Pastor
Rev. John P. Donovan
Deacon
Deacon Dale Crotsley

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 5:15pm
Sunday 8:30am & 11am

Daily Mass
Mon. - Wed. 7:30am
Saturday 9am (Church)

Reconciliation
Saturday 4pm-4:45pm
or by Appointment

Rosary (Church)
Mon. - Thurs. 7am
Sat. 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration
First Weds. - 8am - 12pm
Weds. - 8am-10am

Office Hours
Mon. & Wed. 8am - 4pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9am - 4pm

A warm welcome to all
who are visiting us today.
As Christ welcomed all
who were searching for
truth, peace and joy, we,
the Roman Catholic faith
community of Our Lady of
Sorrows welcome all
people to come and
find truth and peace
within our walls.

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come
to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of
blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the
journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made
influenced the direction of your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your
spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than
another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such
a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not
alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of
our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or
herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and
talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with
more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way
through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you
really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly
self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The
disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may
think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see
God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for
you?
ANNOUNCEMENT!

Deacon Dale Crotsley is retiring and his last day is April 19. Following the 11 am Mass there will be a reception in the Café.

Deacon Dale’s contributions to the parish are many. He is known throughout the Diocese for the very active youth programs. He also is a very important person to our nursing home residents, homebound and those hospitalized. He brings them compassion, good humor and a reminder of their value to our parish. Thus, with very different types of ministry, a replacement for his roles in working for the parish has been a challenge. His role as Deacon at Mass and Baptisms is a small part of all he does; thus, being an ordained Deacon is not essential for his replacement. Therefore, his job is being split, by people well known in our Parish.

Beginning June 1, our Youth Minister will be Ms. Emily Brennan. Emily has a few weeks left at St. John Fisher and will be a grad student at Binghamton University in the Fall. She has been active in our programs and learned from Deacon Dale many important aspects of service.

Beginning April 1, we will have a new Pastoral Associate, whose role will include visitations to the homebound, nursing homes and hospitals. A twist to this is she will continue being the Director of Faith Formation through to Confirmation. She will work closely with Emily. If you are puzzled, it is Mrs. Jackie Adams who will now be a full-time member of our staff. The greatest gift we have in Jackie in this new role is she knows people, Vestal and Our Lady of Sorrows very well! Her big heart is a true gift. Replacing Deacon Dale really is not a possible task; for the last year and a half, planning for this has preoccupied me immensely. However, I am so pleased and confident in Emily and Jackie, I expect a very smooth transition and many new ideas as they make the positions their own. Thank you, Deacon Dale, which will be said many times over in the next few weeks and welcome Emily and Jackie in your new roles.

Due to the amount of illness in the broader community, we will forgo the Precious Blood and Holy water at the entrance for a few weeks.

Please! We need 12 volunteers for one Mass a month to be the person who advances the slides on the projection. Matt can handle only one keyboard at a time. If you have the technical skills to click a mouse you are qualified, no one is too old, as for too young, let's say 4th grade up. Please, email Father Donovan, jidonovan@syrdio.org.

Nazareth Farm

Students, Grades 10-12 interested in participating in a service camp experience in Center Point, West Virginia, August 9-15, 2020, please contact Father Donovan, jidonovan@syrdio.org. Nazareth Farm operates on the four cornerstones of Service, Community, Simplicity and Prayer. Volunteers do home repairs and other service in a four-county region in the center of West Virginia, one of the poorest regions of our Country. More information can be found on nazarethfarm.org or by contacting Father Donovan.

Lent

Prior to Friday stations, we will have Simple Soup Supers. If interested in cooking, please call the office. The suppers will be Fridays until March 27, 6pm-7pm. Children’s Stations of the Cross will be March 27 and the Living Stations of the Cross from St. Margaret Mary’s will be April 3.

Lenten Confessions

Confessions throughout the Saturdays of Lent will be 3:30 – 4:45pm. Please do not wait until the Lights are on… which will be Monday April 6. Our PCA’s Penance Service will be Sunday, April 5, 4pm at St. Vincent DePaul - Blessed Sacrament. The Light is on… was initiated to be advertised broad and wide for those who have been away from the Church; people who may not know other possibilities. I can tell you I have had people travel distances who have come for the first time in over 40 years. For those who are regulars, each Saturday confessions begins at 4:00pm throughout the year and there are extended hours in Advent and Lent, 3:30 – 4:45pm. Again, please do not wait until April 6th and then wonder why you had to wait for over an hour.

Nametag Weekend

Next weekend we will once again have a name tag weekend along with our hospitality in the café. Take this opportunity to meet someone you’ve seen at church over and over and never knew their name. Share a donut and a cup of coffee! The spirit of our church is warm and welcoming. Spread the spirit!!!

RCIA

Please keep in your prayers our RCIA candidate Bethenie Hrehor. Bethenie is preparing to enter the church at the Easter Vigil. Let her draw strength from our community prayers during this Lenten season.

Tenebrae

Join us for a beautiful candlelit contemplative prayer service known as ‘Tenebrae’, Latin for ‘Darkness’ on Sunday, March 22 at 7pm. Throughout this quiet service of scripture readings, psalms, and beautiful choral music, candles are extinguished one by one as the readings are shared to tell the story of Holy Week. This gradual descent into gloom is a representation of Jesus’ increasing sorrow as the events of Passion Week unfold. After the last verse is read, the last candle is put out, and the service ends in darkness.
**Alpha**


**Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm,**

**OLS Café**

**March 11 - May 20, 2020**

Still wondering what Alpha is all about? Why not try it—Lent is the perfect time to explore your faith!

