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MASS SCHEDULE

Rosary @ 8:35AM Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Everyday @ 3:00PM ~ MPR THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:45 AM William Kriese/Daughter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 AM David Scheutzow/Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:45 AM Tillie Kriese/Daughter

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM ANN: Loretta Peace LaFex/

The LaFex Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 AM ANN: David B. Jenkins/Cathy & Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM Mabel LaManche/Mary

2:00PM WEDDING

Sydney Dirk & Thomas Capodicasa

5:00 PM Nicola & Lillian Fangio/Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM Jane Walsh/Joe Ruane

8:45 AM ANN: Sally Evertz/The Evertz Family

10:30AM ANN: Helen Magnarelli/ John & Lorraine Gruninger

12:15PM ANN: John Lynch/Wife, Children &

Grandchildren

4:00 PM ANN: John & Geneieve Meier/Daughter

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Week of Oct. 28 & 29 \$19,492.51

Last Year

\$22,686.34

Your generosity to our parish is tremendous. Please consider making a lasting gift! Please consider our parish through:

Your Will or Trust, Retirement Assets or Life Insurance Policies

Enjoy the convenience of Electronic Giving
Credit card and electronic donations are now possible
through the Holy Family website:
www.holyfamilysyr.org., click online giving.

Prayer Chain: Please call requests to Judy Shanley at 315-488-2487. For surgeries please contact two weeks in advance.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

In addition to my role as pastor at Holy Family, I serve the Diocese of Syracuse as the Director of Seminarian Formation. This role allows me to be a liaison between our Bishop and the men studying for the priesthood. It gives me the chance to visit the seminaries that we send our men to, and visit with them and the priests that help to form them to serve in our diocese.

This past Monday and Tuesday I was in Baltimore at St. Mary's Seminary and in Washington, DC at Theological College. Between these two seminaries we have (7) seven men. They are good, faithful, holy men and are working hard in their studies and formation so they can come back here to serve us in the future. Please pray for them as they grow in their understanding of how God is calling them to service.

The reason I share this with you is that this week we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week. As a people of faith we have to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Church needs faithful people to serve as priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters. During this week, let's commit ourselves to prayer and let's pray that we will always foster and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Blessings, Fr. Manno

NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office of what hospital they are in and their room number. The priests would like to make a pastoral visit, but that cannot happen without being notified by the families. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the parish. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PASTA DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pasta dinner on Tuesday, November 7, from 4 to 7PM in the Holy Family School cafeteria. Dinners are available for dining in or take out. Price: \$6.00 for a pasta dinner with meatballs and salad OR meatball sub with chips! All are welcome to attend! Dinners include drinks and dessert!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3PM Daily

MONDAY, NOVMBER 6

6:15 PM K-1 & 3-6 Faith Formation - School

6:15 PM Edge 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation – Church Hall

6:30PM Hospitality Committee - MPR

7:00 PM Baptism Class - Convent

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 AM Diocesan Service - Church, School & Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group – MPR

6:30 PM Bible Study - Church Hall

 $6{:}30\ PM\ Theology\ of\ the\ Body\ -\ MPR$

7:00 PM RCIA - Knight's Room

7:00 PM Trinity Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

8:00 PM AA - Cafeteria

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30 AM HF AM Bible Study - Church Hall

5:30 PM Pray it Off - Church Hall

7:00 PM Knights Meeting – K of C Room

7:00 PM Catholic Couples Fellowship Night – Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group – MPR

2:00 PM Wedding - Church

3:30 PM Confessions - Church

4:15 PM Joyful Sound Rehearsal – Music Room

6:00 PM Altar Server Training – Church

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND TASTE OF HOLY FAMILY TICKET SALE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word – Church Hall

1:30 PM Baptisms – Church

1:30 PM Saturday Morning Basketball Registration - Cafeteria

5:00 PM Life Teen - Church Hall

BAPTISM CLASS MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2017 7 – 8:30PM

We strongly recommend that couples attend this class before the baby is born! Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Contact Sr. Caryn Haas @ 488-3139 to register.

