. The Rosary for the United States will also be prayed. The more people we have praying with us, the more powerful it will be - please come!**



## The Importance of Going to Mass

Matthew Karp, Pastoral Minister

Padre Pio once said, the earth could more easily exist without the sun than without the Mass. That statement should be taken seriously, rather than with a grain of salt. We live in an era of mercy, thanks to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's mercy, through the Mass, sustains the world.

Mass is a sacrifice, an un-bloody re-representation of Christ's death at Calvary. Nearly 2000 years after the event, we participate in Calvary through the Mass. Why do so few Catholics attend Mass today? A lack of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. A lack of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

A recent Pew Pole revealed that only 30% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. If we truly believed in the Eucharist, there is no way we would be drifting away from Mass and the Church.

The Eucharist sustains us. It is our bread for the journey, our lives on earth. Recall the prophet Elijah as he was fleeing from Jezebel after slaughtering the prophets of Baal. An angel awakened Elijah and told him "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 Kings 19:7. The angel was referring to a hearth cake that should be eaten before Elijah crossed the desert. This was a preview of the Eucharist. If we don't eat our bread for the journey, we will never make it across the desert of our lives on earth. If we aren't going to Mass, we aren't being fed for the journey.

There was a period during my life when I didn't go to Mass regularly. Looking back at that time, I was miserable but didn't know why. I was too busy pursuing worldly things and drifted away for a time. I didn't have a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew that keeping the Sabbath Day holy was one of the Ten Commandments, but following a rule wasn't enough to inspire me to go to Mass. Fortunately, during that time, I had a crisis that forced me to cry out to God, and I made it back to Mass!

Church scandal, viruses, or anything else should not keep us from coming to Mass. Think of the early Christians who risked their lives to go to Mass! Even today, Catholics in some parts of the world risk their lives to go to Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive their bread for the journey.

What will bring people back to Mass? Perhaps a personal crisis, like I went through. Maybe a large-scale event - remember after September 11, 2001, churches were packed. Maybe the best way to get folks back to Mass is the witness and personal invitation from one of us.

**"We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:25**

### MASS AND HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE - Saturday, January 22, 2022

A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Mass at 10:00 AM / Holy Hour at 11:00 AM

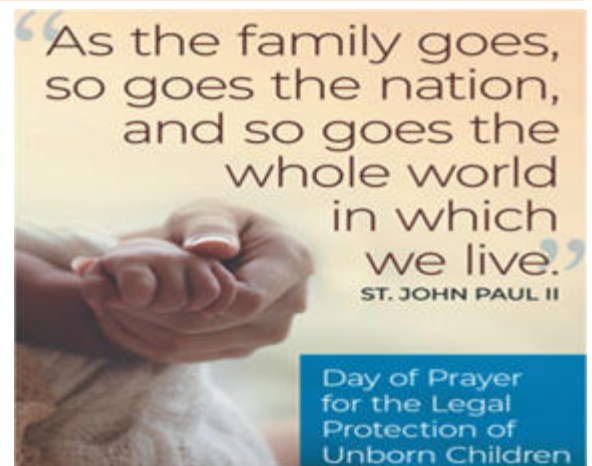
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(for more information, contact Jennifer Brown - 315-472-6754, ext 7 familyrespectlife@syrдио.org)

We join in solidarity and prayer with those marching for life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 21; but the diocese has canceled its bus trip. Please join us for this Mass and Holy Hour.



### Catholic Community of Western Broome / Young Adult Trivia Night:

Young Adults (ages 18-30) and friends are invited to join the six Catholic Parishes in Western Broome County on Friday, February 4 at Jonathan's on Hooper Road in Endwell for **TEAM Trivia Night** from 7-9pm. **Food, drinks, prizes, and a lot of FUN is on the menu!** Register your Team of five or just yourself (we can assign you to a team) by contacting Elena Steele at 240-3867.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** The Ladies of Charity will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service-oriented career, which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. Deadline is April 22.



### A Family Perspective from the Office of Family Life Education:

At Cana, we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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