

# The “**NEW**” Evangelization Toolbox of Ideas



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This information in this toolbox has been compiled from information submitted by the parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse. Some additional helpful information has also been included.  
Thank you for sharing the programs in your parish with us.

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## **Diocesan Pastoral Council**

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### **BEREAVEMENT**

#### **A. BREAKFAST/LUNCHEONS**

##### **“Bereavement Breakfast Tray”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
This group supplies a continental breakfast on the day of a funeral to the family of the deceased. If the family declines the breakfast a Mass card is purchased for the deceased from the Hearts and Hands group.

##### **“Bereavement Luncheons”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton	315-598-2118.
St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland	607-756-9967
Church of the Holy Family, Endwell	607-754-1266
Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal	607-748-8287

##### **“Lazarus Committee”**

Our Lady of Peace, Solvay	315-487-6832
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Salads, hot dishes and desserts are provided by parishioners. Often a monetary donation is given by the family. An excellent way to reach out to lapsed Catholics attending a funeral.

##### **“Bereavement Ministry”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland 607-756-9967 email: stmaryscortland@syrdio.org  
Ministry provides three different menus for funeral luncheons. Special programs are also available for bereaved families.

#### **B. PROCEDURES**

##### **“Bereavement Ministry- Preparing for the Liturgy”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton	315-598-2118	email: holytrinityfulton@syrdio.org
Church of the Holy Family, Endwell	607-754-1266	email: holyfamilyendwell@syrdio.org

Follows a well thought out form with each family at the death of a loved one. The form includes such things as: the name of the undertaker, readers, hymns, readings, etc.

##### **“Funeral Home Ministry” (for the laity)**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica	315-724-3155	email: ololutica@syrdio.org
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The pastor, working with a committee, developed a ‘step-by-step’ procedural booklet for laity to be able to conduct vigil services at funeral homes and interment services. The booklet includes: names/telephone numbers/addresses of all funeral homes in the area, a selection of New and Old Testament readings, outlines the process to be followed, gives tips on how to conduct the services and how to contact funeral directors and families. Included is a rotating list and phone numbers of parishioners who are part of this ministry.

## CLUBS/SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES

### **A. CLUBS/SOCIETIES**

#### **“Hearts and Hands”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
This group is responsible for setting up social functions each year such as: coffee hours after Mass, bake sales, a First Communion breakfast, an ice cream social in June, a parish picnic in August and an annual Christmas Fair which is a fund raising activity.

#### **“Legion of Mary**

St. Patrick, Jordan 315-689-6240 email: stpatsjordan@syrdio.org  
Visitations to hospitals, nursing homes, the newly baptized, those who are grieving and they also participate in door-to-door evangelization.

#### **“Men’s Clubs”**

- Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter, Syracuse 315-422-7163
- Holy Name Society”– Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238
- St. James, Johnson City 607-427-5822
- Most Holy Rosary, Maine 607-760-2748
- St. John, Liverpool 315-652-6591
- Holy Family, Syracuse 315-488-3139
- Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville 315-637-9846
- St. Augustine, Baldwinsville 315-638-0585

There is a theme for each meeting, such as “Faith in the Workplace” and facilitators help to foster a conversation among the men.

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica 315-724-3155 email: lolutica@syrdio.org  
This is a service-based group of about 55 men which meets monthly. In January they sponsor a “Super Bowl” party to watch the game, play cards and eat some traditional Super Bowl fare.

#### **“Mothers’ Club”**

Holy Family, Endwell 607-754-1266 email: holyfamilyendwell@syrdio.org  
Brings women together to discuss timely family centered topics. Meets monthly to share ideas and fellowship.

#### **“New Life Group”**

St. James, Syracuse 315-469-7789 email: stjamesyr@syrdio.org  
New Life Group invites all who have ever experienced the loss of a loved one *AT ANY TIME* (spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent etc.). New Life Group meets every month at St. James Church. The time together includes prayer, sharing memories and joys, along with challenges experienced as a result of loss. Participants are invited to bring a picture and story of their loved one to share with the group.

#### **“Senior Citizens Club”**

St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool 315-457-6060 email: stjoesliverpool@syrdio.org  
This organization offers an opportunity for senior citizens to participate in recreational, cultural and educational activities, to promote friendship and engage in community service wherever possible. The activities include: special bus trips to unique places for lunch, attendance at special theater productions in Syracuse and surrounding areas, dinners at special places at Christmas time, etc.

#### **“ St. Michael’s Society & St. Michael’s Lancers”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org  
The “Honor Guards” presiding over Jesus’ tomb during Holy Week and during other notable church activities and Masses.

## **B. MINISTRIES**

### **“Time and Talent Survey”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
St. Margaret, Homer 607-749-2542 email: stmarghomer@syrdio.org  
Conducted annually. Parishioners are given the opportunity to hear about the ministries at the parish and how they can join in. Surveys are passed out after the homily and people are invited to use their time and talents for the good of the parish.

### **“A Creative Way to Involve Parishioners in Ministry”**

St. Augustine, Baldwinsville 315-638-0585 email: staugustine@syrdio.org  
Parish has a covenant weekend in order to recruit volunteers. When parishioners sign up for a particular ministry, they sign a covenant for one year in that ministry.

### **“Caring Ministry”**

St. John, Camden 315-245-1603 email: stjohncamden@syrdio.org  
Through the weekly offerings of the children and a few private donors the ministry has made some homes warm in winter months by paying for a one time purchase of home heating fuel as well as offering assistance with gas for doctors appointments and help with medical bills.

### **“Coffee Cup Ministry”**

Evangelization Office, Mary Hallman email: mhallman@syrdio.org  
Holy Family, Syracuse 315-488-3139 email: holyfamilyfairmount@syrdio.org  
Jesus was all about spending time with people. As followers of Christ we are called to be people who listen, share and genuinely care about one another. This ministry is a way to answer that call – it is more than a cup of coffee. It is taking the time to listen, talk and respond to another person.

### **“Elizabeth Ministry”**

Holy Family, Syracuse 315-488-3139 email: holyfamilyfairmount@syrdio.org  
A service and evangelization ministry focused on the dignity of life and the strengthening of relationships in order to build up the family. Their mission is to offer hope and healing on issues related to childbearing, sexuality and relationships. Also, it evangelizes by connecting recipients to already established spiritual and faith related parish educational programs. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

### **“Landscaping Ministry”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton 315-598-2118 email: holytrinityfulton@syrdio.org  
A small group of dedicated parishioners meet every week to mow, weed, plant and maintain the church grounds. This has saved the parish money for several years.

### **“Mercy Ministry”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico  
Christ Our Light, Pulaski  
Holy Trinity, Fulton email: for all 3 parishes: jschultz@syrdio.org  
A leader and team will ensure all those in the parish who are sick or dying are identified and visited (if desired). Hopefully each sick person will have a contact person from the parish who is visiting them. The team of volunteers will inform the priests of any sacramental needs. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **“Parish Newsletters”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
Produced quarterly and mailed to all families.

**“Blessings”** (Quarterly newsletter)

Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica 315-724-3155 email: ololutica@syrdio.org  
Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner an 8 page color newsletter is mailed each quarter using the envelope list. The purpose of the newsletter is to help acquaint parishioners with staff and volunteers via photos and brief biographies. There is space (not available in the weekly bulletin) for special interest stories involving Lourdes’ families. The pastor provides a column that gives a spiritual insight to the upcoming liturgical season. Also, recent baptisms/marriages/deaths are announced. “Blessings” has helped to make the parish family more personal and welcoming.

**“Parish Newsletters”**

Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville 315-637-9846 email: icfayetteville@syrdil.org  
Monthly newsletter that takes on a different subject. An attempt is made to make the subject thought provoking. It is often geared to encouraging people to become involved. It is sent to everyone on the parish census list, not just to those who attend Mass on weekends. Different advertisers help defray the cost.

**“Quarterly Newsletter”**

St. Mary/St. Francis of Assisi, Bridgeport 315-633-2561 email: stfrancisbridge@syrdio.org  
Parishes send a quarterly newsletter to all registered families. For the past 7 volumes the entire parish community of both worship sites has participated with front page articles outlining what evangelization is and how people can participate through the reflections at the end of each article. Included in the newsletter is a 3 month calendar of faith community events, meetings and workshops. They welcome new parishioners, newly baptized and families of those who have passed away. Also included are articles pertaining to various ministries.

**“Church Replacement Sign”**

St. Joseph, Sanitaria Springs 607-648-5209 email: bkanepld@gmail.com  
A badly deteriorated sign in front of the church that faces 2 major state routes running through the community was replaced to help raise awareness of the Catholic community and display times of Masses, etc.  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Live Streaming”**

St. Daniel, Syracuse 315-454-4946 email: stdaniels@syrdio.org  
St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
Installed live streaming to make the Mass more available to parishioners who cannot be present. Also will be available in the church hall when parents need to take noisy child(ren) out during Mass. Can also be used for Wedding and Funeral services. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Parish Directory”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
The parishes accepted a proposal from a local professional photographer to create a parish pictorial directory. Each parishioner received a copy of the directory if they had their portrait taken by the photographer. They are not obligated to purchase any of the portraits unless they wish. The directory included the history of the two parishes along with a full list of the members.

**“Photo Directory”**

St. Mark’s, Utica 315-724-1645 email: stmarks@syrdio.org  
St. Margaret, Homer 607-749-2542 email: stmarghomer@syrdio.org  
Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal. 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
A parish photo directory is an excellent way to get to know names of parishioners. Especially good for linking and merging parishes. Free parish directories for all parishioners. No cost to parish or parishioners unless extra copies of photos are purchased.

**“Contact with College Students”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville 315-652-4300 email: stelizabeth@syrdio.org  
Every week the pastor writes a personal note to college students who are away and sends it along with the parish bulletin.

### **“People/Programs in the Parish”**

St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool 315-457-6060 email: stjoesliverpool@sysdio.org  
Once a month a page is included in the bulletin highlighting a parish program or person. This helps build community as parishioners read about what makes their parish “tick.”

### **“Refrigerator Magnets”**

St. James, Syracuse 315-469-7789 email: stjames@syrdio.org  
St. Mary, Baldwinsville 315-635-5762 email: stmarysbbville@syrdio.org  
4x6 refrigerator magnets given to parishioners after Mass at Christmas and/or Easter. Has a picture of the church, Mass schedules, Reconciliation times, web page address, telephone #, address of the church, pastor’s name, etc. Cost is around 30 cents each.

### **“Website Videos ”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
Parish records in HD the Christmas and Easter Vigil Masses along with other special services, (ex.Veterans Day Memorial Service) during the year and has them available for viewing on the website at a later date for those who are unable to attend.

### **“Wednesday E-Mails”**

Diocesan Office of Communications email: dcummings@syrdio.org  
Every Wednesday Danielle Cummings, Director of Communications, emails a diocesan “Newsletter.” Anyone wishing to receive the mailing may contact the above email address.

### **“Weekly Youth News Bulletin Insert”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville 315-652-4300 email: stelizabeth@syrdio.org  
September through June weekly bulletin inserts sharing a number of relevant items and topics involving the “tweens” and teens of the parish.

### **“Youth Events Calendar”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
Printed monthly and inserted in the bulletin. This comprehensive calendar lets families know the dates and times of the various activities for the youth. “Kids Klub” - grades 1-5, Jr. Youth Group - middle school students and Sr. Youth Group - high school students

### **Syracuse Catholic Television**

Sunday Mass available every week at: [www.YouTube.com/SyrDio](http://www.YouTube.com/SyrDio)  
[Facebook.com/SyracuseCTV](https://www.facebook.com/SyracuseCTV)

### **The Catholic Sun**

Digital edition and news at: [www.thecatholicsun.com](http://www.thecatholicsun.com)

### **The Diocese of Syracuse**

[www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org)  
[facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse)  
Twitter – [@DioceseofSyracuse](https://twitter.com/DioceseofSyracuse)

## **DINNER IDEAS**

### **“Family Picnic”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
The parishes have an annual Family Picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, salads etc. and rides and games for the children at a local park. Presently at no charge.



