

August 29, 2021

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



To Live the Great Commandment: Love of God and Love of Neighbor

Fr. John Gathenya

Marriage Vow: I Do

Last Sunday, Paul in the second reading to the Ephesian reminded us that Marriage is the sacrament of matrimony when in the exchange of vows (covenant) you invite Christ as the third person to be part of your journey in your life of love, honor, fidelity and commitment to each other. Therefore, Christian marriage is meant to be a reflection and witness to the world of Christ love for the church which is marked with total fidelity and sacrificial love. The essential truths about Christian marriage all derive from the truth about the marriage between Christ and his bride: because Christ will never divorce his bride, Christian marriage is indissoluble; because Christ is always faithful, human spouses are called to the same fidelity. The greatest help that a couple can receive in being faithful to loving each other as Christ loves his bride the church is the Holy Eucharist. Christian marriage is entered into with choices and decisions that are placed in the hands of God; Christian marriages are made with vows, with decisions that are intended to last until death. Christian marriage is made with two commitments, the spouses to each other and both together to God.

The words "I Do" are the most powerful in human history when exchanged by a man and woman in the arena and environment of a wedding. In this holy exchange you by a meaningful consent accept to change your status, sense of belongingness, name, lifestyle, living arrangements, habits, choice of friends, you agree that you are no longer an "I" but a "We" or "Us." This happens because you have found your best friend, your soulmate, the love of your life, the one to whom you can risk everything even the instinct to self-survival and preservation. It is only to this valued person (spouse) that you can wholeheartedly risk and promise a life-long commitment for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, for richer or poverty until death do you part. What about the wedding ring—the smallest circular metal that is given a powerful meaning by the spouses on their wedding day when they make this promise: darling/ sweetheart/ honey receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. So the ring that is given is a sign of the love and fidelity *of the one who gives it*. The ring that you wear, that was placed on your finger by your spouse on your wedding day, does not represent your commitment to your marriage, your love for your spouse, your faithfulness to this relationship and to the vocation God has called you into, etc. It represents the commitment, love and faithfulness *of your spouse to you*. It's an ongoing reminder of the promise that the other person has made to you. It's a sign of the covenant that your spouse has made with you, and that God has sealed, and that you have freely embraced. The same covenant that you have also made with your spouse.

May I acknowledge and congratulate in this community all those who have been married for 1,2,3,4,5... 10,20,30,40,50,60,70 years. You are the living beacons of hope and testimony in our lives that marriage life is real and a blessing. And you should remember that thousands of people have been touched by all of you in good and enduring ways. They have witnessed, through your journey, marriages that have blossomed over many years. They have seen you share joys and sorrows, as well as challenges and successes. You are all a testament to lasting marriages, true covenants of faith and love for life. The love of Christ has blessed and sanctified your marriages and he offered you this encouragement: "This is what marriage is all about: man and woman walking together, wherein the husband helps his wife to become ever more a woman, and wherein the woman has the task of helping her husband to become ever more a man." This is what each of you have done for the years you have been married- you have sustained your love and helped each other to become more, to become better. At this time of confusion and many challenges in our culture and society regarding the truth and meaning of marriage, your witness is greatly needed: Your lives are a testament to the dignity of this great gift and blessing bestowed by God our Creator from the beginning of the human race. The image of God is the married couple: the man and the woman; not only the man, not only the woman, but both together.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 30
9:00am St. Joseph + **Donald Kurtz**
by Elaine Kurtz Jeter

Tuesday, August 31
8:15am St. Mary + **Donna Hartman**
by Jim and Michele Rose

Wednesday, September 1
9:00am St. Joseph + **RoseAnn Johnson**
by Partridge Family

Thursday, September 2
8:15am St. Mary + **The Stephan Family**
by Jim McMahon

Friday, September 3
8:15am St. Mary + **Fr. Ventura**
by Friends

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
 In Memory of...*



St. Joseph Nancy Goodrich
by Wolfanger Family

Weekend Mass Celebrations

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, September 4

St. Mary + **Deceased Members of the
 Wirth Family**
by Irene Lown
4:00 pm
Lector Ann Dunlop
Eucharistic Minister Adrian Joy

Sunday, September 5

St. Joseph + **Stephan Family**
7:30 am *by Jim McMahon*
Lector Kate Stiffler
Eucharistic Minister Roxanne Supulski
Greeter Volunteer

Sacred Heart

9:15 am + **Ryan Reigelsperger**
by Mom and Dad
Lector Katelyn Heiman
Eucharistic Minister Volunteer
Greeter Teresa Weber

St. Pius V

11:00am + **Keith Barr**
by Sandy Barr
Lector Linda Mattei
Eucharistic Minister Volunteer
Greeter Volunteer

Readings for August 29, 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

Gospel:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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Reflect and respond to this week's readings, August 29, 2021**First Reading:**

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

Second Reading:

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

Gospel:

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?

