Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on
- Saturday at 4:30pm
- Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am
- Monday and Wednesday 9:00am
- Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30am
- Communion Services Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30am, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30-4pm

Parish Staff
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Parish Trustees
Nancy Light and Ken Schrank

Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-3pm, Friday 9am-12pm and Sunday 8am-11:30am

Food Pantry Hours: Monday 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesday: 1-3pm

Emergency Calls: When the parish offices are closed the Answering Service will contact Father Peter Worn. Please call 315-266-1937.

Adoration Chapel Hours: Mon.– Fri. 6:30am-9pm, Sat. 7:30am - 12noon and Sun. 1-9pm

New Parishioners are always welcome here at St. Joe’s. Please see a member of the staff after Liturgy or contact the parish office for registration.

The Sacrament of Baptism Please call the Parish Office to schedule. You must be registered and active parishioners here at St. Joseph’s.

The Sacrament of Marriage is celebrated on Saturdays at 10am, noon, or 2pm. Weddings should be scheduled 6-8 months in advance. This can be done by calling the parish office. You must be registered parishioners.

Mission Statement
We, the Roman Catholic Faith Community of St. Joseph's Parish, Camillus, welcome everyone in the Spirit of the Good News of Jesus Christ through prayer, liturgy, education, stewardship and service to all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We want our parish to be a place where we all journey to the Kingdom of God and grow in our faith together.
**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, August 27**
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am - All Parishioners
10:00am - William Scutt - Family

**MONDAY, August 28**
SAINT AUGUSTINE
6:30am - Communion Service
9:00am – Raymond Kreh - Family of Raymond Kreh

**TUESDAY, August 29**
THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
6:30am - Deborah Ennis - Jim & Barb Stapleton
9:00am - Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY, August 30**
WEEKDAY
6:30am - Communion Service
9:00am - Mary Cass - Your Friends Ida, Normal & Sally

**THURSDAY, August 31**
WEEKDAY
6:30am - Special Intention Thomas Bednerski - Joan Snook
9:00am - Communion Service

**FRIDAY, September 1**
WEEKDAY
6:30am - Communion Service
9:00am - Communion Service

**SATURDAY, September 2**
WEEKDAY
4:30pm - Bill Hartigan - Family

**SUNDAY, September 3**
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am - Don "Boogie" Wells - Sister, Janet Kot
10:00am - All Parishioners

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

To discover God’s Presence, we must first take our eyes off of the outside world, enter our inner chamber as the Gospel counsels us, and actively seek His Presence deep within ourselves. God freely gives us the grace to find Him in the realm of silence.

Our Adoration chapel provides a quiet setting for private prayer before the Eucharist. It is a setting that compels us to look at God alone for our sustenance, place ourselves in His hands and experience a trust in God that is unshaken.

All are welcome!

**HOPE APPEAL UPDATE**

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Assessment $77,803.16

Please help us achieve our goal!
If you have not yet responded to the HOPE Appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to help support the needs of our diocese and help our parish, as we receive 50% of any amount we go over our goal.
Any and all contributions appreciated!
Thank you to those who have contributed!
Your gift makes a difference

"Charity and tenderness are very beautiful gifts. If you have them, you want to share them with others."
~ Pope Francis

Annual HOPE Appeal 2017

To reach our goal we still need: $15,732.66
Faith, Doubt, Dark Nights, and Maturity

In one of his books on contemplative prayer, Thomas Keating shares with us a line that he occasionally uses in spiritual direction. People come to him, sharing how they used to have a warm and solid sense of God in their lives but now complain that all that warmth and confidence have disappeared and they’re left struggling with belief and struggling to pray as they used to. They feel a deep sense of loss and invariably this is their question: “What’s wrong with me?” Keating’s answer: God is wrong with you!

His answer, in essence, says this: Despite your pain, there is something very right with you. You have moved past being a religious neophyte, past an initiatory stage of religious growth, which was right for you for its time, and are now being led into a deeper, not lesser, faith. Moreover, that loss of fervor has brought you to a deeper maturity. So, in effect, what you’re asking is this: I used to be quite sure of myself religiously and, no doubt, probably somewhat arrogant and judgmental. I felt I understood God and religion and I looked with some disdain at the world. Then the bottom fell out of my faith and my certainty and I’m now finding myself a lot less sure of myself, considerably more humble, more empathetic, and less judgmental. What’s wrong with me?

Asked in this way, the question answers itself. Clearly that person is growing, not regressing. Lost is a place too! Christina Crawford wrote those words, describing her own painful journey through darkness into a deeper maturity. To be saved, we have to first realize that we’re lost, and usually some kind of bottom has to fall out of our lives for us to come to that realization. Sometimes there’s no other cure for arrogance and presumption than a painful loss of certitude about our own ideas about God, faith, and religion. John of the Cross suggests that a deeper religious faith begins when, as he puts it, we forced to understand more by not understanding than by understanding. But that can be a very confusing and painful experience that precisely prompts the feeling: What’s wrong with me?