**“Harvest Dinner”**

St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool 315-457-6060 email: stjoesliverpool@syrdio.org  
St. Joseph the Worker started a tradition of sharing a Harvest Dinner with all parishioners the first weekend in November following the Saturday vigil. The parish provides the meat and those attending bring one of their favorite dishes. Sign-up sheets are provided ahead of time to indicate willingness to come, what they will bring and how they can help.

**“Pasta Fest”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
Annual spaghetti dinner to raise money to support parish ministries and to build community.

**“Parish Picnic”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
An annual day-long parish celebration which is typically held in August.

**“St. Joseph’s Feast Day”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
On the day honoring the Parton Saint of the parish a family celebration is held featuring the ethnic traditions, food, drink, music and dress that highlight their rich heritage.

**EVANGELIZATION**

**A. “CANNED” PROGRAMS**

**“Awakening Faith”**

Pope John XXIII, Liverpool 315-652-6591 email: johnxxiii@syrdio.org  
Holy Cross, DeWitt 315-446-0473 email: hcdewitt@syrdio.org  
Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org

St. James, Syracuse 315-469-7789 email: stjamesyr@syrdio.org  
A program of 6 week sessions aimed at nurturing alienated Catholics back to active participation in the life of the Church. This program will be an effort to target the people that come to church on a weekly basis, but are not fully engaged. Statistics show that those people, 70% of the parishioners, come to Mass but are not engaged and internalizing their faith.  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“ChristLife Series”**

St. Margaret Church, Mattydale 315-455-5534 email: stmargmattydale@syrdio.org  
The parish began using the “Christlife: Catholic Ministry for Evangelization” program in the fall of 2014. The “Christlife” ministry program is set up as a three-part evangelization process “Discovering Christ”, “Following Christ” and “Sharing Christ”, and has been successfully used nationwide. Each part of the series includes: DVD teachings, small group discussions, prayer and worship, and of course faith, food and fellowship. High School Faith Formation students have joined in the program as part of their studies, and all have embraced the program. (received a 2014 and a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

Divine Mercy, Central Square 315-676-2898 email: divinemercy@syrdio.org  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant to begin the process)

**“Catholicism: A New Evangelization”**

Annunciation, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
Purchased Fr. Barron’s “Catholicism: A New Evangelization Starter Kit” and a selection of New Evangelization books by prominent authors to distribute to those in parish leadership and catechetical ministry to help them understand the vision of the ‘New Evangelization.’ (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“D3: Discover, Develop, Discipleship**

St. Augustine, Liverpool 315-638-0585 email: staugustine@syrdio.org  
A multi-phase program to evangelize and encourage engagements in faith, parish life and discipleship by the discovery and sharing of individual gifts and talents. Phase 1 is designed to help those currently in leadership positions to identify their strengths and talents. Phase 2/Year 2 will invite other parishioners to learn how they can develop their own strengths and deepen their faith while living lives of discipleship.  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Faith Formation Learning Exchange”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315:963-7182 email: lbuckley@syrdio.org  
A subscription-based service by Vibrant Faith Ministries, “Faith Formation Learning Exchange” empowers partnership between the congregation and home. Parish is provided with the tools and training needed to link the Vibrant Faith at Home program directly to the parish website giving parishioners full access to all of the free resources and activities. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Hearts Afire Parish Program”**

St. Mary, Baldwinsville 315- 635-3977 email: pastor@stmarysassumption.org  
The parish has completed “33 Days to Morning Glory” which is the first part of the “Hearts of Fire Parish Program” and have begun the second phase “Consoling the Heart of Jesus.” The program is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. For information go to: [www.allheartsafire.org](http://www.allheartsafire.org)

**“Symbolon”**

[www.symboloncatholic.org](http://www.symboloncatholic.org)  
St. John the Evangelist, New Hartford 315-732-8521 email: stjohnnh@syrdio.org  
An resource for re-evangelizing a parish. Parishioners can learn about their faith by using an online learning community in the comfort of their own homes.

**“Welcome Home”**

St. Joseph/St. Stephen, Oswego 315-343-2160 email: stjoesoswego@syrdio.org  
A process to welcome back lapsed Catholics

**B. PARISH DESIGNED**

**“Billboard Evangelization”**

St. Anthony, Endicott 607-754-4333 email: stanthendicott@syrdio.org  
It was planned to place billboards strategically around the Endicott area hoping to encourage individuals and families to join the parish. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month a new poster was made and displayed.  
(received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Creating Common Ground: Meeting Seekers Halfway”**

St. James, Cazenovia 315-655-4871 email: stjamescaz@syrdio.org  
For the purpose of this grant, the target population identified were families whose children were enrolled in the Faith Formation programs but did not regularly attend Mass, as well as those who self-identify as a “fallen away Catholic.” Throughout the year the release-time Faith Formation program included a monthly “teaching Mass” for the explicit purpose of educating students about the liturgy. Given the enthusiastic response to this “teaching Mass” Creating Common Ground proposed to live stream these monthly Masses to allow parents, from a remote location, to observe the liturgy which their child was attending. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Envisions”**

St. Cecilia, Solvay 315-488-3221 email: stcecilias@syrdio.org  
Assessed the present and future needs of the parish. Members of the parish engaged in a telephone marathon calling 560 families and inviting them back to the parish.

### **“Evangelization Booth at Oneida County Fair”**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Verona                      315-363-7696                      email: ologcverona@syrdio.org  
The pastor, along with many parishioners, were present with 30 to 40 pamphlets to explain various aspects of the Catholic Faith and to answer questions.

### **“Evangelization Breakfasts”**

St. Joseph, Sanitaria Springs                      607-648-5209                      email: bkanepld@gmail.com  
Each month there is a Sunday breakfast open to the entire community. It is advertised the week before on a sign outside the church. The opening hymn is Larry Hagan’s “Arise and Evangelize”. The hope is that this will not only draw more people to the parish but also will become a successful fundraiser.

### **“ Extra Mile Program”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton.                      Christ Our Light, Pulaski                      St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico  
Email for all 3 parishes: jschultz@syrdio.org

The program asks each parishioner to make one small commitment in 1 to 5 categories: prayer, evangelization, sacraments, study or service. The commitment is for 90 days and should be something “extra”, that is, something not being done now. For example, a person might commit to “I will say grace before meals’ or I will say my nightly prayers” or “I will read a chapter in the Bible every day.” The purpose is for each parishioner to develop new habits. After 3 months the program is offered again for another 90 days asking for a different commitment from each parishioner.  
(all 3 parishes received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

Sacred Heart, Cicero                      315-699-2752                      email: sacredheart@syrdio.org  
Has done the **Extra Mile** for 2 years. Their purpose is to strengthen habits and deepen parishioners understanding of religious practices. Four areas are being addressed in this second year: Eucharist, Learning, Outreach and Communication. Learning opportunities will be available in the form of workshops, Bible Studies, speakers, etc. The Outreach groups will initiate a Ministry Fair and New Parishioner Gatherings, while the Communication group will create a brochure of parish ministries and participation opportunities. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

### **“Go to the Streets”**

St. Daniel, Syracuse                      315-454-4946                      email: stdaniels@syrdio.org  
During the summer a team will go out into the streets and contact a targeted group of people in their homes for evangelization and material help. These are families and individuals who have requested food, etc. from the parish pantry during the year. The parish has been giving these people material needs, but have not addressed their spiritual needs. 40 homes will be contacted: assess their conditions materially and spiritually, take the parish census, encourage Baptism/Confirmation where necessary, give information on marriage validation, facilitate the annulment process, respond to the needs of the homebound, etc.  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

### **“To the Streets” Evangelization Program**

St. James, Syracuse                      315-469-7789                      email: stjamesyr@syrdio.org  
A process aimed engaging and encouraging parishioners to be courageous enough to share their faith with others . . . neighbors, coworkers, family, friends, etc. At the same time it allowed people to carry out the mission of Pope Francis to bring the “Church to the Streets.” People were trained on how to go out and be missionaries of the New Evangelization and were equipped with the right information to begin to share the Gospel with others. Days were set up to go through the South Side of the city of Syracuse and engage people where they are at . . . their homes, businesses or on the street. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

### **“Making Apostles Servants and following the Spirit” (M.A.S.S Appeal)**

St. Francis Xavier, Marcellus                      315-673-2531                      email: stfrancismarc@syrdio.org  
**MASS Appeal** was an outgrowth of the evangelization efforts in the parish from the previous year. It is designed to promote adult Catholic education, spirituality and outreach by: continuing the Sandwich Sunday program for the Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter, establishing a Scripture study program and working with the Spiritual Renewal Center on the ‘spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola’. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

### **“Summer Evangelization Picnic”**

Pope John XXIII, Liverpool 315-652-6591 email: johnxxiii@syrдио.org  
A personal invitation was sent to all families in the area inviting them to a picnic on the church grounds. Activities included a Christian music band, games and food provided by the parish. There was a need to reach out more effectively to youth and young adults in the area and have them experience the goodness, faith and welcoming of the parish. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Tully Community Fall Fest”**

St. Leo, Tully 315-696-5092 email: conativity@syrдио.org  
Right after Labor Day the parish hosts a community-wide picnic. Everyone in Tully is invited via mailings, fliers and other means of advertising. Becoming a more welcoming parish is one of their ongoing evangelization objectives. The parish hopes to inspire the return of CINOs (Catholics in Name Only). This annual picnic has become an important part of the parish reaching out to others. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**C. MUSIC**

**“Evangelization Hymn”**

“Arise and Evangelize” composed by Larry Hagan, Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica  
315-797-4161 email: 10LHmusic@gmail.com

**D. RESOURCES**

**“Catherine of Siena Institute”**

[www.siena.org](http://www.siena.org)  
Dedicated to equipping parishes for the evangelization and formation of lay Catholics for their mission in this world. Provides innovative programs, resources and leadership training that are faithful to Church teaching and will enable a parish to become a dynamic center of lay discipleship.

**“ChristLife”**

[www.christlife.org](http://www.christlife.org)  
(see above – ‘canned’ programs)

**“Direction for Our Times Booklet Display”**

Most Holy Rosary, Maine 607-862-3216 email: holyrosary@syrдио.org  
A booklet display has been set up in the vestibule of the church where people can take home free booklets that help give direction on various subjects. Examples: information for those who worry about their financial situation and those who worry about the salvation of their children.  
[www.directionforourtimes.org](http://www.directionforourtimes.org)

**“Dynamic Catholic Book Program**

St. Leo, Tully 315-696-5092 email: conativity@syrдио.org  
A simple affordable way to re-engage disengaged Catholics and re-energize your parish. 500 copies or more for \$2 per copy (including postage). 6 to 499 copies are \$3 per copy. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)  
[www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

**“Growing Faith”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrдио.org  
Offered 4 weeks during Advent and Lent. Program brings people together in small groups to discuss various topics related to Church teachings.

**“Just Faith Ministries”**

<http://justfaith.org/programs/goodnewspeople>  
All Saints, Syracuse 315-479-0034 email: allsaints@syrдио.org  
The New Evangelization is promoted through an engaging small-group process of prayer, reflection and action. It explores and deepens our call to discipleship. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Landings”**

St. James, Cazenovia 315-655-4871 email: stjamescaz@syrдио.org

A Paulist program for welcoming returning Catholics. Described as “a reconciliation process that helps faith communities welcome inactive Catholics who want to take another look at the Church.” The program is offered twice a year in conjunction with sacramental preparation classes which brings many parents to our doors, but does not often keep parents engaged until their children reach the age to be eligible for the next sacrament. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

#### **“Lighthouse Catholic Media”**

Kiosks are stocked with low-cost Catholic resources including professionally recorded audio presentations from the best Catholic speakers, life-changing Catholic books and pamphlets.