PARISH OUTREACH FOR LOCAL NEEDS

One way our parish helps local families is through the
St. Vincent de Paul Society



◆ **PLEASE NOTE** - The parish office will be closed Friday, September 3 and Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

NCYC - SAVE the DATES FOR NCYC 2021

Sunday, November 14, 2021 for the kick-off gathering local and in person at Parish of the Holy Family (Gates), 3:00 p.m., Doors Open at 2:00 p.m. with live music from Rock of Faith. Gathering concludes with Mass at 5:00 p.m.; and **Saturday November 20, 2021** for virtual participation in the live streaming event from Indianapolis.

WONDER WITH THE HOLY FAMILY

It must have been amazing being Mary or Joseph and knowing they were living with the Son of God! The understanding of Emanuel – God with us – must have taken on a new meaning for them. And yet, how amazing that we have the same truth. God really is among us in very real and True ways. From being a part of the Body of Christ through our Baptism to experiencing God's presence in the Eucharist – God is with us!

Parents: Sometimes life is so busy it is hard to catch our breath. And yet, God is there. Take a breath or two and just see the marvel that is your life and the blessings God is giving you today. From the laughter of your family, to their whines; they are a blessing in your life. How have your children been a source of healing in your life? Have you ever stopped to wonder at God's presence in your family?

Children: God has given us an amazing world. So much of it can remind us of God if we just look at it right. What do you see in life that makes you stop and say, "That's beautiful!"? When have you asked God to help you with a hurt or sadness? God is present everywhere and can help to make your pain better.

Summer Edition of The Family Zone

Diocese of Rochester Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

Continued...**Marriage Vow: I Do**

This is the image of God: love, God's covenant with us is represented in that covenant between man and woman. And this is very beautiful! We are created in order to love, as a reflection of God and His love. When a man and woman celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony, God as it were 'is mirrored' in them; He impresses in them His own features and the indelible character of His love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us.

I look forward also to thank and congratulate those engaged couples who will courageously and decisively come forward to enter into the most holy sacrament of matrimony here at any of our four churches of Holy Family Catholic Community. Do not delay but call the office to begin the preparation for your "big day." This is a personal note for you engaged couples from Pope Francis: "Make [your wedding] a real celebration – because marriage is a celebration – a Christian celebration, not a worldly feast! What happened in Cana 2,000 years ago, happens today at every wedding celebration: that which makes your wedding full and profoundly true will be the presence of the Lord who reveals himself and gives his grace. It is his presence that offers the 'good wine', he is the secret to full joy, that which truly warms the heart. "It is good that your wedding be simple and make what is truly important stand out. Some are more concerned with the exterior details, with the banquet, the photographs, the clothes, the flowers... These are important for a celebration, but only if they point to the real reason for your joy: the Lord's blessing on your love." May the Lord continue to give you the love that stands at the foundation of your marriage. Each day, He renews and strengthens your love. He does so particularly at every Mass you attend. Here at the altar, we remember that Christ loves us to the end, giving up His Body and pouring out His Blood for us. This is the love that marriage is meant to express: free, total, faithful, fruitful and self-giving. Jesus nourishes us with His Body and Blood to help us to love as He has loved us. I cannot wait for your wedding day—may you be embraced by God blessing surrounded by your family and good friends, Fr. John



The Gitare Kenya Outreach will have Arts and Crafts for sale on Sept. 2nd and 3rd from 9:00am to dusk. We will be located outside near the annex at 43 Elizabeth St. Dansville, NY.



Mass Honoring First Responders on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Please join Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, as, in gratitude, we pray to God for the safety of all First Responders who so selflessly serve our community, and for all who served with courage in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, especially those who gave their lives or were injured.

4:00 p.m. - Saturday, September 11, 2021
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

How many popes have there been?

- a) 85
- b) 360
- c) 260
- d) 112

Trivia August 22: Answer: b– Awakening

Fr. John Gathenya
Fr. Michael Twardzik - Senior Priest
Deacon Dan Slattery, Emeritus

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: Call the office to set up an appointment with a priest at least 4 weeks ahead. Please contact the priest if special arrangements need to be made.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45pm at St. Mary Church or by appointment with a priest.

Marriage: Call the office, to set up an appointment with a Priest, at least 6 months ahead, and to reserve the church and date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office or the Rectory.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish. We would like to get to know you and invite you to register. Registration forms are available in the Parish office and in each of the Churches.

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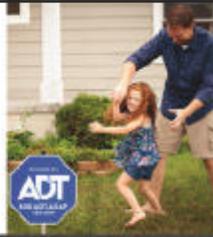
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