



# Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community

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January 21, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: 716-688-9380

6919 Transit Road, Swormville, NY 14051

Office hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

St. Teresa of Avila Church  
5771 Buell Street, Akron, NY 14001

Our Lady of Peace Church  
10950 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
4375 Harris Hill Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221

St. Mary's Church  
6919 Transit Road Swormville, NY 14051

Rev. Thomas M. Mahoney, Pastor  
Rev. Walter J. Szczesny, Senior Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Arthur E. Mattulke, Senior Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Joseph N. Franz, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Richard Stachura  
Deacon Thomas Friedman  
Deacon Ronald Adamczak  
Deacon Arthur Sullivan  
Deacon Peter Donnelly

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Evening/Sunday Vigil

4:00 PM St. Teresa & St. Mary's

5:15 PM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

### Sunday Morning

7:30 AM St. Mary's

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

9:00 AM St. Mary's & St. Teresa

10:00 AM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

11:00 AM St. Mary's

### Weekday Masses

St. Mary's: Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM  
(Monday-Thursday in Chapel; Friday-Saturday in Main Church)

Nativity of BVM: Monday, Wednesday – Saturday 8:00 AM.  
Tuesday 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Peace: Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM, Friday  
6:30 AM

St. Teresa: Monday – Tuesday 8:00 AM, Wednesday 5:30  
PM, Thursday – Friday 8:00 AM, Saturday 9:00 AM

### St. Teresa of Avila Mass Schedule

#### Saturday Vigil, January 20 - BVM

4:00 pm Intentions of Mary Olsen by Khan Family

#### Sunday, January 21

9:00 am Timothy Bell & Josephine Bradley by Greg & Judith Bell

#### Monday, January 22

8:00 am Intentions for Mothers

#### Tuesday, January 23

8:00 am Edoardo Marinelli – Birthday Blessings by Mary Olsen

#### Wednesday, January 24 – St. Francis deSales

5:30 pm Marguerite Marinelli – Birthday Blessings by Mary Olsen

#### Thursday, January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 am John Hawes – Birthday Remembrance by Mom

#### Friday, January 26 – St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:00 am Intentions for Fathers

#### Saturday, January 27 - BVM

9:00 am Dearly Departed Souls

4:00 PM Judith Bell by Greg & Judith Bell

#### Sunday, January 28

### Our Lady of Peace - Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 20

5:15PM The DelMonte Family

#### Sunday, January 21

##### *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00AM JoAnn Scrivani – Mike and Sandra Coon

10:00AM Adolf Brandl – wife, Linda

#### Monday, January 22

##### *Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children*

8:00AM Ann Nicolson – Mark & Bonnie Morgante

#### Tuesday, January 23

8:00AM Donald Kelly – Trudy & Lew Wargo

#### Wednesday, January 24

##### *St. Francis DeSales, Religious Founder & Doctor*

8:00AM Living & Deceased members of the Scheeler & Wargo Families

#### Thursday, January 25

##### *The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

8:00AM Barbara Wrazien – David & Susan Wrazien

#### Friday, January 26

##### *St. Timothy & St. Titus Bishops*

6:30AM Dominic & Nancy Paianini

#### Saturday, January 27

5:15PM Sam Pasceri – Larry & Trish Ramunno

#### Sunday, January 28

##### *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00AM Intentions of Fr. Walt Szczesny – OLP Parishioners

10:00AM Raymond Frank – Bernadine Frank

### St. Mary's Swormville Mass Schedule

#### Saturday, January 20 - Vigil

4:00PM Cristina Ventry by Carolyn Nenni  
And Chester Syput by the Lougen Family

#### Sunday, January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Melvin, Joe & Manuel (for conversation to faith)  
by Mom