[www.lighthousecatholicmedia.com](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.com)

#### **“Making Disciples Project”**

Annunciation, Clark Mills

315-853-6138

email: [annunciation@syrdio.org](mailto:annunciation@syrdio.org)

A systematic approach to life long faith formation to meet the changing requirements and trends. A Good News Foundation grant and Annunciation Church Family Volunteer funding enabled investments to update the K-8 curriculum with online resources and staff training; more interactive, youth and young adults oriented Bibles, information technology (laptop computers, digital projectors with screens and mobile computer carts) to support quality catechist preparation and engaging classroom instruction and activities.

#### **“Word on Fire”**

Utilizes new media tools to draw people into, or back to, the Catholic Faith. Study programs, homilies, books and videos are available. (Spanish editions available)

[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

#### **“USCCB Resources”**

<http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/evangelization/index.cfm>

Pastoral Plan for the New Evangelization

Advent and Christmas Resources

The New Evangelization and Social Justice

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States

Disciples Called to Witness, Evangelization and Catechesis Committee, USCCB

The Intellectual Tasks of the New Evangelization

The New Evangelization: Disciples on Mission in the World

#### **Recent Popular Author**

Sherry A. Wedell - books

*Forming Intentional Disciples: Path to Know and Follow Jesus*

*Forming Intentional Disciples Study Guide*

*Becoming a Parish of International Disciples*

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **A. ADULT**

#### **“Adult Seminars”**

Christ Our Light, Pulaski

315-298-5350

email: [christourlight@syrdio.org](mailto:christourlight@syrdio.org)

One and a half hour sessions for 6 weeks. These are discussion sessions, not Bible Study or adult religious education. The Ten Commandments has been a popular topic. There are several topics to choose from.

#### **“Apologetics Adult Sessions”**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Verona, NY

315-363-7696

email: [ologcverona@syrdio.org](mailto:ologcverona@syrdio.org)

Apologetics is simply the science of being able to give a reasonable explanation of Christian beliefs. The pastor held several monthly classes during 2013 – 2014 to help prepare parishioners to be able to freely discuss their faith.

**“Bible Study Group”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
Members choose a Gospel book from the William Barclay series and read it at home. Every other week they meet at a member’s home. They read a chapter from the book and discuss what they have read.

**“Book Club”**

St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton 607-722-4388 email: stfrancisbing@syrdio.org  
Each week a group of parishioners gather for reflection and discussion of a common book being read. Books have a religious theme and help further understanding of their faith.

**“Books for Discussion Groups”**

“*The Catholicism Answer Book*” by Rev. John Trigilio  
“*Catholicism for Dummies*” by Rev. John Trigilio  
Both books are designed to answer common, confusing and controversial questions about the Catholic faith.

**“On-Line Book Club”**

Annunciation Church, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
To expand adult faith formation an on-line book club in blog format currently supports reading and sharing comments on “*A Jesuit’s Guide to Almost Everything*” by James Martin, SJ.

**“Tuesday AM or PM Scripture Study”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
Meets weekly to discuss the Gospel reading for the upcoming week.

**B. YOUTH**

**“Catechists Corner”**

Annunciation Church, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
Accessible on the parish web site. Provides links to inspirational videos and other resources for catechists.

**“Children’s Liturgy”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
Once a month a children’s liturgy and “class Mass” is held at the Saturday vigil with a potluck dinner following. Each month a different class will be responsible for the readings, gift bearers and altar servers.

**“Catechists Weekly Emails”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
Catechists send weekly emails home so parents are able to reinforce what was discussed in class.

**“Faith Formation Trifold”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
A handy guide to curriculum, classes, session offerings, philosophy and schedules.

**“Family Based Catechesis”**

St. Anthony, Endicott 607-754-4333 email: stanthendicott@syrdio.org  
Parents and children meet together once a month at church going through a Faith Formation program together as a family. There are take home packets and family homework is assigned.

**“Hands On” Religious Education and Confirmation**

St. James, Syracuse 315-469-7789 email: stjamesyr@syrdio.org

The St. James Emmaus Ministry offers “hands on” service retreat programs focusing on faith, call to discipleship and Pope Francis’ directive. . . “Do not forget the poor.” Participants hear the witnessing of ministry volunteers, formerly homeless individuals, along with ways to bring the presence of Christ to the marginalized. “Hands On” projects include preparing a hot meal, assembling care packages and gift packages for the homeless and needy. Following Mass, participants go to a homeless shelter, an expansion housing site, an inner city youth program or various other venues to feed and serve those most in need.

**“Implementing Whole Community Catechesis”**

St. Helena, Sherrill 315-363-3882 email: sthelenas@syrдио.org  
Addresses the need for life-long catechesis. Parish sacramental programs help engage the whole family encouraging them to work together by giving them a “question of the week” to discuss at home.

**“Magnifikid”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrдио.org  
12 subscriptions of Magnifikid, a children’s guide to following and understanding Mass, are available for families to use. Subscriptions are offered at a reduced price for the first year through the parish.  
www.magnificat.net

**C. SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**“Summer Bible School”**

St. Patrick/St. Anthony, Chadwicks 315-507-2528 email: stanthchadwicks@syrдио.org  
The parish will host a two week summer Bible program for children ages 7 – 12 with a concentration on Bible themes with time spent on classes with instruction, arts/crafts and creative prayer designed by the children. (Received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Summer Religious Education Program”**

St. Augustine, Baldwinsville 315-638-0585 email: staugustine@syrдио.org  
An innovative summer program open for students in grades 6 through 10. The students have an intensified week-long program that replaces the fall semester at a time when families are often busy and also it makes it easier to get teachers to teach for one week in the summer rather than for a whole semester. This is something a parish might want to try to work out with neighboring parishes.

**“Summer Time Story Hour”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrдио.org  
Once a week 3-7 year olds meet for faith based stories and crafts.

**“Summer Vacation Program”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrдио.org  
Program for children 4 to 10 years old is held 2 days a week for 4 weeks in the summer. It includes stories, crafts, learning activities and games.

**“Vacation Bible School”**

St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton 607-722-4388 email: stfrancisbing@syrдио.org  
This is an interdenominational Bible Study for grades K-6 in the summer. The focus is on common Bible themes. Three neighborhood churches rotate the location each year and share teachers and support personnel. Parishioners from each church donate supplies and refreshments.

**“Vacation Bible School”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrдио.org  
This is held for children kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>. grade every July with a different biblical theme each year.

**“Vacation Bible School”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton 315-598-2118 email: holytrinityfulton@syrдио.org

Children are asked to join in at hometown Nazareth and explore what life was like when Jesus was a child. Craft projects are made in the Market Place. Bible-time games are played. They visit with “Jesus” mom and eat foods like ones Jesus ate.

**“Vacation Bible School”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org  
This is held for children kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>. grade every July with different biblical theme each year.

**“Vacation Bible School Enhanced”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
A Vacation Bible School is held in the last week of July for Pre-K through grade 4. Older students are invited to come back and help.

**FAMILY**

**“Family Faith Events”**

St. Augustine, Baldwinsville 315-638-0585 email: staugustine@syrdio.org  
The parish plans to have 3 Family (intergenerational) Faith Events during the year. These experiences will provide an opportunity for faith enrichment for the youth and adults who attend and reach out beyond the currently enrolled parishioners and invite others from the neighborhood to join in. Activities will be publicized via print, website and social media. There will be one off-site event and transportation will be provided. There will be the opportunity for feedback, both written and verbal. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Grandparents’ Day Celebration”**

Our Lady of Peace, Solvay 315-488-3221 email: olopeacesyracuse@syrdio.org  
Parish picks a special Sunday to invite grandparents to attend Mass with them. With so many parents working or situations of separation/divorce the role of Catholic grandparents has taken on a whole new dimension. Grandparents have become the agents of the New Evangelization, encouraging the youth by their example and their love of God.

**“Parish Mission on Family Life”**

Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse 315-478-5749 email: mhrosyracuse@syrdio.org  
The parish will have guest speaker(s) with a shared meal and activities that promote family life values and allow interaction within the generations and members of the parish and beyond.  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Parish Quilt”**

St. Patrick, Otisco 315-492-0814 email: stpatsotisco@syrdio.org  
Parish prepared two hanging quilts made of squares representing each family. The families developed their own square and all were stitched together and then hung from the choir loft.

**FUND RAISING**

**“Annual Sweepstakes”**

“St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
The parishes hold an annual sweepstakes. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing is held at the annual family picnic in early September. The proceeds from the Sweepstakes are used to fund various social activities for the parishes.

**“Basket by Design”**



Holy Trinity, Fulton 315-598-2118 email: holytrinityfulton@syrdio.org  
St. Joseph/St.Patrick, Utica 315-735-4429 email: stjoespats@syrdio.org  
Theme baskets, golfing, baby items, lottery tickets, gardening tools, candy, etc., are donated by parishioners. People purchase tickets and deposit them in a container in front of the baskets of their choice. The winning ticket in the container wins the basket. Can be used as part of a parish festival, dinner or any special gathering.

**“Fr. Scardella’s Challenge Walk”**

St. Mary, Baldwinsville 315-635-3977 email: pastor@stmarysassumption.org  
To help defray a budget gap, Father agreed to walk from his elementary school, St. Mary’s in Fulton, to his present parish school, St. Mary’s in Baldwinsville. Over \$43,000 was pledged for the 14 mile walk.

**“HOPE Appeal”**

One pastor uses a visual to show the progress during the appeal. A large sunflower is put on a wall and as the parish contributions reach certain levels leaves on the sunflower are colored in with the amount collected to that point written on that leaf. When the goal is reached the flower itself is colored in.

**“20 Week Club/Catholic School Tuition Assistance”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org  
Tickets include a drawing for \$2,000 in prizes and a great fellowship dinner. Many of our young parishioner’s families have benefitted from this Catholic School tuition assistance.

**“St. Pauly Receptacles”**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica 315-724-3155 email: ololutica@syrdio.org  
Used clothing is dropped off and collected for needy in other countries. The Parish receives money for participating. www.stpaulytextile.com

**“Memory Path”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton 315-598-2118 email: holytrinityfulton@syrdio.org  
A garden was created next to the church with Our Lady of Fatima as the centerpiece. It is a place of prayer and photographs for special occasions. One of the garden paths is called “the memory walk.” Bricks are sold and engraved to memorialize a person or a special occasion.

**50/50 Raffle”**

Our Lady of Peace, Lakeland 315-487-6832 email: olopeacesyracuse@syrdio.org  
An annual parish 50/50 raffle where over 300 tickets are sold at \$50.00 each. Half of the money is given as prize money and the other half goes toward heating and snow removal costs at the parish. There is a free dinner after the Saturday evening Mass when the winners’ names are drawn. The dinner is always designed around a theme - St. Patrick’s Day, Valentine’s Day, Year of the Priest, etc. Dinner expenses for the parish run around \$250. The church receives over \$7,700.

**“Pierogi and Golumbki Sales”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org  
A nice friendly group of parishioners prepare amazing numbers of homemade pierogi and golumbki for church functions and for sale to the public.

**“St. Anthony Feast Day”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Endicott 607-754-4333 email: stanthendicott@syrdio.org  
A 3 day celebration centering around the June 13 feast day that attracts thousands of people from all over the country. Chairs and tables have to be set up in the street to accommodate all the people. Booths with various Italian foods bring in around \$170,000 for the 3 days.

**“Silent Auction”**

St. James, Cazenovia 315-697-7104 email: stjamescaz@syrdio.org  
Parishioners donate and solicit area merchants for items to have at a very well attended silent auction.

**HEALTH ISSUES**

**“Caregivers Support Group”**

St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton 607-722-4388 email: stfrancisbing@syrdio.org  
The group meets monthly with those who are caring for a loved one who is sick/elderly at home or in a nursing home. They join for friendly conversation, information and refreshments.

