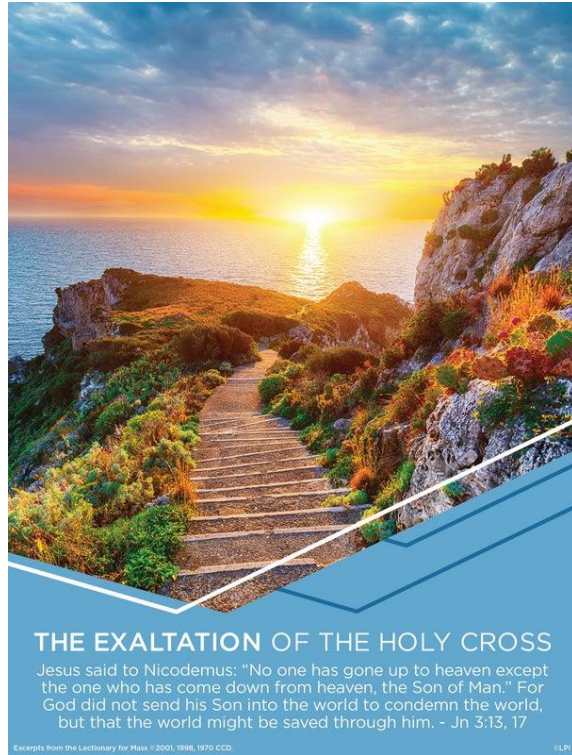


The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
September 14, 2025



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

Mass Times

Saturday, 5:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues  
Sunday, 9 am, St. Isaac Jogues  
Sunday, 10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament

New Schedule  
starting

October 18, 2025

Saturday, 4:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues  
Sunday, 9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues  
Sunday, 10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament

Weekend	Bl. Sac.	St. Isaac
September 7	\$1,870	\$3,130
Fuel	\$502	\$708

2<sup>nd</sup> Collections

9/28 Catholic Schools

Registration Forms

are available at the entrance of the Church.

St. Isaac Jogues

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call the office 518-824-1176.

9/13 Pete Wood *Req. Rounds/DeBartolo*

9/14 Tom, Markie & Thomas Carroll

*Req. The Carroll Family*

9/20 Mary Poczobut *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*

9/20 Juan Jesus Hernandez *Req. Rounds/DeBartolo*

9/21 Irene Panchana

*Req. Mary Ann & Walter Burke*

**Fall Frolic:** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent church fundraiser! Because of your generosity, our **Cash Raffle and Basket Raffle** were a great success. We are truly blessed by the kindness of our parishioners, friends, and community who continue to support the mission of our church. We raised \$22,000 for the cash raffle. \$11,000 went to 3 winners, Bernie McCann, Paul Schuerlein, and Diane Benedetto. Each ticket was worth \$3,666. For our basket raffle we raised \$2,175. Your generosity helps us grow in faith and service together.

**No Daily Mass** this Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Blessed Sacrament

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.

9/14 Frank Mitchel *Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell*

9/14 Robert Putt *Req. Dawn Faller*

9/21 Ed Sheridan *Req. Dawn Faller*

9/21 All Souls *Req. The Schuster Family*

**Prayer Intentions:** call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765

**Rosary:** Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

**No Daily Mass** this Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Adoration:** Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**Coffee Hour:** Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass.

Generations of Faith

In this World, Not of this World

Come share how to stay strong IN this world and not surrender our souls TO this world.

When: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 6-8 pm

Where: St. Edward the Confessor Church

569 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park

What: Sharing by Sr. Teresa Grace Baillageon, C.R.

Free Will Offering will be available.

Bring your children. A Youth Rally, will be provided for ages 3-17 years old.



Diocesan Appeal

**Our 2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal has begun.** The timing of this appeal allows us to ask our summer families to help with this huge undertaking.

This appeal pays for schooling and training for our clergy, deacons, seminarian formation, hospitals, college chaplains, and many other operational support systems necessary to successfully perform all the tasks required by the Diocese. Opening this appeal early gives you the opportunity to spread the payments over a longer period of time.

The assessment for St. Isaac Jogues is \$15,429. This is \$88 more than last year. The assessment for Blessed Sacrament is \$18,895. This represents a \$2,147 decrease from last year.

The calculation of the appeal in each parish is based on the parish's offertory for an average of 3 years.

"With the light & strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love that proclaims the word and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.," from Pope Leo.

To donate online the webpage is:

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/>



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BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 6:30 PM**

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Gospel Meditation

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for breakthrough "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Daily Prayer Versus Mass?

**Question:**

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

**Answer:**

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away? ©LPi