Life in the Spirit Seminar at Holy Family

Soon it will be Advent and Jesus' birth. Come to a "Life in the Spirit" Seminar. Open your heart to Jesus. Dedicated Catholics will be at Holy Family Church for a full day of Renewal with teachings and testimonies of life-changing events that brings your faith to feel and be in the presence of the Lord. Our Blessed Mother is calling us to pray more especially in these trying times. **Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 8 AM to 4:45 PM**. Continental Breakfast and a hot lunch will be served. As the day is free of cost, please register ahead so food can be ordered. For more information and registration, please call: Teresa or John Brusa, (315)401-0016. This is a life changer! Please Come!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. This means that there is Mass on Christmas Eve morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent and then Mass on Christmas Eve for Christmas. If we were to maintain our same schedule it would mean that we would have 8 Masses on Sunday, December 24 (obviously, this doesn't include the Masses on Saturday or the Masses on Christmas Day). This would be impossible to carry out. Therefore the schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve/Day is as follows:

4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 – Vigil Mass at 5 and 7 PM (please note there are two Vigil Masses). Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Mass at 7:30 and 8:45 AM ONLY.

<u>Christmas Eve/Day</u>: Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 6, 8, and 12 Midnight. Monday, December 25, 2017 – Masses at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM.



VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2017
IF YOU SEE A VETERAN NEXT WEEKEND SAY
"THANKS"!

TASTE OF HOLY FAMILY-COOKS NEEDED

This year our Taste of Holy Family will be Saturday November 18th. The evening includes a competition for the best cooks in several categories, silent auctions, raffles, music and more. It is a fun event for the whole family! This wonderful event provides financing toward our 2018 March for Life trip and other youth ministry initiatives at Holy Family. This year our theme is "Tailgate Cook-Off"! So bring that famous dish that you're known for at those SU games or family gatherings and let's have some fun! If you would like to be one of our cooks, or if you would like to donate an item for our raffle or silent auction, or even place an ad in our program, please pick up forms in the Gathering Space or visit us at holyfamilysyr.org under the Youth Ministry tab where you can download and print forms. Return to our office at Holy Family Church, Taste of Holy Family, 127 Chapel Dr., Syracuse, N.Y., 13219. If you have any questions please call Chris at 315-382-7883 or Elizabeth at 315-488-5884. Thank you!

We will be selling discounted tickets for the Taste of Holy Family in the Gathering Space at all Masses next weekend, November 11th & 12th. Presale tickets will be \$12 per person. Price is \$15 at the door so take advantage of this discounted rate. All proceeds from this event will go towards funding Life Teens March for Life Trip.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: We will print the "Please Pray For List" on a month-to-month basis. If you would like your loved one on the list, please call the parish office. The name will stay on for one month. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.

Dr. Joseph Thornton, Marie Wing, Sandy Dalton, Ed Campagna, Hank Smith, Howie Moore, George Riley, William "Bo" Bochicchio, Tatum Foster, Gabe, Allison McCauley, Cheryl Davis, Nicole Canavan, Christopher Piotrowski, Helen Ann Lynch, Carolyn Ulrich MaHarry, Cathy Hubert, Steve M., Lucille McCulley, John Gardner, Mike Nowakowski, Phil Catalino, Randy Jevis, Tina Barry, Louis Melillo, Vanessa Motto, Chris Crandall, Carol Judge, Gretchen Lavonier, Ceil Pullano, Cheryl O'Connell, Gerry Grosso, David Cole, Nyk Pidhorodeckyj, Yvonne Cesta, Sylvia Matousek, Shirley McNamara, Christopher Moyer, M. Davis, Judy Lennox, Thomas McLaughlin, Bonnie D'Agostino, Nancy Gilligan, Kathy Staffa, Brooke Teachout, Joslyn Nelson, Jennifer Szczechowiak, Mary Karpenko, Mike Donofrio, Frank Cantello, Anna Paradise. PLEASE NOTE: Due to HIPPA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients to us. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital or a nursing home who would like a visit from a priest or deacon.



A new season is moving in. We can sense its presence in the coolness of the breeze and the quick gusts of wind that wrap themselves around browning lawns and fading forest leaves. This time of transition belongs to more than just the earth. Inside of us there are also quiet changes sending us their signals to let go.

Trees of radiant green say goodbye to another year's growth. Their leaves break away, sailing to the ground. They tell us that in the deepest part of who we are, there is always a call to continue our transformation process.

Across the land truckloads of harvested fruits and vegetables and grains make their way to market. Gardens and fields give of their gifts. Growers fill their baskets and wagons. Sometimes its only when produce is gathered or grain is caught into wagons that the harvest is seen in its bounty. We, too, are meant to count our blessings even when the reaping at first looks sparse and lean.

Frost shades the warmth out of autumn weather and shapes itself into the first hues of winter. We begrudgingly see the first signs of future cold and emptiness, knowing full well that our hearts are not immune to this seasonal direction.

