

## All Saints Church



## Holy Cross Church



## St. Anthony Church



February 26, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

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#### Pastoral Staff

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After hours emergencies, 898-4324

### Sacramental Life

#### Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

#### Marriage

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

#### Reconciliation (Confession)

1st Saturday at 10:30am at Holy Cross Church; 3rd Saturday at 3:00-3:45pm at St. Anthony Church; or by appointment at All Saints Church, Holy Cross or St. Anthony.

#### Sacramental Preparation

Please contact the Faith Formation office regarding preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

#### Pastoral Care / Hospital Visitation

Please contact the parish office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, homebound, or hospitalized and who would appreciate Communion or a pastoral visit.

#### Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Rel. Ed. for St. Anthony & Holy Cross takes place at Holy Cross Sundays 9:45am; Rel. Ed. at All Saints after Sunday Masses (11:30am). The All Saints Teen Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 7:00pm. The Holy Cross High School Youth Group meets at various times at Holy Cross.

### Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

#### Saturday • Feb. 25 (Sir 17:1-15 Mk 10:13-16)

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for William Rumgay by The Family

#### Sunday • Feb. 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 49:14-15 1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34)

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Jim Dineen by Kathy & George Muller

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Phil Chenevert by Michelle Simone

#### Monday • Feb. 27 (Sir 17:20-24 Mk 10:17-27)

#### Tuesday • Feb. 28 (Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31)

9:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Karen Shields by Fran & Lewie Sovocool and Family

#### Wednesday • Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday (Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Twyla Wight by Lee McGill

12:00 pm Mass at **All Saints** for the Parishioners of the Cluster by the Parishioners of All Saints

6:00pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Elizabeth Doppel by Chuck & Eileen Rankin and Family

#### Thursday • Mar. 2 Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25)

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Jerry Rizzo by The Eisenhut Family

#### Friday, Mar. 3 Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15)

10:30 am Mass at **Groton Nursing Home** for Bernadine and Hubert Sharpe

12:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Butch & Marion Steger by Steve & Debbie Cardinal

1:45 pm Mass at **Oak Hill Manor**

#### Saturday • Mar. 4 Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32)

10:00am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Robert & Amy Shattel

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for LaVonne Joyce by Sallie & Bud Devlen

#### Sunday • Mar. 5 First Sunday of Lent (Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11)

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Jim Dineen by the Finney Family

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Lou Pizzuti by Michelle Simone



Mass Intentions

## A NOTE FROM DCN. GEORGE . . .

**T**odd and Sonja Burpo are the authors of the book, “Heaven is Real,” and the sequel, “Heaven changes Everything.” The book “Heaven is Real” was made into a popular movie, but if you don’t know the story of “Heaven is Real,” it involves Todd and Sonja’s young son, Colton, who almost died in the hospital when his appendix ruptured. Colton on the operating table had a spiritual experience in which he was transported to Heaven. After his recovery, he told his parents what happened, and that experience changed their lives and the lives of those around them.

In Heaven, Colton met his grandfather, whom he had never known, and later correctly identified him to his parents by looking at an old picture of his grandfather when he was a young man. He also told his parents that he met an older sister that he didn’t know that he had. His parents were stunned because Sonja had had a miscarriage before Colton was born, and had never told him.

This experience opened up something new to Todd and Sonja. As Sonja described in “Heaven Changes Everything” when she had the miscarriage, she wrote: “When you’re that hurt and confused, you can end up curled in the fetal position, so grief-stricken you cannot function...You think, This isn’t fair, Lord!” (p.117, [Heaven Changes Everything](#)) . However, what Todd and Sonja learned from their experience with Colton is that God has a purpose for everything. From grief and pain, God can work all things for the good of those who believe in Him.

Mary Ann and I have suffered the loss of two children: one through miscarriage and one through death, but we believe that they are with us in spirit and await us in Heaven. In the grief that you may have for the loss of a child, born or unborn, or in the loss of a loved one, know that there is hope. God is real. Heaven is real, and your child, your loved one, waits for you there.

