

Servers for the weekend of 7-8 September:

Sat. 4 PM: R. Richmond, R. Richmond, R. Richmond

Sun. 8 AM: T. Murnane, J. Murane

Sun. 9:30 AM: T. van Lieshout, T. Lohr

Sun. 11 AM: D. Vanderhoof, R. Anderson

### ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 5 SEP. 7:30 PM RECTORY

The refreshments are always delicious, men. If you do not join us for the building of the Kingdom of Christ, or the camaraderie, at least come for the food!

### ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH: ROSARY SOCIETY COVERED DISH SUPPER

Our Lady is asking you: will you help me spread my message of peace and conversion and purification through the Holy Rosary? Please join us for the opening meeting of the year with this covered dish supper. There are sign-up lists on the bulletin board.

### COMING SOON TO A PARISH NEAR YOU

Beginning on the weekend of 21-22 September, Maria van Lieshout will be singing the hymns with us at Sat. and Sun. Masses to help support the congregation. We also will be introducing the singing of the Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei (in English), at those Masses at which they are now recited.

### DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: SAT. 26 OCT. ONCENTER, SYRACUSE

Seems like a long way off yet, right? But it will be here before you know it, and we want to get our reservations in early. Next weekend, there will be a sign-up list for those who will **commit** to attending. Registration is \$55, but the parish will pay \$25 of that.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE COMING TO UTICA SEP. 25-NOV. 3

Please consider joining this movement of peaceful and prayerful vigils to end abortion. Through prayer and fasting, they have saved 16,004 babies from being murdered, 190 abortion workers have been converted, and 100 abortion mills shut down.

The vigil will be held outside the Planned Parenthood building at 11424 Genesee St., Utica from 7AM to 7 PM each of those days.

The local contacts are Don & Carol Thomas (parishioners) at 315 822 5499: [cat1347@gmail.com](mailto:cat1347@gmail.com). For more information, go to [40daysforlife.com/Utica](http://40daysforlife.com/Utica).

### A BIG THANK YOU TO HERSHEY'S ICE CREAM CREAMERY:

Every year they are very generous in donating a "tub" (3 gallons) of ice cream to our parish picnic. God bless them.

### The "Assisted Suicide" of the Church and Society

The destiny of modern man, it seems, is being fulfilled in suicide, incapable as he is of rising above the worldly horizons of his own existence, a prisoner of his own immanence. Man self-destructs when he refuses the burden of being what each and everybody is called to bear, by existing.

Suicide can not only be committed by men, but also by nations,

by civilizations and even by the Church, given the humanity of the men who compromise Her. The Church, for more than fifty years, has been on a suicidal course, described by Paul VI as "auto-demolition" (Discourse, Lombardo Seminary, Dec. 7, 1968). This auto-demolition today could be described as a true and actual "assisted suicide" of the Church, assisted because induced and favored by those major world powers that have always fought the Church.

The preparatory document for the Synod of Bishops on the Amazon, which the worship of Nature substituting that of the Most Holy Trinity, with the abolition of ecclesiastical celibacy, and the negation of the sacramental and hierarchical nature of the Mystical Body of Christ, is the ultimate example of this assisted suicide brought about by the leaders of the Church and encouraged by Her enemies. The *Instrumentum Laboris* on the Amazon, said Cardinal Walter Brandmuller, "charges the Synod of Bishops and ultimately the Pope with a grave violation of the *depositum fidei*, which signifies as a consequence, the self-destruction of the Church".

(See the full text of this essay at [Rorate Caeli.blogspot.com](http://RorateCaeli.blogspot.com)).

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