**“Amaus Health Clinic”**

Cathedral, Syracuse 315-422-4177 email: cathedral@syrdio.org  
An all volunteer interim primary health clinic for those without health insurance.

**“Healthy Tips”**

St. Margaret, Mattydale 316-455-5534 email: stmargmattydale@syrdio.org  
A health care ministry that gives healthy tips in the weekly bulletin as well as blood pressure checkups after Mass on designated weekends.

**“Marilyn’s Basket”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
First Sacrament families bring in comfort items to soothe someone going through the chemo process: warm socks, soothing music, neck pillows, etc.

**“Medical Clinic”**

Assumption, Syracuse 315-423-9961 email: assumption@syrdio.org  
Medical help for those who are uninsured. Hours vary. Call for specific hours and available specialists.

**“Pray it Off”**

Holy Family, Syracuse 315-488-3139 email: holyfamilyfairmount@syrdio.org  
A relatively private gathering of people interested in losing weight. People meet quietly without a lot of fanfare.

**OUTREACH**

**A. PANTRIES**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 697-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
This is an emergency food supply for residents of Vestal, allowing for 3 meals a day for 5 days.

**“Country Pantry”**

Annunciation Church, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
Associated with the Food Bank of Central NY, this food pantry is a broad based ecumenical effort that serves the Clinton, Clark Mills and Westmoreland areas. 13 area churches collaborate to provide 9 meals a month to 97 families. Area Boy Scouts, youth groups and volunteers help to distribute.

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
The parish donates food and money to their local food pantry located at the Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills. Parishioners volunteer their time to pack, stock and distribute food to the clients on a monthly basis.

**“Ecumenical Food Pantry & Clothing Bank”**

St. Stephen/St. Patrick, Whitney Point 607-692-3911 email: ststephenstpatrick@syrdio.org  
A building at St. Patrick’s houses a food pantry and clothing bank. It is staffed by volunteers from the churches in the area. They rely on donations from food drives as well as monetary donations to support this project.

**“Food Sense Program”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org  
This is a community project of the parish in conjunction with the Food Bank of Central New York. Food Sense is designed to increase self-sufficiency by helping individuals stretch their food dollars. A food package includes fresh fruits and vegetables, meats and staple food items. Parish volunteers assist those interested in ordering the monthly food packages.

**“Food Pantries”**

Blessed Sacrament, Syracuse 315-437-3394 email: blschurch@syrdio.org  
Covers the 13206 zip code. Eligible people come once a month and receive a week’s worth of groceries. Clients must bring proof of address and proof of the number living in the household. Volunteers take the clients through the pantry to shop for food. Some personal items are also available such as deodorant, toothpaste, paper towels, etc. The area Baptist, Methodist and Reform Churches all collect food for the pantry and volunteer to help. In November and December the pantry is closed except for emergencies. In October new/slightly used clothing is collected for distribution on Thanksgiving Day.

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315-963-7182 email: stannemexico@syrdio.org  
This serves as the ecumenical pantry for the Mexico School District.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville 315-652-4300 email: stelizabeth@syrdio.org  
A weekly food party serves needy families in the area. At Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving special baskets are distributed and also taken to Unity Acres in Orwell.

St. Joseph, Camillus 315-488-8490 email: stjoescamillus@syrdio.org  
The parish currently provides around 175 Thanksgiving baskets as part of their outreach ministry. Rather than storing frozen/refrigerated turkeys, those organizing the baskets ask for donations of gift cards instead.

St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool 315-457-6060 email: stjoesliverpool@syrdio.org  
Clients from Liverpool choose items from a points system. Food, Clothing and school supplies are available. Once a month the Food Bank of CNY delivers fresh food.

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
This serves eligible people in the neighborhood with a 3-day supply of food. Participants can shop with assistance from a volunteer.

**“In Mission of the Christ Child”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
The parishes operate the Mission which helps to serve the needs of their community. Patrons register upon arrival and are offered fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and baked goods. Canned goods and grocery items are also available. Volunteer staff operate the kitchen, preparing home cooked meals, freezing them and making them available to the patrons. Funding is from monetary donations. Many parishioners donate canned and boxed goods weekly. Local independent and chain grocery stores furnish them with produce and bakery items.

**B. GARDENS**

**“Community Garden”**

St. Stephen, Phoenix 315-695-4608 email: sscpny@gmail.com  
A parishioner donated an acre of land to make available for a community garden. They work side by side with each other during the summer to care for the garden and then come together at the end of the season to can and freeze the produce. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Garden Bounty”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Baldwinsville 315-652-4300 email: stelizabeth@syrdio.org  
Parishioners are asked to donate surplus garden produce to the food pantry for distribution.

**“Poor Garden”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
A large vegetable garden is tended by youth and families with the harvest given to CHOW.

**“Stone Soup Garden”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
A committee plans, prepares and cares for the community garden which serves the neighborhood.

**“Vegetable Garden for the Food Bank”**

Pope John Paul XXII, Liverpool 315-652-6591 email: johnxxiii@syrdio.org  
Volunteers prepare, plant, maintain and pick vegetables grown on parish grounds, for weekly distribution to those who are registered with their food bank.

**C. CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION**

**“Agape Shop”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
Sort and display donations of clothing and household items for sale to people in the community.

**“Coat Drive”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
Sponsored by the youth of the parish to collect new/gently used coats for people of all ages.

**“Homeless Project”**

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity, Syracuse 315-478-0916 email: sjbtrinity@syrdio.org  
This is a collection of items to be given out to the homeless on the north side of Syracuse. They are in need of socks, individual packages of candy, crackers etc. Items can be dropped off at St. John/Holy Trinity, 406 Court St. Syracuse, Rectory Office.

**D. MEALS**

**“Back Pack Buddies”**

St. Mary, Cleveland 315-675-3542 email: stmarycleveland@syrdio.org  
Summer program that provides sandwiches for kids who can't afford lunch. Done in cooperation with the Methodist Church.

**“Belden Street Ministry”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
Serve coffee and donuts weekly to residents of Belden Apartments and Rescue Mission.

**“Bread of Life Meal”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
A free lunch program once a week for those in need in the community.

**“Soup Kitchen”**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott 607-748-7417 email: ologcendicott@syrdio.org  
This soup kitchen is open Friday nights and has expanded to a clothing giveaway and a vegetable garden. All left over food is sent home with the guests along with any fruit or vegetables that might be on hand. The program has brought about 150 people into the parish who were not active before.

**“Knap-Snack Buddy Program”**

St. Mary, Cleveland 315-675-3542 email: stmarycleveland@syrdio.org

Program works in conjunction with the local Methodist Church and the public school system for elementary students who live below the poverty level. Every Friday these students are given a “knapsack” containing such things as: individual cereal boxes, small juice boxes, bananas, apples, cheese/crackers, etc. to ensure they have food to eat over the weekend. The parish provides the money, while volunteers purchase, pack and deliver the knapsacks to the school.

Holy Trinity, Fulton 315-598-2118 email: holytrinityfulton@syrdio.org  
Similar to the above – works in conjunction with the Fulton School District to collect easy to open and easy to eat food packets during the school year at vacation times.

#### **“Sandwich Program”**

Church of the Assumption, Syracuse 315-422-4833 email: assumption@syrdio.org  
This program serves sandwiches seven days a week. No beverages are available. It is not an eat-in program. People come and take a bag lunch consisting of 2 sandwiches and dessert/fruit. 175-200 are served daily. Some parishes make sandwiches and bring them to Assumption and volunteers from several parishes help with the distribution of food.

### **E. FINANCIAL**

#### **“Fuel Aid Collection”**

Christ Our Light, Pulaski 315-298-5350 email: christourlight@syrdio.org  
Since many other organizations provide extra food during the holidays this parish offers a Fuel-Aid collection. Proceeds provide small grants to households that have fallen into arrears in paying utility bills. The amount may not pay the entire bill; it will provide financial aid which the parish pays directly to the utility company.

### **F. HOMEBOUND**

#### **“Hospitality for Parish Shut-ins”**

Annunciation Church, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
Volunteers send Easter/birthday cards to shut-ins, deliver poinsettias during Advent, coordinate leaf raking for seniors and deliver free take-out dinners from church dinners.

#### **“Sunshine Committee”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
This committee sends get well wishes and/or pick-me-up cards to parishioners who are ill or just need a note to let them know the parish family was thinking of them.

#### **“Visitation Ministry”**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Syracuse 315-476-9576 email: ololsyr@syrdio.org  
Volunteer group visits parishioners (or anyone who requests) either in nursing homes, hospitals or at their homes. Done on a rotating basis.

#### **“Prayer Shawl Ministry”**

St. Patrick, Jordan 315-689-9051 email: stpatsjordan@syrdio.org  
The Church of the Holy Family, Endwell 607-754-1266 email: holyfamilyendwell@syrdio.org  
St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
This group gathers together in prayer to knit or crochet shawls, lap robes and blankets for shut-ins, those who are ill, in the hospital or nursing home. These items are given to anyone who needs a pick me up to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers and not forgotten.

### **G. OTHER**

### **“Ministry to Congolese Community”**

All Saints, Syracuse 315-472-9934 email: [allsaints@syrdio.org](mailto:allsaints@syrdio.org)  
The parish purchased Swahili missalettes to be used by the many Congolese who have made this parish their home. A priest living in the diocese from Africa who speaks Swahili celebrates Mass with the Congolese once a month. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

### **“Outreach/Family Life Coordinator”**

St. Mary’s of the Lake, Skaneateles 315-685-5083 email: [stmarysskan@syrdio.org](mailto:stmarysskan@syrdio.org)  
It was decided by this PCA that there was a need for a Family Life Coordinator who would oversee an evangelization program among the 3 parishes. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

St. Mary’s of the Lake, Skaneateles

The 2014 McDevitt Grant made it possible for the parish to hire a part time Outreach/Family Life Coordinator to develop and oversee new programs in the parish. There are plans to continue to expand the program in 2015, including a bus trip for all ages to the Papal Mass.  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

### **“Refugee Evangelization Outreach”**

St. Vincent de Paul, Syracuse 315-479-6689 email: [vdepaul@twcny.rr.com](mailto:vdepaul@twcny.rr.com)  
The parish proposed to reach out to refugees (African and Latino mainly) to increase their pastoral and sacramental outreach and ministry. The parish acculturation process involves family issues, including adolescent, faith formation and spiritual counseling. The African sister on staff and a volunteer missionary priest who spent 31 years in Sudan will continue to make home visits.  
(received a 2014 and 2015 McDevitt Grant)

## **PARISH FACILITIES/HOMELESS/PROGRAMS**

### **A. PARISH RUN FACILITIES/PROGRAMS**

#### **“Evelyn’s House”**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica 315-724-3155 email: [ololutica@syrdio.org](mailto:ololutica@syrdio.org)  
House for unwed mothers and babies.

#### **“Emmaus Ministry”**

St. James, Syracuse. 315-469-7789 email: [stjamesyr@syrdio.org](mailto:stjamesyr@syrdio.org)  
This ministry serves the needs of the isolated and forgotten in the city of Syracuse and the Southside. The Emmaus Ministry’s *Hope Mobile* brings food, clothing, winter boots, socks, toiletries, hot coffee, sandwiches, hot meals, and popsicles to Catholic Charities’ shelters and expansion housing units for homeless men, women and children and to individuals living in the streets, under bridges and in various housing situations. Emmaus Ministry serves the youth at the Bishop Foery Foundation afterschool and summer programs and many families living in the south side neighborhoods. Emmaus Ministry provides service retreat programs offering “hands on” opportunities for all ages focusing on our faith and the Eucharist. The service project concludes with serving those in need, face to face, thus encountering Christ.