An image is not the reality. An icon can be beautiful and helpful and point us in the right direction, but when mistaken for the reality it becomes an idol.

A curious, paradoxical dynamic lies behind this: We tend to confuse faith with our capacity on any given day to conjure up a concept of God and imagine God’s existence. Moreover we think our faith is strongest at those times when we have affective and emotive feelings attached to our imaginations about God. Our faith feels strongest when bolstered by and inflamed by feelings of fervor. Great spiritual writers will tell us that this stage of fervor is a good stage in our faith, but an initiatory one, one more commonly experienced when we are neophytes. Experience tends to support this. In the earlier stages of a religious journey it is common to possess strong, affective images and feelings about God. At this stage, our relationship with God parallels the relationship between a couple on their honeymoon. On your honeymoon you have strong emotions and possess a certain certainty about your love, but it’s a place you come home from. A honeymoon is an initiatory stage in love, a valuable gift, but something that disappears after it has done its work. A honeymoon is not a marriage, though often confused with one. It’s the same with faith; strong imaginative images of God are not faith, though they’re often confused with it.

Strong imaginative images and strong feelings about God are, in the end, just that, images. Wonderful, but images nonetheless, icons. An image is not the reality. An icon can be beautiful and helpful and point us in the right direction, but when mistaken for the reality it becomes an idol. For this reason, the great spiritual writers tell us that God at certain moments of our spiritual journey “takes away” our certainty and deprives us of all warm, felt feelings in faith. God does this precisely so that we cannot turn our icons into idols, so that we cannot let the experience of faith get in the way of the end of faith itself, namely, an encounter the reality and person of God. Mystics such as John of the Cross call this experience of seemingly losing our faith, “a dark night of the soul.” This describes the experience where we used to feel God’s presence with a certain warmth and solidity, but now we feel like God is non-existent and we are left in doubt. This is what Jesus experienced on the cross and this is what Mother Teresa wrote about in her journals.

And while that darkness can be confusing, it can also be maturing: It can help move us from being arrogant, judgmental, religious neophytes to being humble, empathic men and women, living inside a cloud of unknowing, understanding more by not understanding than by understanding, helpfully lost in a darkness we cannot manipulate or control, so as to finally be pushed into genuine faith, hope, and charity.

Ron Rolheiser
**FAITH FORMATION**

**Updates from the Director of Faith Formation**

Happy Summer!
With the fall approaching, it is not too soon to think about faith formation classes for this year. Registration is up and ongoing for Faith Formation Classes for this coming 2017 - 2018 school year. Classes are offered for grades K – 6 and grades 7 & 8 through our TEENFAITH Program.

Faith Formation classes for grades K-6 and TEENFAITH (grades 7 & 8) will begin Sunday, September 17. Please visit our parish website to register if you have not done so.

Please feel free to call the office at 315-488-8490 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to the opportunity to work with your children this year!
Many happy summer blessings,
Kristyn

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**Altar & Rosary Society Pot Luck Dinner**

All women of St. Joseph’s and Holy Family are invited to our first meeting of the new season on Thursday, September 7th at 6pm in the Parish Center. Paul Nolan, a parishioner of St. Joseph’s, will provide an informational talk on estate planning. **Please bring a dish to pass!**

Any questions, please contact Cathy Seigal at 315-488-1236/cathyseigal@verizon.net.

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

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**MAJOR BILLS PAID (8/14—8/18/17)**

- Diocese of Syracuse - Health: $5,003.95
- National Grid: $1,680.11

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**YOUTH MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION**

**CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF WEEKEND—Sunday, September 10th**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 10th for our Confirmation Kick-Off.

**ATTN: Confirmation II (Direct Prep) parents & candidates (10TH GRADERS):** At 9:30am we will be having our Parent/candidate/sponsor meeting over at the Parish Center followed by a Youth Mass at 11am with the Rite of Enrollment for the candidates.

**ATTN: Confirmation I (High school formation) parents & candidates (9TH GRADERS):** All parents and candidates are asked to please attend the 11am Youth Mass. A parent/candidate meeting will follow immediately after the Mass in the church.

**Confirmation Registration**

At this time, we are beginning Registration for all students entering 9th grade in the Fall. We will have copies of the form at the front desk. Please contact Jodi at jodi@stjosephscamillus.org and she will be happy to mail a form to you as well. **We do not offer online Registration for Confirmation. If you have younger students in Faith Formation you can still register them online but Confirmation is separate.** Paper-only registration. Please return the registration form along with the required information and documents to the parish as soon as possible, Attn: Jodi. Any questions? Contact Cindy Heath, Youth Minister and Director of Confirmation at 488-8490 ext. 11. Thank you!

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**Credit Card Giving**

If you are interested in having your offering be processed by credit card, please pick up a form at any of our entrances. If you have any questions, please contact our Business Manager, John Heagerty.
ST. JOSEPH’S RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) PROGRAM

Are you or someone you know being called to follow Christ?
Are you or someone you know sensing an invitation to explore Catholicism?
Are you Catholic and have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but not Confirmation?