Come join us!

Register at [www.olsvestal.org](http://www.olsvestal.org)

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**Lenten Lunch Bunch Book Group**

Please join us two Thursday's in March to discuss Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover the Saints*. This was the book given out for free over the Christmas season. The book has very short, easy to read chapters about different saints and how their lives will help us dispel the belief that we are powerless to make big changes in the world. Please read up to Chapter 12 (pg 65) before meeting March 12. We will meet in the café from 11:30 till 12:30 March 12th and March 19th. We’ll enjoy a simple lunch and a great discussion! Join us! RSVP to Diane Rigotti at diane@olsvestal.org if interested.

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**Easter Nut Rolls**

Cost is $10 each for regular nut rolls

New This Year: Gluten-free nut rolls ($13 each, made to order only)

All profits go to the OLS Youth Ministry.

Please return your order in the collection basket or to the church office. You may pay when you order or when you pick up. Order Deadline: April 2. Pickup will be in the Gathering Space on Thursday, April 9 from 12pm - 7pm.

Questions contact Deacon Dale or the parish office (748-8287, office@olsvestal.org)

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Number of REGULAR Nut Rolls ___________ at $10 = ___________

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Faith Formation and Youth News

Stations of the Cross
For Families
Friday March 27: 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a special presentation of the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross will be presented in a unique format designed to simplify this profound message of Jesus’ love. The Stations will be accompanied by the Children’s Choir.

“God Created the Planet and There Is Plenty You Need to Do About It!”
Monday, March 23: 6pm-8pm, Grades 9-12 Dinner: Pasta Primavera. The topic is intended to initiate conversations that are continued in your home. Please RSVP to Mrs. Adams by Thursday, March 19. jadams@syrdiocese.org

Scouting Venture Crew
Do you enjoy High Adventure activities in the great outdoors? Venture Crew 1001 is accepting new members. Our activities include camping, hiking, kayaking, white-water rafting, backpacking, climbing, riding, and more. Venturing is a co-ed youth-led BSA program for ages 14-20 (or 13 and completed 8th grade). If you would like to learn more, visit one of our bi-weekly meetings. Contact Renee Denney at 607-201-2556 or scouter.denney@gmail.com.

Upcoming Youth & Family Events

Youth Meeting
March 15, 12pm
Deacon Dale’s last Youth Meeting

Youth Mass
March 22 at 8:30am

Stations of the Cross for Families
Friday, March 27, 7pm

Bingo at Willow Point
Saturday, March 28, 9:30am

Living Stations of the Cross
April 3, 7pm

Deacon Dale’s Retirement Celebration
April 19th at 12pm

Easter Egg Hunt
April 26, More information coming soon!

First Holy Communion
May 3, 2019
11am Mass

Lenten Question of the Week

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?
Answer: The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the “Via Dolorosa” (“The Way of Suffering”) or the “Via Crucis” (“The Way of the Cross”), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of “The Way of the Cross” were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus. This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us. Booklets for Stations are always available at the back of the Church for anyone to follow the Way of the Cross anytime when the church is open.
Monday, March 9
7:30am Robert Toner – Carl & Bunny Janis

Tuesday, March 10  St. Frances of Rome
7:30am The People of Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, March 11
7:30am Francis Macey – Family
10:30am (Willow Point) Stasia Oliver – Michael & Maria Leska

Saturday, March 14
9:00am Giordi DeAngelo – Rich Rigotti & Family
5:15pm Peter Vasilopoulou – The Messina Family

Sunday, March 15  Third Sunday of Lent
8:30am Mary Beth Rostiser – Monica & Russ Pennington
11:00am James Flynn – wife, Ann & Family

Please Remember in Prayer
...all who have recently died and their families: Norbert Hovancik, husband of Shirley.

Sanctuary Lamps
...are burning for the special intentions of a parishioner requested by family.

A Lenten Retreat for Catholic Women
Saturday, March 21, 7:45 am-12:30 pm, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott. Registration begins at 7:45 am. The retreat includes Holy Mass, breakfast, speaker reflection with Sr. Beth Ann Dillon, confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Registration is $20. Register by mailing the Women’s Commission, c/o Judy Wright, PO Box 288, Vestal, NY 13850 by calling Judy at 607-206-6205 or by emailing swc@syracusediocese.org; or register at the door. On check, please note “Southern Retreat.”

Altar Care for March 12th
Teri Ruhl

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Envelopes (240) $8,299.00
Loose 730.00
On-Line Giving (67) 4,396.00
TOTAL 13,425.00

"#Lent is great time to make space for the Word of God. It is time to turn off the TV and open the Bible. It is a time to pull ourselves away from cell phones and connect ourselves to the Gospel."
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- Food Pantry (Julie Slattery): (607)785-3214 pantry@olsvestal.org
- Dennis Slattery: Parish Council
- John Lahoda (Grand Knight): lahodaj@gmail.com

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. If this is your first child, a baptism prep online class is required. Any questions please call Diane Rigotti at 748-8287.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

First Sacraments & Confirmation

Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Jackie Adams jadams@syrdiocese.org.

Ministry to the Sick

If a family member is hospitalized or homebound, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Privacy laws may prevent a hospital from telling us your loved one is there.

If you are moving ...

Please call or email the Parish Office with your new address and phone number, or let us know if you are leaving the parish.

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