9:00AM Ken Tramosch by Dave & Kathy Fronczak

11:00AM Toni Faber by Therese & Joe Faber

#### Monday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of unborn children

9:00AM Mary Quinn by Eileen Nahigian

#### Tuesday, January 23—St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

9:00AM Carol Boone by Eileen Nahigian

#### Wednesday, January 24 – St. Francis De Sales, Religious Founder and Doctor

9:00AM Gab Nahigian by the Nahigian Family

#### Thursday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle

9:00AM Teresa Donohue by the family  
And Joseph Zoladz by the family

#### Friday, January 26—St. Timothy and St. Titus Bishops

9:00AM Nancy Wallace by family & friends

#### Saturday, January 27— St. Angela Merici, Virgin

9:00AM Eddie Walters by Art & Marie Stroh

4:00PM Carolyn M. Lux by the Witkowski Family

#### Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Sam Ward by his estate

9:00AM Mike Faber by Therese & Joe Faber

11:00AM Kathleen Kisker by son Brian

And Elizabeth Archer  
by Wendy & Gary Wheeler

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

#### Saturday, January 20

5:15PM Franklin Fitch—Marilyn Wende  
Lawrence Vito—Iain & Jane Tugwell

#### Sunday, January 21—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Walter Theisen—Kolber Family

10:00AM Charles Bartolotta—Mary & Mary Crehan & Family

Angelo Costanzo II—Steve & Sharon Friscaro

#### Monday, January 22—Day of Prayer for Unborn

8:00AM Shirley Panaro—Joanne & Eric Zimmerman

#### Tuesday, January 23

9:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

#### Wednesday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

#### Thursday, January 25—St. Paul Apostle Conversion

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

#### Friday, January 26—Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:00AM Louella & Joseph Miller—Sharyn & Bill Miller  
Charlene Kern—Harold Kern

#### Saturday, January 27— St. Angela Merici; BVM

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

5:15PM Salvatrice Sakoski—Friend

Lawrence Vito—Fran Menno

#### Sunday, January 28—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Joseph Pawlak—Mrs. Rosemary Banas

10:00AM Special Intentions—The Family

## The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Homeschool Families are invited** to attend an **Information Meeting** hosted by **The School of Two Hearts Homeschool Program**. Sunday, January 28th 1pm - 3pm & Monday, January 29th 7pm-8:30pm 4125 Union Road Cheektowaga, NY 14225 Review of 6 Program Options and our new *Armor Up!* Tutoring Program, Tour, Meet our Instructors. Questions? See our website [schooloftwoheartsbuffalo.org](http://schooloftwoheartsbuffalo.org) or call Mrs. Ann Suchyna (716)292-8580.

### Boy Scout Troup 92 — Drive Thru Bottle & Can Drive — January 27-28, 2024

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 92 will be holding our next Bottle & Can Drive on the weekend of January 27 (2:00 - 6:00 pm) and January 28 (7:00 am - 1:00 pm). Look for the redemption truck parked in the school lot along Transit Rd. Drive through on your way to/from Mass, and our scouts will remove the bags from your vehicle. Please contact Margaret Terrill with any questions (716-908-7684, [mterrill44@yahoo.com](mailto:mterrill44@yahoo.com)). Thank you for your support!!!

**Catholic Singles Mingle – Adults 30s & 40s:** Join us for an evening of appetizers, fellowship and fun at JP Lounge (5445 Transit Rd. Williamsville 14221) on Tue. February 13, 2024. This St. Valentine's Day Celebration is for Catholic single adults in their 30s and 40s. All proceeds benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center which serves families and life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need during and after pregnancy. Reserve your spot online: [csm3.eventbrite.com](https://csm3.eventbrite.com)

**Saints On The Slopes:** Join your friends in faith for a ski adventure and potluck luncheon at Holiday Valley ([6557 Holiday Valley Rd. Ellicottville, NY 14731](https://www.holidayvalley.com)) on Saturday February 10, 2024 at 12:00pm. This event is for adults 21+. All proceeds benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center which serves families and life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need during and after pregnancy. For more information and to reserve your free spot visit <https://SOTS.eventbrite.com>

### Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Buffalo

Healing Mass – Fr. Richard DiGiulio

Wednesday January 31, 2024 @ 7PM

St. Vincent De Paul Church

6441 Seneca St. at Rice Road

Springbrook (Elma) NY 1440 - 716-652-3972

#### Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday:	Jn 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "**Repent!**" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.. *Father John Muir* ©LPI

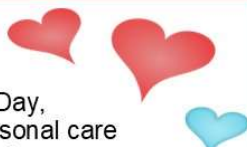


Weekly Events Calendar  
Posted on the Bulletin  
Board in the vestibule and  
on the Website.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Classes  
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6  
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-10

**Collection for the  
Response to Love Center**



As we approach Valentine's Day,  
please consider donating personal care  
items for the needy: toothbrushes,  
toothpaste, shampoo, soaps for personal hygiene,  
also laundry soap, and baby diapers.  
Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness!  
Boxes will be placed in the vestibule during  
February.

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children**

January 22nd is dedicated by the Church as a Day  
of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn  
Children. This is a good time for us to remember  
that prayer is the foundation and cornerstone for  
fighting against the culture of death.