#### **“Joseph’s House”**

Holy Family, Syracuse 315-475-4414 email: [holyfamilyfairmount@syrdio.org](mailto:holyfamilyfairmount@syrdio.org)  
Housing for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. The physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of mother and child are cared for by the loving direction of the staff. The women have access to spiritual, educational and occupational opportunities to help them achieve their God-given potential.  
(received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Hope House”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrдио.org  
Parish sponsors a group home for the mentally handicapped. Residents are transported to Mass at the church.

**“John Bosco House”**

Housed in the former St. George Church in Utica 315-733-1506  
This Home is run by the Catholic deacons of the Greater Utica Area. It is for young men, 16 to 21 who are in need of shelter, spiritual guidance and vocational formation. www.johnboscohouse.org

**B. SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

**“Baby Showers”**

St. Anthony, Syracuse 315-475-4414 email: stanthsyr@syrдио.org  
Parishoners collect baby shower items and donate them to Joseph’s House. Very successful. Easy to do.

**“Church Charity Baby Shower”**

St. Paul, Norwich 607-336-2222 email: stpaulsnorwich@syrдио.org  
New/gently used baby items are collected and donated to the Catholic Charities Distribution Center. Items include clothing, crib blankets/sheets, diapers, formula and other baby products.

**“Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter”**

Blessed Sacrament, Syracuse 315-437-3394 email: blschurch@syrдио.org  
Volunteers make sandwiches once a month for the men at the shelter. Also, the parish collects socks for the men.

**“Day of Witness”**

The Diocesan Pastoral Council 315-470-1471 email: kdyer@syrдио.org  
At a DPC plenary session parish representatives contribute needed toiletry items for the Emmaus Ministry.

**“Linus Project”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico. 315-963-7255 email: lbuckley@syrдио.org  
Parish collects blankets to donate to the Emmaus Ministry.

**“Ministry to Homeless”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrдио.org  
Daily visits bringing food and warm personal comfort to the homeless living under the bridges of Syracuse.

**“Sleeping bags for the homeless”**

Saint Theresa, New Berlin 607-847-6851 email: sttheresanb@syrдио.org  
Volunteers sew sleeping bags to donate to the homeless.

**“Socks”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrдио.org  
9th Grade Project (Faith Formation). The young people collect and deliver socks to the homeless during the cold months - Corporal Works of Mercy.

**“Thou Shall Knot”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrдио.org  
A group of women meet each week to create sleeping bags filled with winter warmth items to aid the homeless/shelters in the area.

**“Usable Clothing and Canned Goods”**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Verona 315-363-7696 email: ologcverona@syrдио.org

Purchased a small out building and placed it in the back of the church for usable clothing and canned food. Donors can get receipts for tax deductions.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS**

### **“District Representatives”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville                      315-652-4300                      email: stelizabeth@syrdio.org  
The parish has been divided into 6 districts - each with a district representative who sits on the pastoral council. Each representative makes 6 telephone calls to parishioners in his/her district every other month soliciting comments and suggestions which are reported back to the pastoral council. Also they make welcome calls to new parishioners.

### **“Leadership Committee”**

St. Margaret, Homer    607-749-2542    email: stmarghomer@syrdio.org  
Every other month the chairperson of a committee/program is invited to meet with the parish pastoral council for the first hour. Then the council breaks off for their monthly meeting and the committees can also choose to meet that night. As a leadership group they have selected specific themes for both the parish pastoral council and the various committees to work on at the same time.

### **“Youth Representatives”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville                      315-652-4300                      email: stelizabeth@syrdio.org  
Two of the youth (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders) sit on the pastoral council. They provide direct input from the youth of the parish. This has been a very productive tool in the development of the youth programs.

## **PCA SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES**

A PCA organized and advertised a garage sale giving dates, address and time

### **Holy Thursday – Visiting Churches**

St. Mary, Baldwinsville    315-635-8137    email: stmarysbbville@syrdio.org  
After Mass the Confirmation students are bussed to visit the churches in their PCA unit

### **Holy Days**

Many PCAs are staggering Holy Day Mass times and locations within the PCA

### **Coordinating Youth Ministry Activities**

**PCA N-2** (Fulton, Mexico and Pulaski)    email for all 3 parishes: jschultz@syrdio.org  
Activities include snow tubing, Enchanted Forest, Retreat for Young Women, Retreat for Young Men, Trip to Montreal, Trip to Ottawa and Twilight Bowling.

### **Golf Outing**

**PCA N-2** (Fulton, Mexico and Pulaski)    email for all 3 parishes: jschultz@syrdio.org  
Adult Captain and Crew fall golf tournament and dinner.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Liverpool PCA    email: johnxxiii@syrdio.org  
Stations are held Friday nights throughout the year are rotating parishes.

### **“A Taste of PCA” W-8**

Baldwinsville and Phoenix parishes    contact: donflynych@frontiernet.net



This is a social event to be held in November.

**“Just Faith: Engaging Spirituality”**

All Saints, Syracuse 315-472-9934 email: [allsaints@syrdio.org](mailto:allsaints@syrdio.org)  
The “Engaging Spirituality” materials will be purchased from the JustFaith Ministries. The need being addressed is evangelization by establishing a relationship within the cluster and working towards a common mission of serving and evangelizing the poor and marginalized in the area.  
(received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“In a PCA”**

St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton 607-222-1477 email: [mkirk@syrdio.org](mailto:mkirk@syrdio.org)  
“Just Faith: Engaging Spirituality” will be used for the 3 parishes of St. Francis, St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Paul. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**PEACE/JUSTICE**

**A. LOCAL ACTIVITIES**

**“Justice and Peace Committee”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: [stlucys@syrdio.org](mailto:stlucys@syrdio.org)  
Committee meets monthly to work on activities and services to further peace and justice locally and globally.

**“Sacred Seeds”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: [stlucys@syrdio.org](mailto:stlucys@syrdio.org)  
Committee meets to discuss and implement ideas to assist in caring for God’s creation in a manner that promotes peace and justice for all.

**“Signed Petitions”**

St. Mary, Hamilton 315-824-2164 email: [stmaryshamilton@syrdio.org](mailto:stmaryshamilton@syrdio.org)  
They have collected signatures against the death penalty, for forgiving the international debts of the poorest of nations and for the abolition of the School of the Americas

**“Smile Train”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: [olosvestal@syrdio.org](mailto:olosvestal@syrdio.org)  
The first \$250 of every parish fundraiser is donated to this organization which repairs cleft palates of children suffering in third world countries.

**B. GLOBAL**

**“Fair Trade Coffee”**

Some parishes purchase and serve only fair trade coffee at all social functions. They joined Equal Exchange, a farmers cooperative which pays small rural farmers in developing countries a living wage. Catholic Relief Services, along with many other faiths, supports this Interfaith Coffee Project. This practice began through a social justice committee. Contact: Equal Exchange at 774-776-7333

**“Lenten Sharing”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: [olosvestal@syrdio.org](mailto:olosvestal@syrdio.org)  
Four different missions benefit from their weekly Lenten collections: St. Peter’s School for girls in Kenya, Boy’s Town Neirmeyer Foundation in Kenya, Brother Peter Daino’s mission in Ghana and Holy Trinity Parish in South Carolina.

**“Kenya Fund Raiser”**

St. Margaret, Mattydale 315-455-5534 email: [stmargmattydale@syrdio.org](mailto:stmargmattydale@syrdio.org)

This is an annual fund raiser for displaced families in Kenya which is attended by parishioners and community members.

**“Project Southern Comfort”**

St. Joseph The Worker Liverpool, 315-457-6060 email: stjoesliverpool@syrdio.org  
An organization of volunteers based in Central New York whose mission is to restore hope to the people of the Gulf Coast by rebuilding homes, lost to hurricane Katrina, one home at a time.

**“Sister Community in Nicaragua”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
For almost 25 years, St Andrews and then St. Lucy’s and All Saints parishes have maintained a relationship with a health promotion project in Villanueva, Nicaragua. The parishes provide funds and some administrative assistance to maintain a network of approximately 150 volunteer health promoters in a rural and impoverished part of Nicaragua. The parish also send delegations to the project once every two years to deepen the friendship among the three entities.

**“Tohatchi, NM Franciscan Navajo Mission”**

St. Mary, Hamilton 315-824-2164 email: stmaryshamilton@syrdio.org  
The parish has adopted St. Mary Mission of Tohatchi, NM as a sister parish. There is a special monthly collection for them. Also, they ship school supplies for the children. By sending actual items, rather than always money, they hope for a “teaching moment.” At Christmas many large boxes of toys and clothes are sent. The Altar and Rosary Society ladies knitted lap robes for the elderly. On the pastor’s anniversary they collected and gave a large sum of money to the Mission as their gift to him. Two of their parishioners have visited Tohatchi.

**PLANNING**

**“Youth Team”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville. 315-652-4300 email: stelizabeth@syrdio.org  
The pastor, youth minister, DRE, CYO director and two students meet every two months for a two hour period. The YM sets an agenda on topics to discuss. It is good to have this team brainstorm, communicate and develop programs.

**PRAYER**

**A. ADORATION**

**“24 Hour Adoration Four Times a Year”**

St. Peter, Oswego 315-343-1352 email stpetersoswego@syrdio.org

**“Eucharistic Adoration”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
Monthly Eucharistic Adoration is held 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays after the morning Mass.

**“Monthly Evening Holy Hour”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
A monthly holy hour with Benediction.

**“Novena”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org

Every Monday night throughout the year.

**“Perpetual Adoration”**

Church of the Holy Family, Endwell                      607-754-1266                      email: holyfamilyendwell@syrdio.org  
Started in 1990 and is open 24/7 year round. The adorer commits to a specific hour each week to spend in the chapel.

**“Traveling Chalice Program”**

Holy Family, Syracuse                      315-488-3139                      email: holyfamilyfairmount@syrdio.org  
Now in its eighth year, the Traveling Chalice is on a mission to help parishioners ardently pray for more priests, deacons and religious. Participants keep the chalice for a week and use it as a focal point for daily prayer, discussion and meditation about religious vocations in the Church.

**“Weekly Adoration for Vocations”**

Blessed Sacrament, Johnson City                      607-797-5151                      email: stjamesjc@syrdio.org

**B. ASSORTED ACTIVITIES**

**“Parish Book Program”**

Annunciation, Clark Mills                      315-853-6138                      email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
They purchased 200 copies of *“Hunger for God”* by John Piper and 50 copies of *“The Practice of Healing Prayer: A How-to Guide for Catholics”* by Francis McNutt to help support a parish book program to promote growth in discipleship for parishioners. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Annual Retreat for Women”**

St. Leo, Tully                      315-696-5092                      email: conatiivty@syrdio.org  
This annual retreat for women benefits the individual’s spiritual life as well as builds community.

**“Prayer Intention Hour”**

Holy Trinity, Utica                      315-724-7238                      email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org  
First Sunday of every month there is a special service for the prayer intentions which were placed in the prayer boxes

**C. BLESSINGS**

**“Backpack Blessings”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico                      315-963-7255                      email: lbuckley@syrdio.org  
Done in late August religious backpack tags are given to the children. Since not all students have backpacks, parishioners are asked to purchase an extra one or contribute money for one, so that all students who come for the blessing will have one. Remaining backpacks are delivered to schools for distribution to children who need one.

**“Blessing of the Bambinelli”**

Father Vavonese                      315-422-7203                      email: cvavonese@syrdio.org  
Following the Roman tradition of our churches, bless statues of the Infant Jesus that children and families bring to mass. These statues will then be placed in family nativity scenes. This is done at the end of all Masses on the Third Sunday in Advent.

**“Blessings of Homes”**

St. Joseph, Endicott                      607-748-0442                      email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org

Around the Feast of the Epiphany in January, homes are blessed recalling the Epiphany of the Lord. The faithful consecrate their homes to the Lord and ask for His blessings in the New Year.

**“Blessing of Musicians”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315-963-7255 email: lbuckley@syrdio.org  
On/or near November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the feast of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, the musicians of the parish are blessed. Each is given a folder, pen and bookmark that with a religious item. The blessing and prayer service are available.