God Bless,  
**Deacon George**



## GOOD NEWS

### God Loves Us Like a Mother

There is no place children feel safer than in their mother’s arms. Since she provides them with all they need, both physically and emotionally, their trust and confidence is total. God tells us not to worry and gives us the reason: I will never ever forget you. I know your needs and I will take care of them. Do you think a mother can forget her child? Even if she were to forget, I won’t! In the Gospel, Jesus doesn’t just suggest not to worry, he commands it: “Do not worry,” he says more than once. He knows what preoccupies us—food, clothing, work, and money. Why worry? What good will it do? Can you eat better, increase your wealth, or change your appearance by worrying? Can you add a day to your life fretting about your health? Sure, we need to think about providing for our physical needs. We need to make good, informed, and healthy decisions. The key is to reflect and decide, not to worry and obsess. Keep it all in perspective. Life is much more than material goods and personal aspirations. God loves us so much, like a mother loves her child. He provides for all his creatures, even for the lily that only blooms for a day. He knows everything you need and, like a good parent, desperately wants to give it to you!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## ask Padre

***“I’m an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding on to me, but I don’t know why.”***

I am reminded of Paul’s personal struggle as expressed in Romans: “What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate.... Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me....Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?” (7:15, 20, 24). Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don’t get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative. You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God “the Hound of Heaven.” God does not let go easily.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR [sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletin@liguori.org)

# CALENDAR

**Sat., Feb. 25** Dish-to-Pass Dinner 5:30pm @ **St.A.**  
**Sun., Feb. 26** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Rel. Ed. **St.A./H.C.** 9:45am @ **H.C.** **A.S.** 11:30am  
 Rosary 9:30am @ **H.C. Chapel**  
**A.S.** 1<sup>st</sup> Penance Class 5:00-6:00pm @ **A.S.**  
**Tues., Feb. 28** Mass 9:00am @ **St.A.**  
**H.C./St.A.** 1<sup>st</sup> Penance Prep Class 6:30pm @ **H.C.**  
 Adoration 7:00pm @ **H.C.**  
**Wed., Mar. 1** Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins  
 9:00am Mass @ **H.C.**  
 12:00pm Mass @ **A.S.**  
 6:00pm Mass @ **St.A.**  
 Bible Study 10:00am @ **H.C.**  
**Thurs., Mar. 2** Mass 9:30am @ **A.S.**  
 Adoration 7:00pm @ **St.A.**  
**Fri., Mar. 3** Nursing Home Mass: 10:30 @ **Groton**; 1:45 @ **Oak Hill**  
 Mass 12noon @ **St.A.**  
 Stations of Cross: 5:30pm @ **St.A.** and **H.C.**  
**Sat., Mar. 4** First Saturday Mass 10:00am @ **H.C.** (Rosary 9:30am)  
 Confessions & Adoration 10:30am @ **H.C.**  
 Rosary 5:30pm @ **St.A.**  
**Sun., Mar. 5** First Sunday of Lent  
 Rel. Ed. **St.A./H.C.** 9:45am @ **H.C.** **A.S.** 11:30am  
 DVD Series on Catholicism Begins 9:30am @ **H.C.**



## A LOOK AHEAD:

**Mar. 8** **A.S.** Stations of the Cross 6:00pm @ **A.S.**  
**A.S.** Lenten Book Study 6:15pm @ **A.S.**  
**Mar. 11** Knots of Love 10:00am @ **A.S.**  
**Mar. 12** **A.S.** First Penance Class @ **A.S.**  
**Mar. 18/19** Cross Catholic Outreach—Fr. Olszewski presides  
**Mar. 20** **Cluster** Lenten Evening of Prayer 7:00pm @ **A.S.**  
**Mar. 25** **Cluster** 1<sup>st</sup> Penance 1:00pm @ **A.S.** (12pm luncheon)  
**Mar. 28** Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy  
**Apr. 8** **Cluster** Lenten Penance Service 11:00am @ **A.S.**  
**Apr. 9** Tenebrae 7:30pm @ **H.C.**

## FR. ELOO'S OFFICE HOURS

(it is best to schedule appts. **St.A Office 898-5135**)

Tuesdays at St. Anthony 9:30am—12:00pm  
 Wednesdays at Holy Cross 9:30am—1:00pm  
 Thursdays at All Saints 10:00am—1:00pm

E-mail: fnwosu@dor.org

## ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sun./Tues./Thurs. 9am-1pm Mon. 1-4pm

## HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. & Wed. 8am—12noon; Fri. 1-5pm

## ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Thurs. 8:00am—2:00pm

## ST.A/H.C. PASTORAL ASSOC./FAITH FORM. HRS.

Mon. & Wed., Holy Cross 9:30am—2:30pm

Tues. & Thurs., St. Anthony 9:30am—2:30pm

E-mail: mkozak@dor.org

## DEACON OFFICE HOURS

by appointment

E-mail: dkozak@dor.org

## PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER

607-229-8549 (This is Fr. Eloo's direct line)