We wake up to misty mornings full of dampness, covered by clouds that hang low. Wetness rests on what remains of summer's beauty and fog tries to hide the road before us. We walk once more into the mystery part of life, recognizing that the inner journey also has its clouded, foggy pathways.

Color enriches autumns days with the last laughs of lovely marigolds and the visual flavors of rusted oaks and yellowed maples. A blessing called beauty, kisses the sadness in dying. Geese are going south, as all flocks of birds whose hearts lean toward the sun. They are in tune with the inside timing. We need that same gift of inner sensing so that we can be aware of our leaning toward the Divine and follow what is being called forth in us.

We are autumn people. We are always called to be in the process of growing and changing. May our minds and hearts be open to this inner season. May we trust you Autumn God, who calls us to grow.

Professional Development Day
November 7th, Holy Family Parish and School will welcome all the Catholic School personnel throughout the Diocese for a Professional Development Day. Keynote speaker is Bill Daggert, founder and CEO of the International Center for Leadership in Education.



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2017-2018 FALL/SPRING FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION – Registration forms and the

calendar for grades K-8 and Confirmation 1 & 2 for the Fall/Spring – 2017/2018 Faith Formation year can be found and downloaded by visiting us online at holyfamilysyr.org under the Faith Formation tab.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

11/5: Gr. K-1, 3-6 – 10-11:15AM – School **11/6:** Gr. K-1, 3-6 – 6:15-7:30PM, School

11/12 & 11/13: NO CLASSES

11/19: GR. K-1, 3-6 – 10-11:15AM, School **11/20:** GR. K-1, 3-6 – 6:15-7:30PM, School

11/26 & 11/27: NO CLASSES

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES – SCHOOL CAFETERIA

11/5: SUNDAY A – Students & Parents – 10-11:15AM

11/6: MONDAY A – Students & Parents – 6:15 –

7:30PM

11/19: SUNDAY B – Students & - Parents -

10 - 11:15AM

11/20: MONDAY B – Students & Parents

6:15-7:30PM



EDGE - Youth Group & Faith Formation

Welcoming our 7th & 8th Grade Students Monday nights 6:15 – 7:30 PM – Church Hall Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity. -1Timothy 4:12

11/6: STAND TOGETHER –An Edge Issue Night on Bullying. Bullying is a reality in today's world. Join us as we try to understand the impact it has on us and how to overcome it.

11/13: NO CLASSES

11/20: Triumphant – An Edge Night on

Jesus' Resurrection

11/26 & 11/27: NO CLASSES

Would you like to provide a snack at Edge? Please contact Vince and Patty D'Angelo at edge@holyfamilysyr.org or through the Faith Formation Office if you are interested, 488-5884.

CONFIRMATION - CHURCH HALL

11/5: NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES **11/12:** NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES

11/19: CONFIRMATION 1 CLASS, 10-11:30AM **11/19:** CONFIRMATION 2 CLASS, 11:45AM-

1:15PM

11/26: NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES



<u>Life Teen Youth Group: Leading teens closer to</u> Christ

Welcoming all students in grades 9-12,

Sundays, Mass at 4pm, Life Night 5-7 pm, Church Hall.

Youth Minister - Chris Spilka -

chris@holyfamilysyr.org or call 382-7883

Assistant - Elizabeth Garn -

elizabeth@holyfamilysyr.org or call 488-5884

***Text @mrspilka to 81010 to receive updates and reminders of what is going on with our Life Teen youth program.

11/5: XLT NIGHT! Food, fellowship, Adoration, Praise & Worship

11/12: VOCATIONS AWARENESS NIGHT

11/11 & 12: Taste of Holy Family Ticket Sales after all Masses

11/18: TASTE OF HOLY FAMILY, GYM

DONATE YOUR EMPTY BOTTLES AND CANS

To help support our Youth Ministry Programs, please donate your bottles and cans. They can be dropped off at Central City Bottle Redemption Center, 224 Chapel Dr., Syracuse. Please mention Holy Family Youth Group donation with dropping off. Thank you to those who have donated in the past!

CATHOLIC COUPLES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Please join us for a monthly evening of retreat for all couples seeking to bring their relationships to the Lord in a special way. The evening consists of a special Holy Hour for blessing upon your relationships and during the Holy Hour we will pray Vespers, hear a brief talk, pray with some beautiful music, spend time in personal prayer and close with solemn benediction. We will conclude the evening of fellowship with coffee, tea and deserts. **Couples of all ages are welcome!** Our monthly fellowship will be the second Thursday monthly from 7:00pm to 8:15 pm. Nov. 9, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar 8, April 12. June 21.

