

PARISH SCHEDULE

Tues 10/26	Consecration to St. Joseph 9:00 am Perrinton lower level CCW Meeting – 2:00 p.m. Ithaca Room 4
Mon 10/25	“Divorced & Catholic: What Now?” by: Fr. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL 7:00 p.m. Ithaca Parish Hall
Thurs 10/28	First Reconciliation Class 6:00 p.m. Room 5 – Ithaca
Sat 10/30	Annual Meeting of CCW Holy Spirit Parish, Shields - 9:15 a.m. For more information, contact Joyce R.
Sun 10/31	Consecration to St. Joseph 2:30 pm Mt. St. Joseph 6:00 pm Ithaca Room 4
Tues 11/2	Consecration to St. Joseph 9:00 am Perrinton lower level
Wed 11/3	St. Martin de Porres Celebration Mass at 6:00 p.m. in Perrinton Meal will follow in lower level
Sun 11/7	Whole Family Catechesis Both churches – 10:00 a.m. Consecration to St. Joseph 2:30 pm Mt. St. Joseph 6:00 pm Ithaca Room 4
Mon 11/8	St. Martin Altar Society 7:00 pm at the home of Joann Donohue
Tues 11/9	Consecration to St. Joseph 9:00 am Perrinton lower level
Sun 11/14	Coffee and Rolls at both churches



This weekend, we will be putting out the envelopes for Christ's Mission Appeal. Our goal this year is \$33,686.00. Please send your pledges and contributions directly to the Diocese of Saginaw in the envelopes provided. Thank you!

MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

If you have had a loved one or friend who passed away between November 1, 2020 and October 31, 2021 and would like them to be honored with a candle prior to the start of the Masses on November 6 & 7, please contact **Kathy McDonald for Ithaca Masses** at 989-506-0921 or 989-875-3698 or email mcdonatk@yahoo.com and **Sue Bates for Perrinton Mass** at rbates1051@hotmail.com or 989-682-4027 to get their names added to the list.

Dear Parish Family,

October 31 happens to fall on a Sunday this year, and I think it can give us a great chance to recapture an old tradition many have been recapturing as of late. "Halloween" roughly translates to "All Hallows Eve" which is another term for All Saints Eve. It was common for the children of the Church to dress as their favorite saints, angles, or Biblical figures on this particular day. The purpose of this was to ward off evil spirits by showing honor to the saints of God. Why was this warding off of evil done during this time of year? Well, the pagan religions of ancient Europe would engage in their rituals around the time of the harvests, and many would target Christians, including children with such witchcraft. The invocation of the saints, the imitation of their virtue, and ever increasing our trust in God's power over that of demonic power brings not only spiritual protection to us, but also prevents us from being afraid of such darkness. This is also why blessed candles were placed in pumpkins that would be carved with religious imagery. Halloween is a very Catholic event, and we should not be afraid of reclaiming it once again.

So, on Halloween weekend, I am inviting parents to let their children attend Mass dressed as a saint, an angel, or an Old Testament hero. This is a great way for them to learn about one of these figures of fidelity, and for them to develop a strong devotion to them. While we may not realize it there are contemporary witches, enchanters, and sorcerers who conjure up spells for similar purposes as the ancients did. In fact, today there are more Wiccans in the USA than there are Presbyterians! Halloween is the time when they will be most active, so we should respond in simple, gentle, and powerful ways through our devotion to the saints. This great tradition is one way.

I've seen children light up when dressed as these heroes. Campus ministries have had a great deal of fun with this, and I've invited my Alma students to partake this year. And as long as it's kept appropriate, I won't prohibit adults from doing the same at this parish either. Just avoid dressing like Adam and Eve. prayers,
Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

LAST CALL

If you have not called the office and RSVP'd for the dinner after the **St. Martin de Porres Mass on Wednesday November 3rd, please do so THIS WEEK.** Thanks and see you there!