## PASTORAL COUNCIL E-MAIL

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## REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Use a bequest to assure God's  
work will continue even  
after you have gone to be with the Lord.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: March 4 & 5, 2017

Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers	Sacristans
<b>4:30 pm Saturday ST. ANTHONY</b>	Bill Rohde Ed Neuhauser	Irene Gutchess Ed Neuhauser <u>Nursing Home</u> None needed	Wyatt Miller Alexa Miller	Julie Martin Mark Robinson	Irene Gutchess Mark Robinson	Evelyn Rohde Bill Rohde
<b>8:30 am Sunday HOLY CROSS</b>	Bill Schickel Erin Harkenrider	(C) RoseMarie Bobnick (C) Kathy Muller (H) Mimi Lewis	Ben Maza Andrew McDaniels	Tom Harkenrider Bryan Iannello		<u>Oak Hill</u> Mass -Mar. 3 Pellerin Lisk
<b>10:30 am Sunday ALL SAINTS</b>	Matt Montague Bridgett Randall	(C) Pat Miller (C) Georgia Eastman (C) Choir: Deacon George (C) Choir: Anne Miller	Cross: Lansing Miller Altar: Nicole Montague	Julie Berens Randy McDonald Logan McDonald Trey McDonald	<u>Nursery</u> Ami & Martin Stallone	Christine Eisenhut

# STEWARDSHIP

February 19, 2017 (Week 34)		
<b>All Saints Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 93 (Children): 26	\$ 2,661.00	
<b>Holy Cross Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 103 (Children): 13	\$ 1,592.00	
<b>St. Anthony Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 79 (Children): 11	\$ 1,550.00	

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are “servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

## CAPITAL FUND DONATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

Please use the Facilities envelope when you make a donation to the Holy Cross Capital Fund. Thank you!

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING AT ST. ANTHONY’S



Beginning with the First Sunday of Lent, we are asking parishioners to give up one cup of coffee per week, and instead—increase your weekly offering by the amount you would have spent. If **all** parishioners participated (whether you use envelopes or not), we would come much closer to balancing our budget.

*“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”*  
 -Mother Teresa

## 2016-2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

### *Raised in Christ*

St. Anthony Goal:	\$ 8,940	Pledged:	\$ 9,588	(107.25%) !
Holy Cross Goal:	\$ 17,817	Pledged:	\$17,820	(100.02%) !
All Saints Goal:	\$ 17,503	Pledged:	\$11,603	(66.29%)

# PARISH LIFE

## DISH-TO-PASS DINNER AT ST. ANTHONY’S TODAY

Come to our Dish-to-Pass Dinner in McNamara Hall after Mass **today !!!** Winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the dinner (need not be present to win).

# PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS



Angelo Alaimo, Elaine Apgar, Jane Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Cathy Bishop, Ginny Bradshaw, Ron Bradshaw, Gerald Carey, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Richard Compton, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Charlene Haskell, Kirsten Hess, Nimr Ibrahim, Autum Kenyon, T.J. Keegan, Diane Kimmich, Steve Kletjian, Dorothy Kubinski, Tate MacDowell, Marcus Martinez Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Chris Montreuil, Sara Morse, David Olson, Barb O’Sullivan, Jim Oswald, Don Palmer, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Hank Roberts, Sunhee Schickel, Beth Schwab, Tom Schickel, Emilie Searle, Diane Senecal-Shields, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Sharon Vincent, Gary Vrabel, Richard Weiss, Jocelyn Woods, and several Special Intentions.

**Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.**

## ALL SAINTS BOOK OF INTENTIONS



Our prayers from our Book of Intentions during the Mass on **February 19** were: For a special intention / For Carl Nedrow / For Jerry Rizzo / For my daughters / For Judy Wilson / For our daughter on her birthday / For the healing of friends and family / In thanksgiving for new housing for my daughter / For Moja Rodzina, my family.

## FIRST SATURDAY — MARCH 4

### Rosary

9:30am at **Holy Cross**

5:30pm at **St. Anthony**

### Mass

10:00am at **Holy Cross**

**Confessions and Adoration**

10:30am at **Holy Cross**



**HOLY ROSARY AT HOLY CROSS** — We will pray the Rosary after Mass today. Please join us in the Chapel.

# SACRAMENTS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> PENANCE PREPARATION CLASSES

⇒ **Holy Cross / St. Anthony**

Our First Penance Preparation Classes will begin at Holy Cross on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30pm in the Narthex.

⇒ **All Saints**

Our First Penance Preparation Classes will begin today, Sunday, Feb. 26 from 5:00-6:00pm.

