

## All Saints Church



## Holy Cross Church



## St. Anthony Church



May 7, 2017

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

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### **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.

#### **RCIA/RCIC**

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office.

#### **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 • May 6 (Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69)**

10:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for E. Pearl Freeland by Lee McGill

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Patricia Rote (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Julie Martin

#### **Sunday • May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10)**

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Bill White by Marlene Luss

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Catherine Acee by the Eisenhut Families

#### **Monday • May 8 (Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18)**

#### **Tuesday • May 9 (Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30)**

9:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Mickey Gallagher by Irene Gutchess

#### **Wednesday • May 10 (Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 12:44-50)**

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Robert Shortell by Judy & Jim MacNeil

#### **Thursday • May 11 (Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20)**

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for the Deceased Members of the Composti Family

#### **Friday, May 12 (Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6)**

12:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Betty Doppel by Steve & Debbie Cardinal

#### **Saturday • May 13 (Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14)**

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Gerald Rotunda by The Family

#### **Sunday • May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12)**

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Bill White by Joyce

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Anna Beckwith by Becky and Edward Trainor



## A NOTE FROM DCN. GEORGE . . .

Nineteen years ago, soon after being ordained a Deacon, I was asked to say a prayer at an Area Congregations Together (ACT) Dinner in Ithaca. I was told that it had to be Ecumenical and not to exclude anyone there. I wanted to make sure that it was inclusive with no male pronouns. I wanted to make sure that I made no reference to Jesus, so as to not offend anyone who doesn't believe in Jesus. So, I came up with a generic prayer to a generic God. Something to please everyone, or so I thought.

After the dinner, a woman approached me. It turned out that she was a pagan priestess, and she thanked me for my generic non-offensive prayer. Then she started to complain to me about how Catholics are always trying to push Jesus down people's throats.

"You Catholics act as if Jesus is the Savior of the World," she said.

"Well," I said, "That's because he is."

Needless to say, that started a long discussion.

I learned from that encounter that there is a difference between not wanting to offend, and staying true to one's beliefs. In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter stands up before the people of Jerusalem and proclaims: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:14). Peter and the disciples were not afraid to tell people what they believed. They were not trying to offend others, but they felt the need to speak the truth. They saw Jesus crucified, dead and buried and then risen from the grave. They saw Jesus miraculously appear to them and ascend into heaven. They were willing to suffer and die for their beliefs.

Do we have that kind of faith? Are we afraid of letting people know what we believe and where we stand?

Nineteen years ago, I made a big mistake. I thought my role was to be non-offensive, but in truth my role was to be a witness to what I believe. As Peter states in our second reading today: "He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 PT 2:24).

That is what we believe. Let our words and actions always make Jesus present to those around us.

God Bless,

**Deacon George**



## GOOD NEWS

### Our Shepherd's Voice

Saint Peter, the first pope, zealously preached the word of God, challenging the Romans and the Jews to believe. Astoundingly, on various occasions their hearts were moved and they asked, "What are we to do?" The answer from the apostles was often twofold: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. Both are necessary first steps. The same is true today: We receive baptism and confirmation. We keep cultivating this gift of faith and life in the Holy Spirit, listening to Jesus and the Spirit's promptings so they blossom and take over all of our life. The Good Shepherd verses found in John 10 reveal that there are many messengers who promise fulfillment and happiness. Jesus warns that these others try to slip in the back door of our souls and trick us into following them. Initially their message is only slightly different than Jesus' message, but once they lead us out of his fold, we can end up in very distant fields, and it is a long, hard path back home. How do we distinguish Jesus' voice from the others? Compare their words with the words of Jesus and his Church. If they don't align, beware. Another criterion is to see if there is an element of the cross and true peace. Jesus reminds us that the shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and leads them to pasture and rest. The cross, although not everything, is always a part of the shepherd's path.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### ask Padre

#### *"If I still attend Mass, may I work or shop on Sundays?"*

When I lived in Brazil, everything was closed on Sunday except a few restaurants. As a result, it was a day families could spend together. Even in our own country, some places have shortened hours on Sundays or are closed altogether, like banks and car dealerships. For many of us, shopping is a way of resting. We go to the store and browse, stop at the mall, or see a movie. The Catechism doesn't go so far as to say we can't shop on Sundays. It tells us, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185). However, many people have to work on Sundays. Even if we are resting by shopping or going out on Sundays, we are forcing other people to work. If we all made the choice to not shop or go out on Sundays, with the exception of emergency needs, Sundays could truly become a day of rest for all people, as it is intended to be. So yes, you may shop on a Sunday, but I would encourage you to spend the day doing things that keep the whole day holy, not just the hour you're at Mass.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