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 10/25	30th Monday in Ordinary Time Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2,46,7,20,21; Lk 13:10-17 12:15 pm MASS (IT): pro populo
Tuesday 10/26	30th Tuesday in Ordinary Time Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday 10/27	30th Wednesday in Ordinary Time Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30 5:30 pm CONFESSIONS (IT) 6:00 pm MASS (IT): Fr. Tom McNamara
Thursday 10/28	Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16 10 am – 8 pm ADORATION (IT)
Friday 10/29	30th Friday in Ordinary Time Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15,19,20; Lk 14:1-6 9:00 am MASS (PE): Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 10/30	30th Saturday in Ordinary Time Rom 11:1,2a,11,12,25-29; Ps 94:12-15, 17,18; Lk 14:1,7-11 5:00 pm CONFESSIONS (IT) 6:00 pm MASS (IT): Fr. Tom Wantland
Sunday 10/31	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4,47,51; Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34 9:00 am MASS (PE): pro populo 11:00 am MASS (IT): +David Wright

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat., October 30, 6:00 pm Mass (IT):	Maureen Murphy
Sun., October 31, 9:00 am Mass (PE):	Joanne Donohue
Sun., October 31, 11:00 am Mass (IT):	Drew Endter LeeAnn Bellinger

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Sat., October 30, 6:00 pm Mass (IT):	Zachery Mikulka John Raducha
Sun., October 31, 9:00 am Mass (PE):	Daryl Trefil
Sun., October 31, 11:00 am Mass (IT):	Chuck Wieferich Dane Longanbach

READ TODAY'S DAILY READING HERE

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

Check your emails this week and make sure you are getting the communication from the office. If not, please let us know ASAP. We will be sending out reminders. Our next class is November 7th at 10:00 am.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation Update To keep us moving right along in our preparation for Confession in December, the work done at home is very important! By now, you should have completed the review of Session 1, and you should be working on Session 2: God Reveals His Saving Plan. Use the provided homework guide to help you along the way. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions! See you Thursday!
The Domestic Church As we strive to LIVE our faith within our families, praying together is essential. Of the five forms of prayer from our Catechism, prayers of blessing and adoration are my favorite! One very special way to do this is through Eucharistic Adoration. It provides a quiet moment with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. It allows us to stop, to be still, to simply spend time adoring Him, to let everything go - every worry, all the busyness, every single thing that troubles us. Eucharistic Adoration is offered at St. Paul on Thursdays from 10-8. You need only to attend Adoration once and you'll see why I love it so much!
Mark Your Calendars!
Thur, Oct. 28 - First Reconciliation Class 6pm - St. Paul
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NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH | OCT. 24 - NOV. 1

In honor of the Year of St. Joseph, everyone is invited to pray the Novena to St. Joseph and visit various designated pilgrimage sites at churches dedicated to St. Joseph. The novena also includes opportunities to celebrate Mass and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).
SUNDAY, OCT. 24 | 10:30 A.M. (LIVE-STREAMED)
Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Avenue, Saginaw
MONDAY, OCT. 25 | 6 P.M. St. Joseph Church/St. Gabriel Parish, 84 W. Midland Road, Auburn
TUESDAY, OCT. 26 | 6 P.M. Mt St. Joseph Church/ Nat of the Lord Parish, 605 S. Franklin Street, St. Louis
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27 | 6 P.M. St. Joseph Church/Resurrection of the Lord Parish, 7842 Newbery Street, Alger, AND St. Joseph Church/St. Hubert Parish, 3455 Rapson Road, Rapson
THURSDAY, OCT. 28 | 6 P.M. St. Joseph Church/St. Christopher Parish, 375 W. Ohmer Road, Mayville
FRIDAY, OCT. 29 | 6 P.M. St. Joseph the Worker Church/Parish, 2168 N. Winn Road, Mt Pleasant (Beal City)
SATURDAY, OCT. 30 | NOON St. Joseph Church/Parish, 910 N. 6th Street, Saginaw
SUNDAY, OCT. 31 | 10:30 A.M. (LIVE-STREAMED)
Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Street, Saginaw
MONDAY, NOV. 1 | 8 A.M. (LIVE-STREAMED)
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