## DAY OF PENANCE AND MERCY (March 28) "Forgiven"

Save the date to celebrate! Don't just go to Confession. Celebrate the Sacrament! The Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy is a wonderful opportunity to accept and embrace God's grace. Join us on Tues., March 28, for the **Day of Penance and Mercy**. For details, visit <http://forgiven.dor.org>.



# LENT

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE — March 1

- ◇ 9:00am Mass at **Holy Cross**
- ◇ 12:00pm Mass at **All Saints**
- ◇ 6:00pm Mass at **St. Anthony**



## LENTEN REGULATIONS

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
- **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat. All persons 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat.
- **FASTING** refers to eating only one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meals. Eating solid food between meals is not allowed. All persons 18-59 years of age are obliged to fast.
- These regulations are considered to be a serious obligation for all Catholics. However, those who are ill, pregnant, on medication, on special diets for health concerns, or those who must work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Wednesdays 6:00pm @ **A.S.**
- Fridays 5:30pm @ **St.A. & H.C.**



**OPERATION RICE BOWL** — Holy Cross and St. Anthony religious education students are contributing to Catholic Relief Services by filling up their cardboard Rice Bowls. 75% of Rice Bowl alms fund CRS projects around the world — such as agriculture, water and sanitation maternal/child health — just to name a few. 25% of the Rice Bowl proceeds goes to our local food pantries: Dryden Kitchen Cupboard, Freeville Food Pantry and Groton Food Providers. **There are extra Rice Bowls in the back of your church so you can participate, too.** Thank you for your generosity!

## CLUSTER LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm**

All are welcome to **All Saints Church** to set aside an evening for Jesus. The main purpose of this evening is to have extended quiet time in the Lord's house to read scriptures and pray. Various scripture passages and some guided prayers for reflection will be provided. After an hour, we will gather for shared prayer followed by light refreshments in the parish center. Bring a Bible, pen and notebook. Please consider making this evening a part of your Lenten journey. Any questions, please contact Diane Schafer [diane3@twcny.rr.com](mailto:diane3@twcny.rr.com).



## HELP YOUR MARRIAGE!

**Retrouaille** (pronounced retro-vi) simply means "rediscovery." This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage.

Sometimes bad things happen in the best relationships — car accidents, depression, severe illness, death in the family. These things can affect your marriage.

**Tens of thousands of couples headed for trouble have successfully saved their marriages by attending Retrouaille.**

Couples are never asked to share about their problems, but they will learn to communicate with their spouse about their difficulties. For confidential information about or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House on **April 7-9, 2017**, please call **585-293-1552** or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## NOTRE DAME RETREATS

- **Men's** — March 3 to March 5
- **Women's** — March 31 to April 2
- **Teen's** — April 21 to April 23
- **Summer Couples** — June 2 to June 4



**Theme: "Prayer: God is Talking . . . Are you Listening?"**

Is it difficult to carve out time to pray each day? Is life too busy? You are invited to a weekend retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House where we will give you time to explore the meaning of prayer; different styles of prayer, and ways to overcome obstacles and enrich your prayer time. Our retreat this year will challenge us to move from "saying" prayers to "living" a prayerful life.

**PRAY . . . . LISTEN . . . . COME**

**Where:** Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY

**(Contact for Women's Retreat:** Maureen Seeley 607-589-6483; [mseeley@htva.net](mailto:mseeley@htva.net))

# NOTICES

## ALL SAINTS ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



All Saints is in desperate need of altar servers. Any boys or girls who have celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion are welcome! Training will be provided. Please contact Julie Eisenhut at 533-7344 or [jeisenhut@dor.org](mailto:jeisenhut@dor.org) for more information.

## CELEBRATE 90 YEARS !!

Please join us for birthday cake for Pat Fairbank (of St. Anthony's) on Sunday, March 12, from 2:00-4:00pm at 75 Devlen Road, Groton. RSVP [susanhaynes1@gmail.com](mailto:susanhaynes1@gmail.com) or 423-0776.



**Catholic Courier** The *Catholic Courier's* multimedia  
**Lenten Journal** Lenten journal is designed to support you throughout the Lenten

season of penance, reflection and fasting in preparation for Christ's resurrection. Daily visitors to the journal will find Gospel readings, reflections, meatless recipes, children's crafts and more. Visit each day beginning this Wednesday, March 1, at [www.catholiccourier.com/lentenjournal2017](http://www.catholiccourier.com/lentenjournal2017).