# CALENDAR

<b>Sat., May 6</b>	Rosary 5:30pm @ <b>St.A.</b>
<b>Sun., May 7</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter — Good Shepherd Sunday Donut Day 9:30am @ <b>H.C.</b> <b>A.S.</b> First Holy Communion 10:30am @ <b>A.S.</b> <b>HC/StA</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Prep. Class 5:30pm @ <b>H.C.</b>
<b>Mon., May 8</b>	BINGO 7:00pm @ <b>A.S.</b>
<b>Tues., May 9</b>	Mass 9:00am @ <b>St.A.</b> Adoration 7:00pm @ <b>H.C.</b>
<b>Wed., May 10</b>	Mass 9:00am @ <b>H.C.</b> Bible Study 10:00am @ <b>H.C.</b>
<b>Thurs., May 11</b>	Mass 9:30am @ <b>A.S.</b> Rosary 7:00pm @ <b>St.A.</b>
<b>Fri., May 12</b>	Doug's Fish Fry 11am-6pm @ <b>A.S.</b> 12:00pm @ <b>St.A.</b>
<b>Sat., May 13</b>	<b>A.S.</b> Adopt-A-Highway 8:30am at <b>Rogues' Harbor</b> Knots of Love 10:00am @ <b>A.S.</b> <b>Cluster</b> Anointing of the Sick Mass 11:00am @ <b>H.C.</b> Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale 4:30pm @ <b>St.A.</b> May Crowning 5:30pm @ <b>St.A.</b> (& reception)
<b>Sun., May 14</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter Birthright Mothers' Day Flower Sales @ <b>H.C.</b> & <b>A.S.</b> May Crowning 8:30am @ <b>H.C.</b> May Crowning 10:30am @ <b>A.S.</b>
<b>A LOOK AHEAD:</b>	
<b>May 16</b>	<b>St.A.</b> Finance Council Mtg. 9:45am @ <b>St.A.</b> <b>Cluster</b> Pastoral Council 7:00pm @ <b>A.S.</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>A.S.</b> Finance Council Mtg. @ <b>A.S.</b>
<b>May 20</b>	First Holy Communion 4:30pm @ <b>St.A.</b>
<b>May 21</b>	First Holy Communion 8:30am @ <b>H.C.</b>
<b>May 25</b>	The Ascension of the Lord — Holy Day of Obligation

## 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

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⇒ **New!** 607-241-2712 (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.


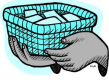

# Good Shepherd Sunday

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR EASTER: May 13 & 14, 2017

Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers	Sacristans
<b>4:30 pm Saturday ST. ANTHONY</b>	Jerry Lutkenhouse Rich Morse	Jerry Lutkenhouse Rich Morse <b>Nursing Home</b> Linda Bonavia	Wyatt Miller Alexa Miller	Fran Sovocool Connie Wilcox	Evelyn Rohde Bill Rohde	Dcn. George
<b>8:30 am Sunday HOLY CROSS</b>	Erin Harkenrider Cas Flanagan	(C) Dcn. George (C) Carroll MacDowell (H) Dick Buechel	Adrian Finney Caleb Williams	Tom Harkenrider Diedra Harkenrider		<b>Oak Hill</b> Minarski Lanigan
<b>10:30 am Sunday ALL SAINTS</b>	Ellen Palladino John Wagner	(C) Cheryl Casey (C) Monica Ravas (C) <i>Choir:</i> Deacon George (C) <i>Choir:</i> Leigh Miller	(Cross) Zora Benson (Altar) Dominic Ronsvalle	Morgan Boerman Gwen Gisler Miya Kuramoto Ed Pasto	<b>Nursery</b> Carol Barry Emily Phillips	Matt Connolly

# STEWARDSHIP

# PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

April 30, 2017 (Week 44)		
<b>All Saints Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 102 (Children): 57	\$ 2,033.00	
<b>Holy Cross Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 114 (Children): 37	\$ 1,300.60	
<b>St. Anthony Church</b> Attendance (Adults): 85 (Children): 13	\$ 1,368.75	

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS



Angelo Alaimo, Elaine Apgar, Jane Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Cathy Bishop, Ginny Bradshaw, Ron Bradshaw, 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, Barb O'Sullivan, Jim Oswald, Don Palmer, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Hank Roberts, Sunhee Schickel, Beth Schwab, 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, & several Special Intentions.

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

- ⇒ St. Anthony \$ 149.75
- ⇒ Holy Cross \$ 581.25
- ⇒ All Saints \$ 439.00

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS** — Saint Peter plays a prominent leadership role in the first two readings, urging his listeners to be baptized and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit; and encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have just renewed our baptismal promises at Easter and the Holy Spirit dwells in us in a special way. Are we good stewards of those baptismal vows? Have we renewed our commitment to follow in Jesus' footsteps? Have we opened our hearts to discern the will of God in our lives? Take some time to reflect on the importance of our baptismal renewal and our lives as disciples of the Lord.