**“Blessing of the Year”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315-963-7255 email: lbuckley@syrdio.org  
Place all the calendars that you will use on a regular basis, including electronic devices, for the coming year on the table where meals are shared. Invite everyone to bless each calendar and electronic device. This can be done by tracing the Sign of the Cross with a marker on a printed calendar and by using one’s thumb to trace the Cross on an electronic device.

**“Classroom Blessing of Pets”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315-963-7255 email: lbuckley@syrdio.org  
For students who do not have the opportunity to bring their pets for the blessing at the church. Students bring in pictures of their pets or draw a picture of them. The picture is mounted on poster board in each of the classrooms.

**“Instead of Blessing Pets”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315-963-7255 email: lbuckley@syrdio.org  
During October, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Faith Formation classes collect items such as, cat/dog food, blankets, towels etc. to be donated to the “no-kill” shelter located in Richland.

**D. PRAYER NETWORKS**

**“Prayer Line”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
A large group of parishioners have formed a prayer line to pray for those who are in need of prayer. Two coordinators call one person on each of four lines and that person in turn calls another member until all members have been contacted.

**“Prayer Network”**

Church of the Holy Family, Endwell 607-754-1266 email: holyfamilyendwell@syrdio.org  
Parishioners pray for specific intentions of unnamed people. Requests are forwarded to a coordinator who makes calls to activate the phone tree. How you pray and what prayers you say are up to you.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism Letters**

St. Joseph, Oswego 315-343-2160 email: stjoesoswego@syrdio.org  
“Coaxing, gentle” letters are sent to families whose child should be ready to begin kindergarten. About half of these families registered their child for faith formation classes.

**Baptism Program**

St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton 607-722-4388 email: stfrancisbing@syrdio.org  
Mini-retreat day for parents preparing for their child’s Baptism using “Call to Celebrate-Baptism”, a guide offered by Our Sunday Visitor. After Baptism the Sacramental Coordinator follows up with parents until the child is old enough to begin the parish Faith Formation Program.

**“First Communion Quilt”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton 315-598-2118 email: hbuda@syrdio.org  
First Communion children design squares for a quilt. At Confirmation time their names are put in a hat and one is drawn. He/she gets to keep the quilt.

**Penance “Community Quilt”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvesta@syrdio.org  
Members of the First Penance class and their families are given a quilt square and asked to design it in keeping with the family’s life together. The squares are tied together to form a bright colorful quilt that is the altar cloth for their celebration of Penance.

**“Parents as First Teachers”**

St. John, North Bay 315-245-0853 email: stjohnd@syrdio.org  
Parents are required to attend classes with their children who are going to receive First Eucharist or are to be Confirmed. Following class the parents and students attend Mass together.

**“Parent Enrichment”**

St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton 607-722-4388 email: stfrancisbing@syrdio.org  
A required four (4) hour mini-retreat for parents of children preparing for a sacrament is held to help lead them to a deeper understanding of the sacrament.

**“Power of One”**

Annunciation Church, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
This is a Confirmation class program that helps students in identifying, planning and executing community service projects. The program includes a combination of face-to-face and on-line blog sessions.

**SEASONAL ACTIVITIES**

**“Adopt a Family Holiday Project”**

Annunciation Church, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: annunciation@syrdio.org  
Parish families and Confirmation students adopt needy families during the holiday season.

**“Advent Tree”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrdio.org  
The parishes place two giving trees in the sanctuary during Advent. Hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. are collected under one tree for distribution to local schools for children in need of such items. The second tree is covered with tags that indicate an age appropriate toy or game. The unwrapped toys and games are collected under the tree and donated to Catholic Charities for their client families.

**“Annual Holiday House Tour”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland 607-756-9967 email: stanthcortland@syrdio.org  
A tour of homes and a luncheon at the church is well attended by the community.

**“Annual Mass of Remembrance”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
Celebrated in the November, this is a community liturgy for people who have died within the year. The names of the deceased are called at the ringing of the bell (toll) and a candle is lit in their name.

**“ Annual Polish Harvest Dinner”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: holytrinityutica@syrdio.org  
Held the first Sunday after Labor Day in September. Famous throughout the area for Polish delicacies. Raffles, games and music are part of the dinner.

**“Bereavement Mass and Luncheon”**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Syracuse 315-422-2343 email: shbasilica@syrdio.org  
Once a year a bereavement Mass and luncheon is held for all family and friends who had their funeral Mass celebrated in the parish that year.

**“Blessing of the Easter Food”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
On Holy Saturday it is tradition to have a basket of food blessed for the Easter meal.

**“Breakfast at Christmas”**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Syracuse 315-476-9576 email: ololsyr@syrdio.org  
A Christmas morning breakfast is held in the parish center for those who may not have family or anywhere special to go for the day.

**“Children’s Christmas Caroling”**

St. Joseph’s Church, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
During the Christmas season the youth group visits the homebound/nursing homes to sing Christmas carols.

**“Corpus Christi Procession”**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Verona 315-363-7696 email: ologcverona@syrdio.org  
Parish processes through the town of Verona with the Blessed Sacrament, altar servers, and parishioners.

St. Mary of the Assumption, Baldwinsville 315-635-5762 email: pastor@stmarysassumption.org  
A Corpus Christi procession goes around the campus at St. Mary’s stopping at four different altars to recite prayers. Contact pastor for prayers.

**“Christmas Basket Program”**

St. Mary, Cleveland/St. Bernadette, Constantia 315-675-3542 email: stmarycleveland@syrdio.org  
The parish began the program to provide baskets for the poor in the area and have opened it up for participation from the community, schools, other churches and civic organizations.

**“Christmas Gift Giving”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
Organize and distribute Christmas gifts on a Saturday in December to those who are served by St. Lucy’s Food Pantry.

**“Christmas Star Program”**

St. Stephen/St. Patrick, Whitney Point 607-692-3911 email: ststephenstpatrick@syrdio.org  
Christmas gifts are provided for 30 plus families with children up to 18 years old Human development members contact the family to determine what the child might need and the sizes of each child. (Each child receives a shirt/blouse, a pair of pants, a toy or game, a book, socks and underwear.) The items requested are put on individual stars and parish members are invited to take one or more stars, buy and wrap the gift items on the star and return them to church. Human development members sort and organize the gifts and disperse them the Sunday before Christmas.

**“Christmas Tea”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0422 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
A fundraising celebration of fellowship in our community with food/tea, music, ethnic dance, raffles, music, etc.

**“Coats for Christmas”**

St. Paul, Norwich 607-336-2222 email: stpaulsnorwich@syrdio.org  
New/gently used winter clothing items such as: boots, mittens, scarves, coats, gloves, etc. are collected and given to Catholic Charities to be distributed at Christmastime.

**“Easter Sunday Sun Rise Mass”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrdio.org  
Easter Sunday Sun Rise Mass in the parking lot of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

**“Election Night Spaghetti Supper”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland 607-756-9967 email: stanthcortland@syrdio.org  
Our Lady of Pompei, Syracuse. 315-422-7163 email: olopsyracuse@syrdio.org  
A long time tradition at both parishes and an excellent fundraiser.

**“Evening Mass at the Shrine-Feast of the Assumption”**

St. Joseph’s, Endicott 607-748-0442 email: stjoesendicott@syrdio.org  
Weather permitting, Mass is celebrated outdoors at the shrine in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**“Fill a Bus”**

Holy Family, Syracuse 315-488-3139 email: holyfamilyfairmount@syrdio.org  
High school students conduct a “fill a bus” food drive in November as they drive through the community collecting food which is then delivered to the parish food pantry for holiday baskets.

**“Giving Trees”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland 607-756-9967 email: stanthcortland@syrdio.org  
Christmas "Giving Tree" tags are prepared requesting items for needy. Parishioners take tags and return wrapped items to put under the tree. Items are donated to Catholic Charities and Helping Hands Caring Hearts.

**“Grocery Bags”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-722-3988 email: olosvestal@syrdio.org  
The youth group prepares grocery bags with lists of needed food items for the holiday dinners. Parishioners take the empty bags and bring them back filled the following weekend. Each family also receives a \$15 gift card to a local grocery store.

**“Joint Ash Wednesday Service”**

St. Mary, Cleveland 315-675-3542 email: stmarycleveland@syrdio.org  
This is done with the local Methodist Church. Readings and reflections are given by the parish priest and Methodist minister and then the Catholics receive ashes.

**“Kick Off to Summer Cookout”**

St. James, Syracuse 315-469-7789 email: stjamesyr@syrdio.org  
St. James Emmaus Ministry hosts a free cookout for families and youth living on the south side of the city on the last Saturday of June. Hundreds of hotdogs, chips, sodas and popsicles are given away. Games, activities, two bouncy houses and prizes are available. New bicycles are given away to eight girls and boys.

**“Learn About a Saint”**

St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315-963-7182 email: lbuckley@syrdio.org  
Students and parents come together to learn about a saint during Advent and Lent. There are both learning and prayer components, an activity and something to take home.

**“Lenten Series”**

St. Mary, Clinton. 315-853-2935 email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org  
For the past several years they have organized a Lenten series along with several other churches in the village. Speakers come and give talks during Lent. These talks are religious based and cover a number of subjects pertaining to the history of religion, not just Catholic. A light supper is served usually consisting of soup, bread and dessert.

**“Mini-Retreat”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland 607-756-9967 email: stanthcortland@syrdio.org

Each year during Lent a one day Mini-Retreat is held.

**“Operation: Cookies for Christmas”**

Annunciation, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email: [annunciaton@syrdio.org](mailto:annunciaton@syrdio.org)  
The parish collects and ships homemade cookies, DVDs and other items to service men and women deployed overseas during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. The local American Legion helps with the shipping costs.

**“Pasta and Beans Supper”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland 607-756-9967 email: [stanthcortland@syrdio.org](mailto:stanthcortland@syrdio.org)  
A light supper consisting of soup, bread and biscotti is served on Ash Wednesday.

**“Prayer Service at the Cemetery”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0422 email: [stjoesendicott@syrdio.org](mailto:stjoesendicott@syrdio.org)  
Celebrated on the Sunday close to November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the faithful express hope in the resurrection for all who died in the peace of Christ.

**“Prayer Service for Veterans-Memorial Day”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0422 email: [stjoesendicott@syrdio.org](mailto:stjoesendicott@syrdio.org)  
The faithful gather at the Altar of Calvary dedicated to Veterans. The National Flag is raised in their honor and taps are played. The Veterans are honored for their sacrifices for our country’s freedom.

**“Rosary Recitation and Candlelight Procession”**

St. James, Syracuse 315 469-7789 email: [stjamesyr@syrdio.org](mailto:stjamesyr@syrdio.org)  
On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, community and visitors gather for the recitation of the Rosary, hymns and a candlelight procession leading to the Statue of our Blessed Mother.

**“Reverse Collection”**

St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool 315-457-6060 email: [stjoesliverpool@syrdio.org](mailto:stjoesliverpool@syrdio.org)  
Between Christmas and Epiphany, instead of putting something in the basket, parishioners are asked to take something *out* of the basket. Here is how it works: During the weekend before Christmas at all of the Masses, the regular collection is taken. Afterwards, filled baskets are passed along the pews that contain slips of paper with an item listed on each paper strip and a local agency in need of that item. Parishioners are asked to take a paper slip out of the basket and bring that item back to church on the Feast of the Epiphany. Practical, everyday items are requested, such as bed sheets, toothpaste, laundry soap, and baby items; and the agencies they donate to include Sarah House, Jail Ministry, Dorothy Day House, Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter and the Samaritan Center.

**“Thanksgiving and Appreciation Dinner”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: [stpetersrome@syrdio.org](mailto:stpetersrome@syrdio.org)  
The parishes hold a sit down dinner around Mardi Gras time and invite all volunteers from the parishes(lectors, Eucharistic ministers, choir, members etc.) to thank them for their help. The dinner is held at a local restaurant. The volunteers are not charged for the dinner. All parishioners are invited to join.