The Pro-Life Prayer Group, which meets every  
Saturday at 9:30 am in the parking lot near the  
Blessed Mother Mary statue, invites all parishioners  
to join them in prayer.

**Catholic Charities**

To mark its centennial year, Catholic Charities of  
Buffalo partnered with local advertising agency  
Abbey Mecca to produce and film a documentary  
titled, "A Century of HOPE," highlighting the  
organization's history, story and unique, integral  
contributions to Western New York.  
Incorporating interviews of 16 individuals involved  
with Catholic Charities over many decades, archive  
footage, and other memorabilia, the documentary  
covers the rich history of the nonprofit, from its  
origins in 1923 to its storied impact in the Western  
New York community. "It just seems so natural today  
to put something on film for a lasting memory of  
this 100-year mark," said Rose Caldwell, Catholic  
Charities chief communications officer. "Our  
interviewees did such a phenomenal job sharing their  
stories and reflections of Catholic Charities - all of  
these meaningful moments woven through the years  
and our community formed our history. It's exciting  
and an honor to be a part of that."  
"A Century of HOPE" can also be viewed anytime on  
Catholic Charities' YouTube channel at [youtube.com/  
CCBuffalo](https://youtube.com/CCBuffalo) and on its website, [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org).



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Remember a loved one, living or deceased, in a  
special way with a Mass. Contact the parish office  
to reserve a date, 716-542-9103.

**Prayer for Vocations** - God our Father, we thank  
you for calling men and women to serve in your  
Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious  
priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you,  
and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond  
generously and courageously to your will. We ask  
this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. Amen.





# Our Lady of Peace Church

10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031

P. 716.759.8554 ~ Email: [office@olpclarence.org](mailto:office@olpclarence.org)

Rectory office: M-Thursday 8:30AM-2:30PM and Friday 8:30AM-12Noon

## A Message From Father Walter

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus approaches his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, with an interesting proposition: leave your fishing nets and lives by the sea and turn your attention toward catching people in the net of God's love. In some ways, calling fishermen to his work seems like an odd choice and yet the skills needed for catching fish (patience, perseverance, hard work, ability to weather storms) would likely come in handy when fishing for people. Within the Gospel, Jesus chooses ordinary people with everyday occupations to be his closest collaborators. Though they were not the obvious choices for founding his church, in following Jesus the disciples gained the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding to carry forth Jesus' mission after his death and resurrection. Today, Jesus continues to call ordinary, everyday people to be "fishers of men." How will we respond?

Fr. Walt  
[pastor@olpclarence.org](mailto:pastor@olpclarence.org)

## Bottles for Babies

Harvest House Bottles for Babies will be available on the weekend of Jan 20th-21 & Feb 3rd-4th. Please put your loose change in a bottle and bring it to church on the weekend of Feb 10th -11th & Feb 17th-18th. The Bottles for Babies Campaign helps Harvest House with purchasing cribs, socks, underwear and newborn clothing. Last year our parish collected \$2326.40. If you have any questions give me a call (716-982-2205)

God Bless, Tom Nikiel

## ADORATION DEVOTION - HELP NEEDED

As you are hopefully aware, our Parish offers Adoration devotion every Wednesday 7AM-6 PM. In order for Adoration to continue in our Parish, we need to be sure that coverage is available throughout that time period. We are asking you to prayerfully consider becoming a devoted member of the Adoration by committing yourself to a specific hour during that time period on each Wednesday.

This is a tremendous opportunity to spend some prayerful time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist and the grace received from this devotion is immeasurable.

If you think that you could be of assistance, or even maybe a substitute on occasion, please call Michael Coon at 716-432-8386. Thank-you!

## LECTORS

**Saturday, January 27**

5:15 PM Bruce Kloc

**Sunday, January 28**

8:00 AM Patrick Flynn

10:00 AM Adolph Iannaccone

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, January 27**

5:15 PM Bert Sweeney, Katie Giansante, Susan Sweeney, Maureen McEwan

**Sunday, January 28**

8:00 AM Elvin Eberle, Kathi Rosenhahn, Lew Wargo

10:00 AM Mary Czosek, Kathleen Andrews, Becky Florentino, Ron Andrews

## Second Collection

There will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. Please support those around the world and right here at home. For additional information go to [www.usccb.org/](http://www.usccb.org/)



**Knights of Columbus  
#13661**

## Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday February 4, 2024 from 2-6PM**

More Details coming soon

at

Our Lady of Peace Parish Center  
10950 Main St. Clarence, NY

Dine-in or Take-out



We're going to the K of C Spaghetti Dinner.