## 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



On her visits to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta in Fatima in 1917, Our Lady gave the children three secrets. The first secret was a vision of hell, which Lucia described as "a great sea of fire" with souls in unending pain and despair. The second secret asserted that World War I would end but that if Russia did not convert, there would be another war during the reign of Pope Pius XI, a prediction that came to pass with World War II. The third secret revealed there would be great persecution of the Church and the Holy Father would be killed by a group of soldiers. The Vatican said the final part of the secret referred to the failed assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II's life on May 13, 1981.

## ALL SAINTS BOOK OF INTENTIONS



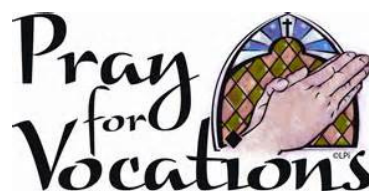
Our prayers from our Book of Intentions during the Mass on **April 30** were: For the commemoration of the third year of the death of our beloved mother, Esther Dato Rante / For Debra McKane / For a special intention / For Betty Fedorka / For the safety of all travelers / For a special intention for my husband / For my special friend / For my trip to Poland / For my daughters.

## FULFILLING GOD'S WISH — FIRST SATURDAY MAY 6

The Rosary for **Peace** was one of the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. Please plan to stay and pray the Rosary with us immediately after Mass today at **St. Anthony's** for **peace** in the world.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — MAY 7 (54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

World Day of Prayer (also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday") is observed today. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*





The people of All Saints, Saint Anthony's, and Holy Cross are a Roman Catholic Community that joyfully embraces our baptismal call to worship God, to preach the Good News of Christ, to teach through Word and sacrament, to build the community of faith and hope in the Holy Spirit, and to serve those who are our neighbors, especially those in need. As pilgrims nourished by the Eucharist for our journey of faith, we are commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to reach out together and work with all who seek harmony within the human family to advance the reign of God.

## SACRAMENTS

### COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS



Are you in need of healing? There will be a Communal Anointing Mass NEXT Saturday, May 13, at 11:00am at Holy Cross Church. A luncheon will follow in Cleary Hall.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Today, the All Saints Parish Family celebrates First Communion. Congratulations to: Rafaela Benson, Leah Clark, Joel Ouellette, Savanna Pasto, Farren Snyder, Daniel Stallone, and Jackson Tarbert. May the blessings of our Lord Jesus be poured on you from this day onward.

## PARISH LIFE

### MAY CROWNING NEXT WEEKEND

#### • St. Anthony's

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, our May Crowning of the Mary Statue in the courtyard will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in a procession from the 4:30pm Mass. The ceremony will include some information about Our Lady of Fatima. A light reception will follow.

#### • Holy Cross

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, our May Crowning of the Mary Statue in the front garden will be on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup> in a procession from the 8:30 Mass. The ceremony will include references to the Fatima appearances. The gathering of Holy Cross/St. Anthony's Religious Ed. families will follow in Cleary Hall wrapping up our Religious Ed. year.

#### • All Saints

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, and as is our tradition each year, the children who received First Communion will lead us in the Crowning of Mary on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>, during Mass.

## NOTICES

### FRIDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note that there is no Friday noon Mass (nor service) at St. Anthony's on the **first Friday of the month**. You are invited to attend the Masses, at which Fr. Eloo presides — at the Nursing Homes:

10:30 am Groton Nursing Home  
1:45 pm Oak Hill Manor

### ST. ANTHONY NOVENA STARTING SOON

To honor our Patron Saint Anthony (whose Feast Day is June 13), we will pray a novena at the daily Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays leading up to our St. Anthony Day celebration. This novena will begin May 9.

### RICE BOWL ROUND-UP (ST. ANTHONY & Holy Cross)

If you still have a filled Lenten Rice Bowl at home, it's not too late! Please bring it in and put it in the collection basket. The Catholic Relief Services is a wonderful organization and deserves our support!

## VOLUNTEERS

### RECEPTION AT HOLY CROSS



Holy Cross is hosting the Cluster Communal Anointing Mass next Saturday, May 13, at 11:00am. A lunch in Cleary Hall will follow. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Kitchen help is also needed — so please sign up.

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

**Saturday, May 13, 8:30am** will be the All Saints Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up of a portion of NYS Route 34.

Meet Dennis Osika at the Rogues' Harbor parking lot — rain or shine. Many hands make light work!



## FUNDRAISERS

### DOUG'S FISH FRY TO-GO

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 6:00pm . . . Stop by All Saints Church for some fish for your lunch and/or dinner!!