# REGIONAL NEWS

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & MINISTRY

## PASTORAL CARE SEMINAR — Auburn Parishes

Visiting parishioners in Homes and Care Facilities

Saturday, March 4, 2017 1:45pm-3:45pm

St. Joseph School Gymnasium, Auburn

Guest Speaker: Dr. Roslyn Karaban

Professor of Pastoral Care & Counseling

(St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry)

⇒ Learn the fundamentals about visiting the sick and marginalized in your parish.

⇒ Saturday Mass at St. Alphonsus Church begins at 4:00pm.

For more information, contact Aaron Wilson at 315-252-7261 or [awilson@dor.org](mailto:awilson@dor.org)

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH PARISH MISSION

March 13-14, 2017 7:00pm — Immaculate Conception

**'STOP! SPEND TIME WITH ME'**

Presented by Fr. Francis Pompei, OFM

A Franciscan friar from Buffalo, NY

## NOTRE DAME H.S. INFORMATION NIGHT IN ITHACA

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12 is hosting an **ITHACA INFORMATION NIGHT** on **Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00pm** at Immaculate Conception School library. This meeting is for students and families interested in learning about enrollment at Notre Dame and the busing available daily from ICS in downtown Ithaca. ND administrators and faculty will give a brief presentation and conduct a Q&A session. Current Notre Dame students and families will be present to talk about their experiences. Light refreshments will be served. Please use the Plain Street parking lot/playground entrance to ICS. This event is free and open to the public.

## SAMARITAN CENTER COLLECTION — HOLY CROSS



**March** is Holy Cross' month to collect personal hygiene products for Catholic Charities Samaritan Center. Please help our local community. Donated items can be dropped off in the baskets in the back of church. Present items in need: **baby diapers & wipes, conditioner, lotion, bars of soap, men's deodorant, denture cream, hand sanitizer.**



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join us in prayer beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1, through Palm Sunday, April 9, at the vigil site across from Planned Parenthood, 620 W. Seneca St., Ithaca, along the public right-of-way, 7AM—7PM. Please consider committing to 1hr or 2hr vigil per week with a friend, your prayer group, or your family to **come and pray for the beginning of the end of abortion** here in Ithaca. For more information, contact Mary Anne Tissot, 315-246-7479 or email [sweetwind53@yahoo.com](mailto:sweetwind53@yahoo.com). Details/updates about **40 Days for Life--Ithaca** -- [www.40daysforlife.com/ithaca](http://www.40daysforlife.com/ithaca). You are invited to attend these inspiring events at the vigil location: **\*\*KickOff Praise Rally---** Mar. 1, 10am; **\*\*Closing/Stations of the Cross Walk ---** April 8, Sat. 10am.

## STANDING UP FOR THE VULNERABLE

Thank you to all who signed the Diocesan Public Policy petitions opposing the legalization of physician-assisted suicide in New York State. We collected 650 signatures from the Catholic parishes of our county, standing up for people at the end of life. This proposed legislation devalues human life and puts at greater risk people with disabilities, who are already marginalized. You can take the extra step of speaking out against this policy by calling NYS Assembly Member Barbara Lifton, who represents all of Tompkins County, at 518-455-5444. Please also call your NYS State Senator. In Tompkins County that would be: Sen. Tom O'Mara at 518-455-2091; or Sen. James Seward at 518-455-3131; or Sen. Pamela Helming at 518-455-2366, depending on where you live. If you don't know your State Senate district, find it at [www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator](http://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator).

## (WEB) Weekend Backpack Program

Holy Cross Church is collecting **Graham Crackers** during the month of February. We will be collecting **Tuna** during March. Look for the collection basket at the back of church.

## BIRTHRIGHT BLANKETS & BABY ITEMS AT ALL SAINTS



Calling all crafty people! This is a great time to begin making blankets and collecting infant layettes/children's clothing up to 4T for the Birthright Collection held in May. Keep yourself busy and warm this winter while helping children in need!!!



## MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> SAVE THE DATE

Texas Roadhouse is hosting a family dinner fundraiser to benefit Immaculate Conception School on March 20. Gather your friends and family and enjoy a meal together while helping to raise funds for our school. Be sure to bring this ad to give to your server.

**FUNDRAISING NIGHT!**

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

Immaculate Conception School: Ithaca, NY  
March 20th  
4:00PM - 10:00 PM

**10% Donation Night**

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

**Call AHEAD SEATING** (607) 272-1621  
719-26 S. Meadow St. Ithaca NY