Won't you join us ?

The Knights of Columbus Council #13661 is made up of 3 parishes:  
St. Teresa's of Avila, Akron NY; Our Lady of Peace, Clarence NY  
and Nativity of Mary, Harris Hill NY

If you feel called to join men of faith in serving our local parish family and communities, call our council's Grand Knight - Larry Residorf (716) 409-0675.



Who registered in November & December at St. Mary's:

M/M Dwight Clark, Deacon/Mrs. Peter Donnelly, M/M Phillip Held, M/M Peter Hurley, Mrs. Geraldine McMahon, M/M Scott Piel, M/M Danielle Reinhardt, M/M Brent Rickan, M/M Todd Robida, Christopher Salmin & Olivia Arcara, Mrs. Maria Schory, M/M James Stanton and M/M Jared Zerjav,



In November & December at St. Mary's:

Elianna Grace Morreale, daughter of Giovanna & Alan, Anne Marie Sherwood, daughter of Elizabeth & Kenneth, Alexander Leo Johnson, son of Pamela & Jeffrey, Clara Ann Gutillo, daughter of Brittany & Andrew, Quinn Noelle Reinhardt, daughter of Danielle & Kenneth, Willie Evelyn Luzak, daughter of Michelle & Jordan, Logan Weller Feidner, son of Marinna & Gregory and Brooklyn Marie Koenig, daughter of Nicole & Matthew.



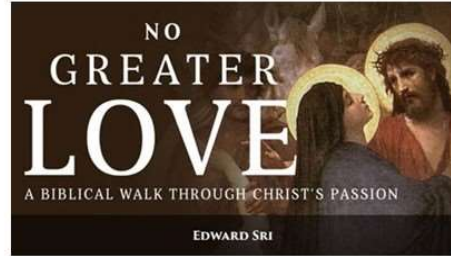
Each year we purchase a new Paschal Candle for the church. The Paschal Candle is blessed and used in procession at the Easter Vigil, and then placed on the altar for the Easter Season. It is also lit for all baptisms and funerals throughout the year. If you are interested in donating the funds for this year's Paschal Candle in honor or memory of a loved one, please call our bookkeeper Joanne at the rectory. The cost for this year's candle is \$500.

Cold & Flu Season Reminders - 1) If you're sick stay home! It is not a sin to miss Mass when you are sick, especially when you are contagious. 2) Refrain from receiving communion on the tongue or from the Cup. 3) Everyone should be diligent about washing hands before and after Mass, especially if you are a greeter, usher or Eucharistic Minister.

Thank you to an anonymous donor for the donation toward the new holy water fonts in church, in memory of Mary Cannon. If anyone is still interested in making a donation for the holy water fonts in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Joanne Brown, in the parish office.



~Your Regift could be the Perfect Gift~ Please consider donating New presents that you received and cannot use for our 2024 Auction. We will gladly accept new household items, sporting goods, outdoor recreation, toys & games, entertainment, and wine & spirits. All donations can be dropped off to the Parish office during business hours. Your thoughtful gesture will help make our 2024 Gala a Big Success! Call Janice O'Brien at 716-688-9380 or email



Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?

Filed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Join Deacon Rick on this 5-week journey during Lent. Classes begin on Wednesday, February 21st. We will meet in the Parish Center at 10:00am or 6:30pm. Please sign up on the St. Mary's website or call Catholic Education Office at 716-688-0599.

IMPORTANT 2023 END-OF-YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH ATTENTION: Any parishioner who wishes to receive an End-of-Year statement for tax purposes. STATEMENTS MUST BE REQUESTED, THEY ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY SENT OUT

I wish to receive a statement of my contributions for the calendar year 2023

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK RETURN MEDIUM:

\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL STATEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ PAPER STATEMENT PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Christ Renews Welcome is truly a life-changing experience. Not only changing spiritual life, but changing every other aspect of life as well.



Women's weekend February 24th - 25th

Marelyne Tolentino - (720) 220-9856

marelyne.tolentino@gmail.com

Rosanne Davis - (716) 830-6805 rosanne\_davis@hotmail.com

Men's weekend March 9th - 10th

Patrick MacDiarmid - (716) 864-8347 pgmacdiarmid@yahoo.com

Greg Honsberger - (716) 713-2222 honsbergergreg@yahoo.com

Register online stmaryswormville.org - Because you deserve to live as God created you to be.