**“St. Nicholas Party”**

Holy Trinity, Utica 315-724-7238 email: [holytrinityutica@syrdio.org](mailto:holytrinityutica@syrdio.org)  
A party is celebrated on the first Friday in December with St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. Children learn about this famous saint, along with great food, music and fun.

**“Thanksgiving Basket”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: [stpetersrome@syrdio.org](mailto:stpetersrome@syrdio.org)



Fourth graders are asked to bring in non-perishable food plus a turkey to make the full Thanksgiving meal basket for a family in need. The name is supplied by the pastor.

**“The Pumpkin Patch”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email: olosvestal@syrдио.org  
A youth group fundraiser that brings the entire parish community together from the unloading, to the selling and decorating of pumpkins.

**“Victorian Christmas”**

Holy Trinity, Fulton 315-598-2118 email: holytrinityfulton@syrдио.org  
Christmas gathering at the rectory for adults only – food, drink and fellowship. Cost: \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

**“Veterans Day Memorial Service”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email: stpetersrome@syrдио.org  
The parishes sponsor a city wide memorial service, honoring loved ones who have passed away in the past year. The local funeral homes are contacted requesting the names and their branch of service. The names are placed on a label with the emblem of their branch of service and on a red candle. The red candles are placed on the main altar in perfect formation. The service has a particular theme every year (Korean War, Vietnam War etc). The public is also solicited to purchase a white candle in honor or in memory of their loved one. These candles also have their name, in Memory of or in Honor of, and the branch of service emblem. These candles are lined up on the altar railing. All the candles, red and white, are given to the respective families after the service.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**“Call-A-Bus”**- Many of our senior parishioners may qualify for Call-A-Bus services for transportation to attend Mass and other parish activities. Cost varies from city to city but is generally \$2.50 each way. Most buses can accommodate a wheelchair. Those who qualify may take a caretaker along without an extra charge. For more information call:

Broome	607-778-4464	Utica	315-797-1703
Rome	315-336-0147	Syracuse	315-442-3434
Oswego	315-342-4400		

**“Jamesville Penitentiary”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email: stlucys@syrдио.org  
Weekly rides to Jamesville to anyone who has a friend or relative there.

## **TRIPS**

### **“Roamin’ Catholics”**

St. James, Syracuse  
stjamessyr@syrdio.org

315-469-7789

email:

An enthusiastic social group taking many bus trips throughout the year. Trips to NYC for Yankees baseball, Mohegan Sun and Niagara Falls Casinos and Sight & Sounds Theater in Lancaster, PA., are some of the places Roamin’ Catholics go!

### **“Bus Trips”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal  
olosvestal@syrdio.org

607-748-8287

email:

Offered to families at a discount price. Trips include Bronx and Philly zoos, Yankee games and amusement parks.

## **TUTORING**

### **“Lucy’s Table”**

St. Lucy, Syracuse  
stlucys@syrdio.org

315-475-7273

email:

A monthly support group for new mothers and families with young children. It provides instructional programs and help with parenting skills for parents as well as activities and crafts for children.

### **“The Tutoring Center”**

St. Joseph the Worker/Immaculate Heart of Mary, Liverpool

315-457-6060

email:

stjoesliverpool@syrdio.org

A tutoring service provided to the community of Liverpool and beyond. Students or adults, can receive free tutoring for 1 or 2 hours a week. Students or their parents call ahead and schedule a date and time. Tutors are volunteers from the parishes and other retired people from the community. Tutors work only with age groups and subject matter with which they are comfortable. Over the last five years many students have received help such as: kids needing help with Common Core math, reading, studying for tests, organizing their backpacks, adults from BOCES working towards their GED or other BOCES programs and test preparation, and many adults whose native language is not English who are working on speaking and reading or citizenship.

## **WELCOMING**

### **A. BROCHURES**

#### **“A User-Friendly Parish - Becoming a MORE Welcoming Community”**

Diocesan Pastoral Council  
kdye@syrdio.org

315-470-1471

email:

An easy-to-read, “hands on” book. 9 short chapters with discussion questions at the end of each chapter. Suggested to be read through and then discussed chapter by chapter at parish pastoral council meetings.

**“Welcome Pack”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email:  
stmarysclinton@syrдио.org

A folder is sent to new families with information on programs, ministry opportunities, faith formation, history of the parish and stained glass windows along with a welcome from parish pastoral council.

**“Ministry Pamphlet”**

St. Anthony of Padua, Cortland 607-756-9967 email:  
stanthcortland@syrдио.org

Ministry Pamphlet is sent to all current and new parishioners.

**“Ministries and Organizations Booklet”**

Church of the Holy Family, Endwell 607-754-1266 email:  
holyfamilyendwell@syrдио.org

A comprehensive booklet giving a brief description of the ministries, organizations and groups in the parish.

**“Parish Orientation Program”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville 315-652-4300 email:  
stelizabeth@syrдио.org

An all encompassing orientation for new registrants which includes parish history, activities, groups, a welcoming get together and a tour of the facility.

**“Parish Orientation Program”**

St. Joseph, Camillus 315-488-8490 email:  
stjoescamillus@syrдио.org

A booklet for all parishioners describing parish programs such as: Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Sacramental Programs, Pre-School and Adult Education.

**“Welcoming Folder”**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email:  
stmarysclinton@syrдио.org

A folder is sent to new families with information regarding programs, ministry opportunities, faith formation, history of the parish and the stained glass windows along with a welcome from the parish pastoral council.

**“Welcoming Baskets”**

St. Malachy Sherburne 607-674-9625 email:  
stmalachysherburne@gmail.com

The youth group will put together and distribute “welcoming baskets” to new parishioners letting families know what is available to them in the area and in the parish. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**B. ACTIVITIES**

**“Annual Welcome Mass”**

Annunciation Church, Clark Mills 315-853-6138 email:  
annunciation@syrдио.org

Once a year the parish has a Mass to welcome newcomers including those baptized, married, or newly registered in the last year. The Confirmation candidates are welcomed this weekend as well during a "Presentation of Candidates" where they receive a hard copy of *Catholic Youth Bible*.

**"Children's Activity Bags"**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email:  
stmarysclinton@syrдио.org

Children's activity bags are hung in the back of the church. Families are able to borrow a bag during Mass. The bags are equipped with appropriate books, coloring books and crayons.

**"Coffee Hour to Welcome New Parishioners"**

St. Mary, Cortland 607-756-9967 email:  
stanthcortland@syrдио.org

When new parishioners register they are given a packet of information and an invitation to attend a bi-annual coffee hour dedicated to welcoming new members. Name tags are provided and the social committee makes a special effort to introduce them to others.

**"Judy's Café"**

St. Anthony of Padua, Endicott 607-754-4333 email:  
stanthendicott@syrдио.org

Meeting place for youth and/or adults after daily morning Mass. Café is on the first floor providing coffee, soda, and pastries. Upstairs is a living room setting with TV, sofa, chairs, etc. Prayer shawl ministry and other groups meet there for coffee and refreshments. Parishioners donate homemade Italian pastries for sale.

**"Neighborhood Walks"**

St. Lucy, Syracuse 315-475-7273 email:  
stlucys@syrдио.org

Walk in the neighborhood to greet the residents and offer information about St. Lucy's or just to visit.

**"Socials after 10:30 Mass"**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email:  
stmarysclinton@syrдио.org

Socials after 10:30 Mass sponsored by different groups of the parish. One summer they held "Lemonade on the Lawn". This was organized on the lawn of the church, so that people would stop and socialize immediately following Mass. Nothing fancy, just lemonade and cookies or pretzels.

**"Welcome Committee"**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email:  
olosvestal@syrдио.org

A small team makes home visits to new parishioners. This informal welcoming arrangement provides information about parish activities as well as an opportunity to gather information concerning the sacramental status of the family. If necessary, this is a perfect time to offer information concerning the annulment process or having children baptized, confirmed, etc.

**"Welcoming and Gathering the Assembly"**

St. Lawrence, DeRuyter 607-849-3857 email:  
stpatstruxton@syrдио.org

In this small parish people are welcomed and gathered for worship at every weekend Mass. At the end of Mass special announcements are made about upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, etc.

**“Parish Connections Committee”**

St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool 315-457-6060 email:  
stjoesliverpool@syrдио.org

The goal of this committee is to keep parishioners informed and connected, with each other and the community. Parishioners participate in the following areas: Greeters, Welcoming Outreach (which welcomes new parishioners with phone calls and notes), Foyer Groups (small dinner party gatherings that allow parishioners to socialize and get to know each other) and a Writing Team (parishioners contribute articles on people and activities in the parish).

**C. DEAF/HEARING DEFICIENCIES**

**“Hearing Impaired”**

St. Joseph, Oswego 315-343-2160 email:  
stjoesoswego@syrдио.org

The parish has purchased 4 body-pack receivers with mini-earphones for people who are hearing impaired. Also, they purchased 2 neck loops which are for people who already have hearing aids. The neck loops are equipped with a t-switch that is programmed to work with their personal hearing aid. There is a dedicated feed from the main sound system and the receivers can be adjusted for level of sound. Both have been quite useful and people are pleased with the quality of sound.

**Diocesan Sunday Interpreted Mass Schedule (provided by the Diocesan Deaf Ministry Office):**

Blessed Sacrament Church – **9:30 am**  
3127 James Street  
Syracuse

The Church of the Holy Trinity – **10:30 am**  
309 Buffalo Street  
Fulton

St. Lucy Church – **9:00 am**  
432 Gifford Street  
Syracuse

St. James Church – **9:30 am**  
147 Main Street  
Johnson City

St. Peter’s Church – **10:00 am**  
200 N. James Street  
Rome

St. Malachy’s Church – **8:30 am**  
31 E. State Street  
Sherburne

St. Thomas Church – **9:00 am**  
150 Clinton Rd  
New Hartford

**D. SENIORS**

**“St. Bernadette Bistro”**

St. Mary, Cleveland 315-675-3542 email:  
stmaryscleveland@syrдио.org

This is a senior citizen program sponsored by Oswego County Opportunities. The parish provides the facility so that seniors can meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for a variety of activities including games, Lights on the Lake at Christmas, etc. Once a week a community

bus takes them grocery shopping. The parish senses the importance of being welcoming to all people in their small community. In addition to opening their facility to the seniors, St. Mary in Cleveland hosts a Head Start program.

## YOUTH

### **A. ACTIVITIES/RECREATION**

#### **“Card Making for the Homebound”**

St. Joseph, Endicott 607-748-0422 email:  
stjoesendicott@syrдио.org  
Youth program reaching out to those who are sick and homebound.

#### **“Brady Faith Center Partnership”**

Christ the King, Liverpool 315-652-9266 email:  
christtheking@syrдио.org  
The parish youth partners with the Brady Faith Center 4 times a year. On 2 occasions the parish transported Brady Faith Center children to Christ the King where their ninth graders provided a four hour activity period with games, crafts, lunch and a prayer service. On the other 2 occasions the ninth graders were transported to the Brady Center for activities. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

#### **“Building Friendships and Faith with Fun”**

St. Anthony/St. Mary, Cortland 607-756-9967 email:  
stanthcortland@syrдио.org  
Youth group gathers monthly for a diocesan or parish event, a small group activity or a planned activity such as a movie or game night. As with any student event - FOOD is always involved.

#### **“Care Packages for College Students”**

Blessed Sacrament, Syracuse 315-437-3394 email:  
blschurch@syrдио.org  
Send Halloween and Easter care packages with cards from the elementary students to the parish college students.

