

12 January 2025
The Baptism of the Lord (New Calendar)
Feast of the Holy Family (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4 PM/Sun. 8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM; 2:30-3:30PM; 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 13 Jan. Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 14 Jan. St. Glycerius, Syrian Deacon & Martyr
8 AM For: Marion Bracken+
Req: Frances McCauley
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

Wed. 15 Jan. Our Lady of Prompt Succor/St. John Calybita
7 PM For: Doris Maciag+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Maciag

Thu. 16 Jan. St. Marcellinus I, Pope & Martyr
Our Lady of Refuge
8 AM For: Monica Paterelli+
Req: The Anderson Family

Fri. 17 Jan. St. Anthony the Great, Abbot
8 AM For: The Souls in Purgatory
Req: The AM Rosary Group

Sat. 18 Jan. Sts. Successus, Paul and Lucius, Bishops, Martyrs
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Wanda Hutchings+
Req: The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Good Counsel Ch.

Sun. 19 Jan. II Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
II Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional Calendar)
8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Breckenridge

9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

11 AM For: Maeser Reh+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wilcox

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: TUE. 14 JAN.

Jr. High School Class: 7 PM Adult Ed. 8 PM

Please note: whenever the schools are closed due to the weather, or after-school activities are canceled, there will be no Religious Education classes that evening. Also, we will be taking the month of February off, since during that month the schools have their mid-winter break, and the weather is not so fine in upstate New York!

FISH FRY: FRI. 17 JAN. TO BENEFIT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CH.

Mr. Richard Zimmerman has volunteered to put on a fish fry (caught by himself) to help offset the deficit in last year's HOPE Appeal assessment, which was around \$7,000.00. The men of the St. Joseph Society will be assisting him, and we hope you will join us at the **SHERRILL AMERICAN LEGION POST** on Seneca St. in Sherrill. The fish fry will be served from 5 PM until the fish runs out. Adults: \$12, Children \$10, Family: \$30. Besides fish, there will be sides and dessert. See you there!

SYRACUSE MARCH FOR LIFE: SAT. 18 JAN.

Please join us in marching for the Right to Life for the unborn, the elderly, the dying and the disabled in Syracuse. Put your name on the list on the bulletin board in the vestibule if you will be coming with us.

10:45 AM Bus will depart from the Rectory Parking lot.

12 Noon: March begins in Syracuse

We will return to Verona immediately after the speeches given at the March. This year's speaker will be John O'Brien MD, Past-president of the Syracuse Guild, and the State Director of the Catholic Medical Association. He has served on the Bioethics Committee of the Medical Society of NYS. He will speak on the medical misinformation circulating since the Dobbs SCOTUS Decision (that overturned Roe vs. Wade).

HOLY ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, UTICA 11 AM 20 JAN.**HOPE APPEAL 2024 UPDATE**

The Foundation Office has informed us that at the close of 2024, the amount donated from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church toward our assessment of \$15,537 was \$13,250. These donations came from 70 households out of 141 that were contacted. We ask God to reward you for your generosity. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver."! Contributions to the 2024 campaign will be accepted until June of 2025.

THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART

So many of you sent me cards, spiritual bouquets and enrollments, gifts and treats for Christmas, I am overwhelmed by your love and graciousness. It is always my intention to send you a thank you card, but sometimes life interferes with that intention. I will be offering Holy Mass for all my benefactors however, asking the Infant Lord and His Holy Mother to reward you many times over for your goodness to this poor priest.

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a “Jubilee Year” for the Catholic Church throughout the world. The theme for this Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope”.

So what, exactly, is a Jubilee Year? This is a period of special graces granted by the Church to her members to draw them closer to God and to their neighbor. This particular Holy Year began on Christmas Eve on 2024, with Pope Francis opening the “Holy Door” in St. Peter's Basilica. Each major Basilica in Rome has its own Holy Door, and they were opened subsequently by the Cardinal who is the titular pastor of that Basilica.

The concept of the Jubilee Year is taken from the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 25. There, the Lord God instructs Moses that the people of Israel were to observe a “sabbath of sabbaths”, every 50 years. The purpose of this Jubilee was three-fold: to give “rest” (sabbath) to the land, by not planting crops or pruning the vineyard; to return land to its owners who had been forced to sell it due to poverty; and to free those who had been enslaved or indentured as servants by their fellow Israelites.

In taking over this concept for the Church, these purposes are spiritualized by the promoting of indulgences which are to be gained for the renewal of an individual's relationship to God by receiving the Sacraments Penance and the Holy Eucharist. These indulgences are plenary, that is, they remit the entire temporal punishment due to sins once they are confessed.

During the Jubilee Year, the faithful can gain these indulgences by walking through the Holy Doors in the four Roman Basilicas, or wherever else the Pope has designated a Holy Door to be. Of course, for many of us, to go to Rome is not feasible in the Holy Year, and so Holy Mother Church offers us many other ways of gaining the Plenary Indulgence:

- We can make a Pilgrimage to our local Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse.

- The indulgence is attached to works of mercy, which are encouraged during the Holy Year: visiting the sick, the elderly, assisting the poor, visiting the imprisoned.

- By donating a proportionate amount to the relief of the poor, or to a work of charity.

- By participating in works that defend the right to life of the unborn, the elderly, the dying and the handicapped.

- By “fasting” one day a week from social media or electronic devices.

To gain the plenary indulgence attached to any of these works, one must:

- Be in the state of sanctifying grace at the time of the work;

- Receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) within a week before or after performing the work;

- Receive the Blessed Eucharist on the day of the work:

- Pray for the intentions of the Pope (An Our Father and Hail Mary suffice); and one must not have an attachment even to venial sin.

The Plenary Indulgence may be applied to the Souls in Purgatory, and if that is so, another Plenary Indulgence may be gained on the same day. (Usually only one Plenary Indulgence is allowed per day).