Christ Renews Welcome - Alumni Mass - February 4th 3:00 pm Come Join us!



# OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 10:30 am - 12 pm



**RSVP HERE**

Scan the QR code or visit [smstheplacetobee.com](http://smstheplacetobee.com)



**St. Mary School**  
SWORMVILLE



**ST. MARY'S**  
MONTESSORI

DEDICATED TO THE WHOLE CHILD...  
SERVING THE ENTIRE FAMILY.



**“When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, ‘Samuel, Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’” 1 Samuel 3: 9-10** Take a minute to reflect on the passage. Where is Samuel when he hears God calling him? He chose to sleep in the presence of God, near the Ark of the Covenant. How are you choosing to spend time being close with The Lord? Do you put yourself in a position to hear Him? As the new year begins, think of ways to strengthen your relationship with God, finding ways to regularly spend undistracted time with Him. How do you answer when you recognize God speaking to your heart? **Get involved:**

**Adult Formation** is available both mornings and evenings, in person and remotely over zoom. We currently have several options to choose from listed on the St Mary website under Adult Formation. The more you learn and grow in faith, the deeper your relationship will develop with Our Lord. **Practice your faith at home as a family.** As a child's first teacher, parents, grandparents and godparents introduce children to our rich Catholic faith as young as an infant. The relationship you help them create with Jesus at this young age will continue to strengthen each year. Sign out the **Let The Children Come To Me** bag filled with different items to help you walk in faith as a family with young children. The sign up is found on the St Mary website under Children's Ministry.

**Breakthrough** – All those in grades 6-12 are encouraged to bring a friend and participate faith, food and fun. The sign up for this youth group is found on the St Mary website under Youth Ministry. Our next session is scheduled for **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8pm**

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Knights of Columbus Thoughts for the Week

It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### Catholic Relief Services Diocesan Collection January 28

There will be an additional offering next weekend to support Catholic Relief Services locally and throughout the world.

Please consider supporting this humanitarian effort.

### Year End Statements

A Sign up sheet at the main entrance of the Church is available to request *Year End Statements of Contributions*.

An email request can also be made. Please address the request to: [accounting@nativityharrishill.org](mailto:accounting@nativityharrishill.org)

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) offers assistance with food, clothing, gasoline, medicine, rent, utilities and transportation to people of all backgrounds and faiths facing economic or emotional crises. To request assistance from SVDP, please call the Nativity Parish contact at 716-632-8838 ext. 420 and leave a message for a parish member to respond back. Financial donations can be placed directly in the collection boxes at Nativity Church. Clothing donations can be placed directly in the collection boxes in the lower parking lot at Nativity Church. Furniture donations can be arranged directly with SVDP by calling 716-882-3360 .



### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays  
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Chaplet of Divine  
Mercy  
8:00 pm

### The Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant Ministry (RIMM) of Nativity Parish is announcing the **6th Home Again Project!**

RIMM is working with **Journey's End Resettlement Service\*** to help furnish a home for a refugee family, forced to flee their homeland to resettle in Western New York.

We are asking for pledges for donations **NOW** and will collect and store donations on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the PAA center.

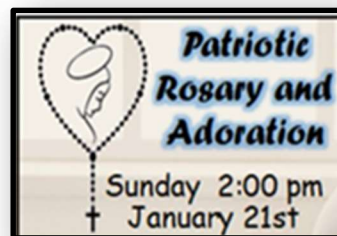
The **"wish list"** of household goods needed to furnish a "Home Again" for a refugee family can be accessed at: <https://shorturl.at/pAIM9>

Cash donations and gift cards for Wegmans or TOPS are also greatly appreciated.

Please make checks out to: **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, with the notation "RIMM Project."

RIMM is looking for volunteers to assist with the collection of small items at the Nativity/Paa Center on **Sat., Feb. 3rd** and to help with the apartment move-in sometime in February (date to be determined)

Please contact Cheryl Gelder [geldercheryl@yahoo.com](mailto:geldercheryl@yahoo.com) if you are interested.