GIFT BEARERS NOVEMBER 12

8:45AM – George & Family Parishioners: If you have an intention for a loved one coming up at a weekend Mass and would like to bring up the gifts, call Esther @ 487-5466.

GREENBACK WINNERS

#6007 - Jean Moth - \$100 #3725- Rick Filippi - \$100

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

PICK UP A SOLDIER – November 11 is Veteran's Day – and our men and women in uniform and their families need our prayers. We will have toy soldiers available at each entrance of the Church the weekend of November 11 and 12 – place it on your window sill and every time you see it say a prayer for them and for peace!

Are you interested in becoming a Hospitality Minister? Join us on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. We meet in the Multi-Purpose Room and welcome you!

APPLE PIE SEASON

We will need apple peelers, slicers, and pie assemblers on Friday and Saturday November 17th & 18th. You may call the school office with pie orders for Friday night pick up only; Saturday is first-come, first serve. Please call Christine Prowak with questions, <u>315-559-5800</u> or email cprowak@gmail.com.



These days we are busy preparing for the Thanksgiving Food Distribution program which takes place on November 18th. We will serve approximately 100 families. As you can imagine, a program of this size takes a lot of time and a lot of people.

We are so thankful to all the people who have already taken the time to help with this program. Mrs. Infanti's class, who has designed our Thanksgiving Cards; the First Communion class who are doing a fundraiser; the Edge group who always do our carry bags; the Confirmation class and Life Teen group who worked on our Angel Tags yesterday (1000); and our son, John Walter, who gives up his days off, every week. And we have just begun! Over the next few weeks, about 100 people will give of their time and their talent to make this program a success.

We are so grateful to be the stewards of this ministry, and to have so many who always come forward to help. We are truly blessed!

PANTRY NEEDS FOR THIS WEEK: BOXED JELLO CRANBEERY SAUCE.

God Bless you, Bill & Anne

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocations Awareness Week is November 5-11. Please ask our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation. Please pray for our parish seminarian, James Buttner, and, Malachi Clark, who is serving his pastoral year at Holy Family. Pray for all of our seminarians, that God will help them grow in wisdom and holiness.

CYO Basketball Tryouts

Varsity is trying to follow up on a championship from two years ago and JV is looking for a repeat championship this year.

6th, 7th, and 8th graders tryouts start on Sunday November 5th at 4:30 pm.

Tryouts for 9th and 10th graders begin on Sunday November 5th at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Matt Cerio at <u>315.857.1064</u> with questions.

SATURDAY MORNING BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Sign up date - Sunday, November 12, 1:30 - 2:30PM for boys and girls 5 to 12 years old in the school cafeteria.

Fee is \$30 per child, make checks payable to "Holy Family".

We work on basic fundamentals and apply them to regular games. Program starts Saturday, December 2, thru early March.

If you have any questions contact Tom Layo (315-383-6752) or Ed Campagna (315-487-1653).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECTION DAY PASTA SUPPER

You are cordially invited to the Annual Election Day Pasta Supper, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 4114 on Tuesday, November 7th, 2017, from 4 to 7PM in the Holy Family School cafeteria. Dinners are available for dining in or take out.

Price: \$6.00 for a pasta dinner with meatballs and salad OR meatball sub with chips!

Dinners include drinks and dessert!

APPLE PIE SALE Friday & Saturday November 17th & 18th

You may call the school office @ 315-487-8515 to order pies for pick up on Friday night after 5PM or come on Saturday after 9AM and pick up a pie on a first come, first serve basis.

REMINDER: THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING Monday, November 27, 2017 6:00PM

Camillus Municipal Building

Celebration will begin with Christmas Carols sung by the Tom Dooley Choraliers followed by Santa arriving in a fire truck. Free cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

This year the town is partnering with the local food banks so please bring a nonperishable food item per person to help those in need.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rob Morey – Director of Music - 315-487-1737 THIS WEEKEND:

5:00 PM Gabrielle Giacovelli, Joyful Sound Ensemble, Joyce Bunce

8:45 AM Mikell DiGiorgio, Tony Alvaro

10:30 AM Mikell DiGiorgio, Trinity Choir, Tony Alvaro

12:15 PM Mikell DiGiorgio, Gina Giufre

4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

NEXT WEEKEND:

5:00 PM Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey

8:45 AM Gabrielle Giacovelli, Tony Alvaro

10:30 AM Kristy Morgan, Trinity Choir, Tony Alvaro

12:15 PM Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey

4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

TRINITY CHOIR

Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, November 8 @

7PM in the choir room.