### BINGO MONDAY NIGHTS AT ALL SAINTS!!!



Every Monday through October (except Monday holidays)  
Kitchen opens at 6:00pm; games begin promptly at 7:00pm.  
**Come Join the Fun!!**

# REGIONAL NEWS

## GROTON YOUTH COMMISSION

### Send A Kid To Groton Camp Fund Drive!



Since 2005, Groton Youth Services has offered a 6-week day camp in Groton for our youth, which now can serve 60-65 campers. The cost is \$95 per week per camper. Over 50% of our campers come from low-income families so our scholarship needs are great. Would you like to sponsor a child for a week . . . or more? Any amount will help. Please send your donation (check payable to **Groton Youth Commission**) to: Groton's Summer Camp Fund, 101 Conger Blvd., Groton, NY 13073.

## MayFEST 2017 AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Spring is in the air, which means MayFEST is right around the corner! The annual Notre Dame **MayFEST** will be held on **Saturday, May 13, from 10am—3pm** at Notre Dame High School and offers fun for the whole family! While visiting MayFEST, enjoy the wide variety of vendors at our craft fair, relish a tasty treat from the baked goods booth and purchase your Mother's Day flowers (beautiful hanging baskets from Chamberlain Acres). Browse the wonderful Jr. & Sr. High student displays of art work at the annual Notre Dame Art Show! Register a team in the first-ever 6 vs 6 Crusader Cup Soccer Tournament! Children will delight in the ever popular character appearances, and for a nominal fee there will be children's games and activities and an opportunity to make a Mother's Day gift to take home to Mom! Skip the dishes and purchase a chicken BBQ meal to take home for dinner. *Notre Dame High School is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904.* All proceeds from **MayFEST** will benefit Notre Dame High School. We hope to see you there!



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## WE ARE FIGURING OUT WHERE TO RELEASE THE TROUT WE RAISED



Students in grades 3-6 looked at the water quality of a local stream and graded its quality based upon the number of aquatic animals that live in it to see if it could sustain the trout we raised. The students were very happy when the results



showed the stream would be a good place to release the trout.

## PRE-K3, PRE-K4 & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### REGISTRATION

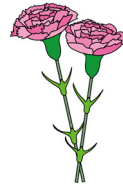
Immaculate Conception School is now accepting registrations for all of our academic programs: Pre-K through sixth grade, for the 2017-2018 school year. Tuition assistance and parish subsidy are available. Call the school at 273-2707 or visit [icsithaca.org](http://icsithaca.org) for more information about Ithaca's Catholic School.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & MINISTRY

## (WEB) Weekend Backpack Program

Holy Cross Church is collecting **Instant Cocoa** during the month of May. Please look for the collection basket in the back of church. Look for the collection basket at the back of church.

## BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



Birthright is an organization that helps pregnant women by offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright offers free self-administered pregnancy tests, prenatal information, medical referrals, financial assistance and adoption referrals. Birthright also offers diapers, formula, maternity and baby clothes. All their services are free and confidential. Birthrights' Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale will be next Saturday and Sunday (May 13 & 14) after all Masses. One flower for \$1, 1/2 dozen for \$5, and one dozen for \$10. Please extend your support to Birthright, an organization that helps many families and works hard for a better world.



**Catholic  
Charities**

## Easter Season - Called to Care for Our Common Home

Pope Francis teaches, "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains, everything is, as it were, a caress of God." (*Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*). The earth is our home given to us by God, who trusts us to care for this gift for ourselves and future generations. A presidential executive order earlier this year rescinded and weakened many environmental protections. Bishop Frank J. Dewane, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, stated in response, "With this recent order, the Administration risks damage to our air, our waters and, most importantly, our people, particularly the poor and vulnerable, without proposing a concrete and adequate approach to meet our stewardship obligations as a nation." Please contact the White House at 202-456-1111 or [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) to advocate for policies that curb greenhouse gas emissions.

## 2017 DIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE: POVERTY SIMULATION—MAY 20

What does it mean to be poor in the US? Get a taste of the struggle of low-income families during this year's Diocesan Social Ministry Conference on Saturday, May 20. The conference will begin with a Poverty Simulation, in which participants "role-play the lives of low-income families. Some are [welfare] recipients, some are disabled, and some are senior citizens on Social Security. They have the stressful task of providing for basic necessities and shelter on a limited budget during the course of four 15-minute weeks. They interact with human service agencies, grocers, pawnbrokers, bill collectors, job interviewers, police officers and others. Although play money is used, [the role playing] is not a game. It is a simulation that enables participants to look at poverty from a variety of angles and then to recognize and discuss the potential for change within their local communities." Discussions and workshops will follow the simulation. Reservations required by May 15! \$15 registration fee includes lunch. Registration opens 9:00am, program begins at 9:30am, St. Mary's School in Canandaigua. RSVP with Laurie Konwinski at [Lkonwinski@dor.org](mailto:Lkonwinski@dor.org) or 272-5062 ext 12.