

October Announcements

From the Diocese of Syracuse

- **Opening mass of the Synod** will be held on October 17, 5:10 pm, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse
- Are you called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? All are welcome to attend the St. Andrew Dinner on Monday, October 18, Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica. Contact KKirkman@syrdio.org for more information/register.
- In response to the Delta variant of the coronavirus and the CDC Guidelines that recommend a return to mask wearing indoors in our seven counties, Bishop Lucia is **highly recommending mask wearing** during Masses and during any indoor church related event.
- A **letter** from Bishop Lucia regarding Covid guidelines can be found in the Seasonal Resources section of this website
- Bishop Lucia has discontinued the dispensation from Holy Mass. If you are unable to return to mass in person, we encourage you to use the Diocesan resources for viewing mass from home.

<https://www.syracusediocese.org/offices/communications/virtual-masses>.

Our Parish

- **Country Pantry:** We are collecting \$10 grocery gift cards (Hannaford, Aldi, Target, Walmart, Price Chopper) for our Thanksgiving distribution. Your donations (cards, cash or checks) are appreciated and can be placed in the collection basket.
- We are seeking opportunities for the youth and families of our parish to volunteer with local charities/organizations,

on/off site. Do you have a connection or idea? Please contact Amy Bashant at amybashant@gmail.com or 315-853-4537.

- **Faith Formation classes began on Sunday, September 26.** If you are new to the Faith Formation program and would like to register your child, please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at maryloulauchert@gmail.com
- On July 1, Msgr. Jim Lang, the diocesan episcopal vicar for parishes, became the temporary administrator of St. Mary's. The intention is that Monsignor will serve until the new leadership of St. Mary's is designated. In his diocesan role, Msgr. Jim is responsible for pastoral planning, a number of elements of parish and diocesan life, the diocesan office of Campus Ministry, and the diocesan relationship to Scouting. He is an ordination classmate of Father John Croghan! He is looking forward to getting to know us. During his service as our administrator he plans on being present on Wednesdays, weekends, and as needed.
- In an effort to continue providing avenues of communication in our parish, we are collecting email addresses. Please submit your current email address with your name and any other pertinent contact information to st.maryclintoninfo@gmail.com Thank you. Please continue to use the parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com email for all other communication.