**“Children’s Envelopes”** (from outside the diocese) Contact person: Msgr. James Lang. 315-422-7203. Children’s envelopes where on the front the child completes the following:

This week I prayed for \_\_\_\_\_(time)  
This week I helped \_\_\_\_\_(talent)  
My contribution this week is \_\_\_\_\_(treasure)

A volunteer counts the money each week and keeps it until the end of the year. Then it is presented to the finance council for suggestions as to how this money could be used for the parish. The children’s total yearly offering might provide the communion hosts for the coming year for all the Masses and communion calls to shut-ins, etc. or maybe the cost of candles. A notice is put in the bulletin to inform parishioners as to how the money was used. Interesting - the adult contributions seem to increase after that! Also, information gathered from the first 2 statements helped identify some problems/issues for outreach staff to deal with.

#### **“Chow Walk”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email:  
olosvestal@syrдио.org  
Annual service event attended by all middle school students. Open to all families to help raise funds for CHOW (Community Hungry Outreach Warehouse) and awareness of the need to feed the hungry.

**“Connection 690”**  
St. Augustine, Baldwinsville 315-638-0585 email:  
staugustine@syrдио.org  
A program that will allow youth from St. Augustine’s parish at one point on Interstate 690 and of a suburban culture, to develop sustained relationships with youth at St. Vincent de Paul parish at another point on Interstate 690 and an economically/culturally different environment due to its large population of refugees. The exposure to others from a different socio-economic culture will allow the youth from both parishes to have a direct experience of the teaching of the Church. (Received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Graduation Time”**  
St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Mexico 315-963-7255 email:  
lbuckley@syrдио.org  
A graduation Mass for seniors followed by a brunch for the graduates and their families.

**“Friday Youth Nights”**  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville 315-652-4300 email:  
stelizabeth@syrдио.org  
These Friday night events alternate between movie nights and Coffee House (performers, etc.) allowing the youth to have some type of entertainment ongoing each week.

**“Hands On”**  
St. James, Syracuse 315-469-7789 email:  
stjamessyr@syrдио.org  
Faith Formation and Confirmation Service Retreat Programs which offer “hands on” service focusing on our faith and our call to discipleship. Participants hear the witnessing of ministry volunteers, formerly homeless individuals along with ways to bring the presence of Christ to the marginalized. “Hands On” projects include preparing a hot meal, assembling care packages and gift packs for the homeless and needy. Following Mass, participants go to a homeless shelter, an expansion housing site, an inner city youth program or various other venues to feed and serve those most in need.

**“Life Teen”**  
Holy Family, Syracuse 315-488-3139 email:  
holyfamilyfairmount@syrдио.org  
There are about 100 students in the program. At a 4:00 Sunday youth Mass there are youth ministers and a youth band. After Mass there is a Life Teen meeting in which the pastor participates. Some of their activities include: Washington, DC Pro-Life March, NET Retreats and Steubenville Summer Conference.

**“Justice Walking”**  
All Saints, Syracuse 315-479-9934 email:  
allsaints@syrдио.org

Justice Walking (purchased from 'Just Faith Programs") for our youth helped them become involved with the needs of those around them and to see the many faces of Jesus in their community.

(received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**"Mission to Youth"**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Baldwinsville  
stelizabeth@syrдио.org

315-652-4300

email:

Mission Statement: "To bring kids closer to Christ and His Church!" They use weekly Youth bulletin inserts, Youth Masses, Facebook, Friday night movies and Karaoke, Coffee Houses, skiing, snow-boarding, ice skating, bowling and a whole bunch of dedicated adults and prayer to achieve their mission.

**"Notre Dame Vision Program"**

St. Leo, Tully  
conativity@syrдио.org

315-696-5092

email:

A program specially for high school students that takes place on the campus of Notre Dame University. It consists of 9 conference sessions over a period of 5 days. The program strives to introduce young people to the Christian notion of the "universal call to holiness." Cost for the conference and transportation is about \$600 per person. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**"Operation Youth Evangelization 2"**

St. Malachy, Sherburne  
stmalachysherburne@gmail.com

607-674-9625

email:

Received a 2013 McDevitt Grant to begin a youth group by scheduling activities every week. Participation has grown. Opportunities were given through events such as a week long bike tour where community service was intertwined with camping and praying together. Through this grant money some of the youth were able to attend their first Steubenville Youth Conference. The parish would like to expand the program this year. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**"PLUNGE Mission Trips"**

Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville  
hsyouth@icfayetteville.org

315-637-9846

email:

The parish sponsors PLUNGE mission trips every year, including a local and an out of town trip. The local trip this year will be an outreach one through the Brady Faith Center to many inner city organizations. The summer out of town trip is planned for Washington, DC working throughout the city doing various projects. The trips are well planned and organized. They are partially funded by the parish, McDevitt Grants and several fund raising events. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**"Movie Night"**

Blessed Sacrament, Syracuse  
blschurch@syrдио.org

315-437-3394

email:

Once a month weekend night. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. Popcorn, soda and etc. available.

**"Ropes Courses and Retreat Day"**

Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse  
mhrsyrдио@syrдио.org

315-478-5749

email:

Junior and senior high students will participate locally at Ropes Courses and spend a full day at a local retreat center. The exercises at the Ropes Courses and the retreat day challenge each



individual, in very different ways, to share their faith with one another, to grow in their own faith and to become more confident in that faith. (received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Rescue Mission Helpers”**

St. Peter/St. Mary, Rome 315-336-5072 email:  
stpetersrome@syrдио.org

Faith Formation students prepare a meal at home or at the church and serve it at the Rescue Mission. All grades are encouraged to bring in food weekly to help “In Mission of the Christ Child” food pantry at our parish.

**“Snacks and Supervision”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email:  
olosvestal@syrдио.org

A social program offered prior to weekday elementary faith formation classes where children are supervised in a safe setting. Students have a chance to snack and socialize with their friends and peers.

**“Teens Gathered in Faith” (TGIF)**

St. Mary, Clinton 315-853-2935 email:  
stmarysclinton@syrдио.org

TGIF is an initiative structured to facilitate the spiritual growth of students in grades 9-12. The group setting enables the participants to work in the support of each other in their religious beliefs and aid in the development of friendships within their peer group while reaching out to others in the community in need. These objectives are met through bi/weekly meetings with games, food and religious discussion. Once a month families are invited to participate in a family volleyball game. Members have planted a vegetable garden to benefit a feeding program in nearby Utica and have prepared and served meals at a Utica men’s shelter. Group trips have included planning and participating in team building overnight camping trips at the Oswegatchie outdoors center and Christ the King Retreat Center, Greenwich, NY. Plans are being made to begin a mentoring program utilizing past confirmation teens to work with middle school children grades 6-8.

**“Week Long Mission Trip”**

St. Stephen/St. Patrick, Whitney Point 607-692-3911 email:  
ststephenstpartick@syrдио.org

For the past several years students if grades 8 through college have gone with the Catholic Heart Work camp organization. The week long experience teaches the youth about helping those less fortunate. During the trip they will experience everything from cleaning up grounds, painting and general cleaning. Easy to replicate This project takes a lot of fund raising but worth the effort when one sees the impact it has on the youth. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Youth Center”**

St. John the Baptist/Transfiguration, Rome 315-337-0990 email:  
stjohnsrome@syrдио.org

The goal of the youth center is to reach out to surrounding parishes to gather youth in grades 9 – 12 to continue learning about their faith after they have completed Faith Formation classes. They meet weekly and attend outside events as well as do community service. Bibles and YouCat books are available for those who attend. This is the beginning of gathering all youth in the PCA under one roof for food, games and fellowship. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Youth Ministry Program”**

Immaculate Conception, Greene 607-656-8418 email:  
immcongreesne@syrдио.org

With the help of a 2013 McDevitt Grant and a volunteer college student/parishioner the parish was able to start a monthly youth group. At the end of the year the group had 26 members from the middle and high schools. The parish now feels the need to be able to pay a part-time youth/young adult minister.

(received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Youth Evangelization to Grow the Church and Change the World”**

St. Mary, Baldwinsville

315-635-5762

email:

stmarysbbville@syrddio.org

The parish is expanding its newly developed Youth Program to include a Junior Youth Group (grades 3-6), Youth Group (grades 7 and 8) and Senior Youth Group (grades 9-12). They continue to work with the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry for their training and continue to build upon that structure. The activities at all levels include speakers, catechesis, mission trips of service and Faith events like youth rallies. There are weekly, bi-weekly and monthly meetings for the various age levels run by parents and volunteers.

(received a 2013 and a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Youth Group Community Service”**

Sts. John and Andrew, Binghamton

607-722-0493

email:

stsjohnandrew@syrddio.org

Began a Community Outreach Program hosting several community events focused on fellowship, service and learning. In the spring the youth group cleaned up the neighborhood area surrounding the church. Family movie nights were held where donations for the food pantry were accepted. Just before school begins there is a ‘Back to School Kick Off’ where a collection of school supplies are given to students in need. At Halloween, as an alternative to trick or treating, the parish hosts a neighborhood Halloween Party for the youth. At Christmas time donations of toys or baby items are collected for Mom’s House.

(received a 2014 McDevitt Grant)

**“Youth Expansion”**

Sts. John and Andrew, Binghamton

607-722-0493

email:

stsjohnandrew@syrddio.org

Will expand the youth program by adding a few more events that bring the community together such as: hosting a *Night of Poverty Awareness* allowing the youth to present their stories of witnessing homelessness and poverty; making games to represent the history of a saint and have the teenagers dress as saints and presenting a *Living Nativity* at Christmastime. Faith Formation students would be included in many of the youth group activities. All events have a driving charity attached. The parish is always collecting food supplies for the pantry, school supplies, etc. After each event the parish has found that it is extending its outreach to people in the community. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Young Adult Evangelization Outreach”**

Pope John XXIII, Liverpool

315-652-6591

email:

johnxxiii@syrddio.org

The program is to identify, establish contact with and attract young adults into fuller participation in the parish.

The need is clear by their absence or distance from the community. Activities include: identification through parish and family contacts, establishing a facebook page, regular contacts and sponsoring events and activities to attract them to the parish. (received a 2015 McDevitt Grant)

**“Youth Night”**

Holy Trinity, Utica

315-724-7238

email:

holyytrinityutica@syrddio.org

Young people join together for fun, games, prayer, treats and crafts once a month.

**“Youth Picnic”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email:  
olosvestal@syrдио.org  
Social time once a month in the summer with games, catching up with friends and a picnic.

**“Youth View Program”**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Verona 315-363-7696 email:  
ologcverona@syrдио.org  
Christopher West presented “Theology of the Body”. Boys and parents met at one location and girls with parents at another time and place.

**B. RETREATS/SERVICE**

**“Faith on Fire”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287  
email:olosvestal@syrдио.org  
A late August event where students celebrate a youth Mass, open gym and a huge bonfire to highlight the start of another faith-filled year.

**“Nazareth Farm”**

Blessed Sacrament, Syracuse 315-437-3394 email:  
blschurch@syrдио.org  
A group of high school students, with chaperones, raise money from movie nights, car washes, and donations to pay the expenses of renting a van, gas and staying at Nazareth Farm in West Virginia for a week in the summer. They work doing home repairs for the poor in that area. The kids get to know the families that live below the poverty level. When they return home they speak about their experience at the weekend Masses. It is a real experience for these students who have cell phones, iPods, etc. to work with families that have no running water, no indoor plumbing and no electricity.

**“Peace Camp”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email:  
olosvestal@syrдио.org  
A week long summer program to teach skills in anger management, conflict resolution and peacemaking.

**“Shoeboxes”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email:  
olosvestal@syrдио.org  
Jr/Sr high school students collect toiletries and personal care items. They create special gift boxes that are distributed through Catholic Charities to local teens in need.

**“Speakers”**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal 607-748-8287 email:  
olosvestal@syrдио.org  
Each year a nationally known speaker or youth minister is invited to the area. Past speakers have included: Jesse Manibusan, Steve Angrisano, Tony Melendez, Frank Runyeon, Marc Friedman, Janet Voigh and the Matt Maher band.

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