Next Mass: Sunday, Nov. 12 @ 10:30AM

JOYFUL SOUND

Next Rehearsal & Mass: Saturday, Nov. 18 @

4:15PM & 5PM

BEREAVEMENT

CHRIST REMAINS WITH US TO COMFORT AND PROTECT US WHEN WE GO THROUGH OUR FIREY TRAILS. HE NEVER LEAVES US.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

ARNOLD FREGIN, MARY CULKIN

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NOVEMBER 11 & 12:

5:00 PM Richard, Peg & Katie Bailey, Susan Brennan, Susan Cutri, Michael Dendis, Kathy Kendrick, Tony Mitchell, Robert Singer, Linda Vishnesky, John Walter

7:30 AM John Brusa, Karen Fruscello, Bill Ganey, Maureen Malay, Rocco Pirro, Marie McClusky, Sharon Williams

8:45 AM Jim Brown, Joseph & Margaret Cerio, Patty Costello, Dolores Grace, Louise Mercurio, Barb Parkes, Marcia Ryan, Anne Sheridan, Kathy Spencer, Sarah Streiff

10:30AM Lucille Adorante, Carmen Branca, David Callahan, Jim & Mary Curry, Kevin Didio, John Milligan, Rosemary Smith, Andrew Villa, Fran & Pam Stepien

12:15 PM Frank & Rosemary Bovalino, Alicia Castrello, Cathy Jenkins, Jamie Rae, Nancy Scheutzow, Marion Wierowski

4:00 PM Kathy Alger, James Angotti, Tom Brody, Jessica Caputo, Lorraine Dardani, Olivia Doner, Scott Harris, Jim Kearns, Rick Suarez, Andrew Procopio, Jennifer Scott

LECTORS - NOVEMBER 11 & 12:

5:00 PM Deb Troiano, Susan Weigel 7:30 AM Mary Ellen Byrne, Paula Meseroll 8:45 AM Katie Battaglia, Dick Ferguson 10:30AM Christian Huddleston, Julie Barfield 12:15PM Mary Fangio, Pamela Tobin 4:00 PM Christopher Spilka, Bill Strott

ALTAR SERVERS - NOVEMBER 11 & 12:

5:00 PM Bill Assaf, Bridget Bailey, Jayden Delahunt, Spencer James 7:30 AM Roberto, Antonio & Mia Scutari,

7:30 AM Roberto, Antonio & Mia Scutari, Alex Shuron

8:45 AM Grace Abert, Logan Battaglia, Daniel & Sean Alvaro

10:30AM Paul & John Michael Owens, Maggie Smith, Lily Young

12:15PM Jack, Marty & William Fallon, Michael Desimone

4:00 PM Meghan Christie, Ricky Guy, Bianca Sacco, Gabriel Suarez

ELIZABETH MINISTRY BAKE SHOPPE RAFFLE DECEMBER 2nd & 3rd

Hello parishioners! Many thanks to all who have donated to our upcoming Bake Shoppe Raffle Saturday December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd. We are still looking for more family friendly passes, items or baskets for kids of all ages. We hope you can help us out and may God Bless you for all your support. Please leave a message for Rita Condon at 807-7530.

Elizabeth Ministry Prayer

Creator God, I pledge to truly celebrate the gift of each child conceived and born, and fully mourn each miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth and infant or child death. I will be a witness to my belief in the dignity and worth of all life, by honoring sexuality, treasuring the gift of fertility, promoting chaste living, uplifting the sanctity of marriage, helping those struggling with unhealthy lifestyles and sexual sins, supporting those suffering infertility problems, encouraging those in the adoptive process, and assisting families with prenatal, infant or child crisis, illness or special need. I will be a strong and consistent voice for life in my home, my church, my community, and my world. Amen. For more information on the Elizabeth Ministry, email elizabethministryrita@gmail.com or call 433-3139 and leave a message.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

The 33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 11th, 2:30PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will honor couples who will celebrate 25th, 50th and beyond 50th anniversary in 2018. If celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50+ anniversary in 2018, please contact your parish office to register. All married couples and their families are invited to attend.