RCIA team members would be happy to explore these and any other questions you may have with you. Please contact us by calling St. Joseph’s rectory at 315-488-8490.

Who do I say You are, Jesus?

Sometimes I think I know, and I eagerly praise You, I confess that I have learned to know God because of You, I celebrate the fact that my life is fuller because of You, I recognize that, at great cost, You have made it possible for me to have a second chance when I mess up my life, and hurt those around me.

But, then sometimes I confuse You with others that have helped me or challenged me; Great teachers and writers, prophets and priests, parents and authorities. This can be helpful – sometimes they do point me to You; but sometimes I can’t see You through the image they present, and my relationship with You gets blurred. Sometimes I’m not sure if I know You at all; I begin to get a sense of who You are, but then, like Peter, I misunderstand Your mission, or Your message, or what You really want from me.

Who do I say You are, Jesus?
You are the one I have come to love as God, You are the one I am learning to recognize and will give eternity to know, You are the unfathomable mystery that is always beyond my ability to understand;

You are the Christ, the Son of the Living Amen.

Our Small Difference

We may not be able to confront queens, or challenge presidents; We may not have the capacity to divert resources, or uplift communities; We may not have the voice to silence the noise of war, or the words to negotiate peace between armies; But, as we follow you, O Christ, we are able to do something.

And so, we pray that you would inspire us to commit to and act on the small difference we can make:
May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;
May we bring wealth through small contributions and collaborations;
May we bring safety through small acts of consideration and acceptance;
May we bring wholeness through small acts of care and service.

And in the small ways, O God, may our small difference make a big contribution to your saving work in our world. Amen.

Music Ministry Info

Music ministry is a fun and rewarding way to get involved in the parish.

Choir: The choir sings most weekends between September-May at the 9:00 or 11:00 Mass. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. and will begin on September 7th.

Teen Choir: The teen choir is open to all singers in grades 7-12 and sings at all children’s and youth Masses throughout the year. The rehearsal schedule is still being worked out, but the first Mass of the year will be September 10 at 11:00 a.m. Contact Josh Corcoran for more information.

Funeral Choir: The funeral choir is a great way to get involved in music ministry if you have weekday availability but do not have time to commit to a regular rehearsal schedule. When a funeral occurs, you will be notified. Come when you are available, and if you can’t make it because of a conflict, don’t worry. You will remain on the list and be notified again for the next funeral.

Contact Josh Corcoran with any questions.
St. Joseph’s Altar Cleaners
For the Month of August
8/27 Margaret Crosett & Joyce Crisafulli
For the Month of September
9/3 Jean Thomas & Margaret DeLany

Sacristans Schedule
Saturday, 9/2 4:30pm  C. Johnson
Sunday, 9/3 8:00am  J. Lore
                      10:00am  J. Heagerty

Altar Servers Schedule
Saturday, 9/2 4:30pm  R. Kittle, R. Wituszynski & T. Bealer
Sunday, 9/3 8:00am  B. Barrett, D. Crockett & M. Lowry
                      10:00am  S. Hardin, J. Milham & G. Vitale

Lector Schedule
Sat., 9/2 4:30pm  C. Monz & B. Shepard
Sun., 9/3 8:00am  R. Carr & S. Uczen
                      10:00am  P. Galloway & J. Henderson

In order to keep our Military list up to date, we ask that you call the office to remain on the list. Thank you and God Bless!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN
MAJOR Adam Pray—Active/Army
LCPL Anthony Joseph Cambareri - Active/Marines
CPL Stephen Serbyn - Active/Naval
Sgt. John Braun—Active/US Army
CPT Derek C. Sipperly—Active/Army
MIDN Mary Morocco—US Navy
MIDN Shawn Picciott—US Navy
SB3 Sam Reedy—US Navy
PFC Michael Lawler—Marine
SSGT Ryan Doherty Etienne—Marines
SSGT Kimberly Mastrocola—Active/US Air Force

ST. JOSEPH’S PRAYER LIST - Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our Prayer List. Names will remain on the Prayer List for one month. You must call each month to have names remain on.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, 9/2- 4:30pm: M. Corso, J. Dietz, J. Graser, P. Kerwin, M. Klementowski, P. Klementowski, J. Lafferty, R. Lafferty, N. Light, MGM. Kelley, L. Pigula
Sunday, 9/3 - 8:00am: K. Cudworth, J. DeLany, A. Ferranti, D. Kazacos, E. Loos, L. Mahan, D. Moore, B. O'Brien, M. Pesci, V. Quigley, S. Schneid
                      10:00am:  K. Cudworth, J. DeLany, A. Ferranti, D. Kazacos, E. Loos, L. Mahan, D. Moore, B. O'Brien, M. Pesci, V. Quigley, S. Schneid

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated Staples gift cards for our pantry kids! Your generosity is helping them have a great start to the school year!

Tweets by Pope Francis:
August 22: When we are feeling sad, when it feels like everything is going wrong, we should remember: “God loves me. God never abandons me.”
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