Mission Statement

Pope John XXIII Parish is a Roman Catholic Faith Community in the Spirit of the Gospels and Vatican II that: proclaims the Word of God; celebrates our faith through the Sacraments of the Church; provides ongoing faith formation that fosters Christian values as a way of life; encourages belonging and ownership through activities, participation in ministry and stewardship; and builds an awareness of our membership in the Body of Christ through our local, diocesan and universal church.

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Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Parish Office: (315) 652 - 6591
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Faith Formation Office: (315) 652 - 1094
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Faith Formation:
Serving 3 year olds through High School and Sacramental Preparation. For information call 652 - 1094.

Hospitalized Parishioners:
Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or would like the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or hospitalization.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
A process of inquiry into the teaching of the Catholic Church and formation into the Catholic Christian way of life.
Adults interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church, call Parish Office for details.

Bequests:
In making out your will, kindly remember your church.
Pope John XXIII Church.
GOING ON THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 12, 2017
9:00 AM Bible Study (Meeting Room)
9:15 AM Grade 1 Religious Education
6:00 - 7:30 PM Grade 3 - 8 Religious Education Sunday Group

MONDAY, March 13, 2017
7:00 PM Higher Ground Support Group (Church Parlor)

TUESDAY, March 14, 2017
1:00 - 2:30 PM “Discovering Christ” Session
6:30 - 8:00 PM Christ Life Training Session (Church)
7:00 PM Social Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2017
6:30 - 8:00 PM Grade 3 - 8 Religious Education

THURSDAY, March 16, 2017
6:30 - 7:45 PM Grade 5/6 Religious Education
6:30 - 7:45 PM Grade 7/8 Religious Education

FRIDAY, March 17, 2017
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SATURDAY, March 18, 2017
7:00 - 8:30 AM Men’s Fellowship Group Meeting
5:00 PM Class Mass Grade 5/6

SUNDAY, March 19, 2017
9:00 AM Bible Study (Meeting Room)
9:15 AM Pre-School & Kindergarten Religious Education
9:15 AM Grade 1 Religious Education
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM Heart of the Catechist
6:00 PM Grade 9 Religious Education / Questions for Fr. O’Brien

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2017

SUNDAY: Gn 12:1 - 4a/Ps 33:4 - 5, 18 - 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b - 10/Mt 17:1 - 9

MONDAY: Dn 9:4b - 10/Ps 79:8 - 9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36 - 38

TUESDAY: Is 1:10, 16 - 20/Ps 50:8 - 9, 16bc - 17, 21, 23/Mt 23: 1 - 12

WEDNESDAY: Jer 18:18 - 20/Ps 31:5 - 6, 14 - 16/Mt 20:17 - 28

THURSDAY: Jer 17:5 - 10/Ps 1:1 - 4, 6/Lk 16:19 - 31

FRIDAY: Gn 37:3 - 4, 12 - 13a, 17b - 28a/Ps 105:16 - 21/
Mt 21:33 - 43, 45 - 46

SATURDAY: Mi 7:14 - 15, 18 - 20/Ps 103:1 - 4, 9 - 12/
Lk 15:1 - 3, 11 - 32

SUNDAY: Ex 17:3 - 7/Ps 95:1 - 2, 6 - 9/Rom 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8/
Jn 4:5 - 42 or 4:5 - 15, 19b - 26, 39a, 40 - 42

Liturgical Publications
From Father O’Brien

We received a nice thank you and acknowledgement from Cross Catholic in response to our donation for a well as part of the Kobonal Water Project in Haiti. From Leanna Holmes, Church Development Officer, “What a wonderful blessing you and your parishioners are to the people of Kobonal, Haiti. Generosity like yours truly touches our hearts and will change the lives of families for generations. I will keep you and your parish updated with the progress of the project.” Those updates will be posted in our bulletin as they arrive. Let us continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all in the world who have limited access to clean fresh water.

Support Assumption Church’s Soup Kitchen!

Fat Friar Cookies for Easter

Surprise your guests at home or away
They make great treats in Easter baskets too!

Fat Friar Chocolate Dipped and shortbread Linzer tarts

Guarantee your order: Pre-orders due by 4/2 Delivery April 8/9

Pre-order forms on main vestibule bulletin board

Save the Date!

The Bishop Grimes 50th Anniversary Dinner & Auction Celebration

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Enjoy delicious food, beverages, and exciting live & silent auctions!
$40/person * $375/table of 10

All proceeds benefit the Bishop Grimes Scholarship Fund

Purchase your tickets today by contacting Michele Belge
(315) 314 - 7157 ext. #4 or mbelge@syrdiocese.org

Your Prayers

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Eva Hawrylchak, mother of parishioner Marianne McLaughlin and parishioner Jose Vallejo, husband of Grace Vallejo whose souls recently returned home to be Lord.

Find the parish on FACEBOOK. Our user name is: Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. Could you please “Like” our page, as it will move us closer to the top when searching. Thank you! Note you must have a FACEBOOK account to access us on FACEBOOK.

IGNITE 2017

Catholic Men’s Conference

It’s All Possible with God

Saturday, March 25, 2017

SRC Arena - Onondaga Community College

Guest speakers: Chris Horn - Former NFL and popular motivational speaker, Mark Houck - author, lecturer, radio host focusing on authentic masculinity, Msgr. Jim Lisante - media personality and author returns to Ignite. Further information at www.ignitcatholicmen.org.