JOIN US FOR  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7pm to 9 pm  
Msgr Paa Center





# NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE



**SUNDAY 1.28.24**

**11:00AM – 1:00 PM**

**AGE 3 – GRADE 8**

**8550 MAIN STREET, WILLIAMSVILLE**

**WWW.NATIVITYOFMARYSCHOOL.ORG**

Madison Albanese  
Lucio Arno  
Olivia Ayers  
Brooke Bandelian  
Olivia Behney  
Alexander Behney  
Avery Bennett  
Adriana Bianchi  
Logan Bogner  
Josslyn Boorman  
Claire Borawski

Daniel Bruks  
Carter Cieplinski  
Cameron Cohen  
Mason Connolly  
Lucia Corrao  
Cameron Crean  
Mackenzie Crosier  
Maxwell D'Amico  
Iliana DeSantis  
Cameron DiPasquale  
Logan Dollinger  
Patrick Fitzgerald  
Abigail Hartmann  
Blake Hedges  
Riley Hubacher  
Carson Kotwicki  
Camden Kowalewski  
Augusten Kuechle  
Tessa Lenhardt  
Daniela Lytle  
Milania McCabe

## Congratulations!

This month, the following boys and girls experienced the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the very first time at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We congratulate all of the children and their families, catechists, and teachers!

Abigail Meiler  
Gianna Midecke  
Alexandra Mouawad  
Angelo Natale  
Sofia Pacillo  
Piper Pawlak  
Avery Pietak  
Hayley Rademacher  
Mark Ramirez  
Carter Ricchiazzi  
Lucas Rombola  
Breanna Ronald

Caroline Sahlen  
Kennedy Saladin  
Lyla Seitz  
Emma Suffoletto  
Sevilla Synrod  
Christian Targia  
Harrison Urbanek  
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Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction-  
Second Friday of the month 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Confession: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

Also the 1st Saturday of the month 8:15-8:45 am &  
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30-4:15 pm

Rosary: First Saturday Prior to 9 am Mass

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Please Keep In Your Prayers: Gloria Kintzel, Pat Schifferle, Karen Fox, William Eberhard, Barbara Ford, Susan Hegetsweiller, Bob Larouere, Linda Chaffee, Richard Jordan, Ita Steele, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whelan, and Laura Gray.  
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**Holy Day Masses:** 5:00pm Vigil, 7:00am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** First Friday, 9:30am-noon

**Confession:** Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Also the 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass

**Anointing Mass:** Last Saturday of the month  
after 9:00am Mass

**Rosary:** Monday-Saturday 8:30am (before 9:00am Mass)  
& Wednesday 7:00pm (Chapel)

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**Please keep in prayer the following on our sick list:** Kathy Kent, Gene Santercole, Tom Archer, Ashley Meinhold, Kim Fassel, Paul Kluczynski, Joyce Zoerb, Hilary Konitsch, Jeanne Cornell, Maria Iacono, John Kraus, Delphine Levesque and Terry Tripi.

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wed. 7AM-6PM

**Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Wed. 5:30 - 6PM

**Confession:** Saturday from 3:45 - 4:45PM

**Let us pray for the following on our sick list:** Maria A., Mary Celine Aaron, Chuck M., Joan Antonicelli, Eleanore Cammarata, Austin Beatty, Brandon, Jack Blodgett, David Bogden, David Burke, Rosemary Caito, Charisse Callahan, Joan Chatman, Christi Carson, Theresa Chapman, Stephen Cislo, Lauren Conrad, Daniel Cortese, Sharon Covert, Rick Cousineau, Peg Cummings, Jim Cummings, Donald, Jack, Darlene Feinen, Carol & Ken Fox, Kevin G., Gabe, Gary Grapentrog, Heidi, Ian Harden, George, Mark Hilbert, Jackie, Jackie S., Kay Jelfer, John Kuloszewski, Mark Korpanty, Mary Lidkea, Sister Marcia Klawon O.S.F., Sister Ann Helene Koenig OSF, Steve L., Al Meister, Kathy McHugh, Kevin McNamara, Candace Morse, Pam Murray, Peter Rizzo, Joan O'Brien, Carmine Purdie, P.A.T., Paulette Sadus, Ron Sarafin, Donna Schmidle, Eleanor Smith, Steve, Thomas L., Frank & Dolores Tobin, Vince, Judy Vogt, Mary Ellen Wagner, Paul Willard, Ron Weiss, Msgr. Wetter & Genevieve Wojcik.

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays 7:30-8:30  
with Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 8:00pm  
**Confession:** Saturday 3:45-4:45pm

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**Please keep in prayer the people on our sick list:**

Patricia LaVell, Thomas Downing, Carole Zintl, Mary Downing

*Effective December 3, 2023 : Prayer names will be posted for one month unless special circumstances exist. For reasons of privacy, only family members will be allowed to quest the publication of names for the prayer listing in the bulletin.*