CARPOOLLING AVAILABLE: meet at Pope John XXIII parking lot at 7:00 AM.

Annual Day of Renewal for Separated and Divorced

RISE: Annual Day of Renewal for Separated and Divorced will be held on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 at Christ the King Retreat Center, 500 Brookford Rd., Syracuse. Father Michael Galuppo will deliver an uplifting keynote. Empowering workshops and small group sharing will equip you to rise above the issues encountered through separation and divorce. Workshops include: Helping Our Children, Healing Commitments, Creating a Tavoli of Your Life, Up, Up and Away and more. You will have an opportunity to talk 1:1 with a priest and attend an uplifting Liturgy. Registration is $45 which includes lunch, fellowship and the workshops of your choice. Scholarships are available to make the experience affordable for all. To register simply reach out to Dc. Dean Brainard at 314 - 472 - 6754 or email dbrainard@syrdio.org. Please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested. All are welcome. Learn more at http://syracusediocese.org/offices/familyrespect-life/separated-divorced.

Attention Parishioners!

The books that the parishioners have received during the holidays have been a huge success and we have had requests for additional books. If you and your family have finished reading them and would like to share them with fellow parishioners who did not receive copies … please leave them on the book shelves at the entrances of the church for others to enjoy! Thank you so much …. So glad that you’ve enjoyed them!

Lenten Acts of Charity - 2017

Each Sunday during Lent we will be requesting different items we need to stock the Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to Pope John XXIII Food Pantry. The following are suggestions only … everything is welcome and appreciated anytime!

Soup
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti O’s
Cereal

Crackers
Brownie Mix
Jello
Faith Formation

We will be collecting money for Rice Bowl during Lent. We ask that each child bring in $3.00 sometime during Lent to add to our Rice Bowl collection. Thank You.

Grade 5/6 Class Mass on Saturday, March 18th at 5:00 PM.

Parents are reminded that children must always be accompanied by an adult if they leave the worship area during Mass. Please be aware this is a public building and this policy is enforced for the safety of the children. Thank You!

Attention Catechists!

On Sunday, March 19th at Pope John XXIII, the Diocese of Syracuse is offering a presentation titled “The Heart of the Catechist”, inspired by Pope Francis’ address to the Congress on Catechesis. All catechists are encouraged to attend as well as those interested in becoming a catechist in their parish. For more information or to register, please contact Elizabeth Fallon at 315 - 652 - 1094 by Monday March 13th. Walk-ins are welcomed! Lunch will be provided.

A Family Perspective

March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

Higher Ground Support Group

A compassionate and supportive environment is now forming for those who are affected by separation and divorce. We meet from 7PM to 8PM Monday’s March 13, 27, April 3, May 1 in the church parlor. If you or someone you know is separated/divorced simply contact Pope John XXIII parish office at 652 - 6591 to learn more.

Save the Date!
Christ the King’s Annual
St. Patrick’s & St. Joseph Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 18th
6:00 - 10:00 PM

Corned Beef & Cabbage
Pasta Marinara - Salad
Potatoes - Carrots - Dessert & More!

Singles, Couples & Groups Welcome
Only $17.50 per person
Music by DJ Bob Charles
BYOB - Set ups are on the house!
Doors open at 6:00 PM

Call Jim or Mary Jane Heinz 315 - 457 - 1307 for information and tickets!

Pot Luck Dinner

When: Saturday, March 25th
Time: after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Where: Parish Center
Admission: Dish to Pass!

You must bring a dish that serves at least 6 in order to attend. We are looking for main course (pasta, soup, casserole, meat etc.), vegetable dishes, salads and desserts. Hot and cold beverages will be provided. Sign up sheets are located at all three entrances to the church. It is our third year for this event. Questions? Call the Parish office at 315 - 652 - 6591 or contact Mike at 315 - 622 - 1774.

Join us for a Pot Luck Dinner

PJ23 Youth “Hang Out” Night

When: Friday, March 17th
Time: 7:00 PM
Where: Parish Center
Questions? Dawn-Marie 315-857-5200
### Third Sunday of Lent

**March 18/19, 2017**

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| 5:00 PM| Commentator: Mary Galvin  
1st Reading: Grade 5/6 Student  
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| 8:00 AM| Commentator: Mark Rinefierd  
1st Reading: Laura Sateriale  
| 10:30 AM| Commentator: Rich Lauber  
1st Reading: Bob Cooper  
2nd Reading: Kevin Van Ness | MA Cooper, J. Ciravolo, A. Ciravolo, J. Horbas, B. Horbas, L. Collins, T. Collins, M. Niessen, L. Niessen | Sharon Micho, Sharon Woznick, Tom Anson, Agnes Ko | Brian Jung, Andrew Jung, volunteer |

ALTAR LINENS: Cathy Crimmer - Monday, March 13, 2017
CLEANING CREW: No Crew - Saturday, March 18, 2017
ALL MINISTERS - remember to check in before Mass on the bulletin board outside of the Sacristy. Arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled Liturgy so that we are aware of any shortages. (Greeters should arrive at least 20 minutes before the Liturgy begins.) Please remember that if you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, you will need to get a substitute. Thank You.