



Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community

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January 28, 2024 | 4th 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, January 27 - BVM

4:00 PM Judith Bell by Greg & Judith Bell

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Joseph Cunningham by Mom

Monday, January 29

8:00 am Donald Benker by Benker Family

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 am Marianne Rejewski by Flumerfeldt Family

Wednesday, January 31 – St. John Bosco

5:30 pm Steven Flumerfeldt – Birthday Blessings by Family

Thursday, February 1

8:00 am Intentions for Mothers

Friday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am Special Intention by Mary Olsen

Saturday, February 3 – St. Blaise

9:00 am Intentions for Fathers

4:00 PM Mary Grace Bergman – Birthday Blessings by Mom & Dad

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am Intentions of Sue Santandreu & Family by Fr. Art

Our Lady of Peace - Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 29

8:00AM Gerry Rabin – The Family

Tuesday, January 30

8:00AM Elizabeth Schachtner – Karen & Mark Molitor

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00AM Departed Soul's

Thursday, February 1

8:00AM Mother's Day Intention

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

6:30AM Sam Calandra – Sandy & Mike Coon

8:00AM Departed Soul's

Saturday, February 3

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

6:30AM Departed Soul's

8:00AM Departed Soul's

5:15PM James A. Welton – The Welton Siblings

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Sam Calandra – Lois & Doug Meyers

10:00AM Joe Kandefer – Paul & Beverly Overbeck

St. Mary's Swormville Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 27 - Vigil

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

Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

7:30AM Sam Ward by his estate

9:00AM Mike Faber by Therese & Joe Faber

11:00AM Kathleen Kisker by son Brian

11:00AM Elizabeth Archer by Wendy & Gary Wheeler

Monday, January 29

9:00AM John White by Linda Hutten & Larry Jenkin

Tuesday, January 30

9:00AM Nicholas Cornwall by the family

Wednesday, January 31 – St. John Bosco, priest

9:00AM All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners

Thursday, February 1

9:00AM Mary Vandervoort from a friend

Friday, February – 2 The Presentation of the Lord

9:00AM Gordon J. Steinagle from a friend

Saturday, February 3 - St. Blaise, St. Ansgar; Bishop

9:00AM Helene Steinagle from a friend

4:00PM Sam Ward by his estate

Sunday, February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Peter Oehman by the family

9:00AM Margaret Edbauer by Veronica Edbauer

11:00AM Kathleen Lord by friend Deanna Donatelli

3:00PM CRHP Alumni Mass "All past & future participants of CRHP by the Christ Renews Welcome Ministry

Blessing of the Throat On February 3, the Feast Day of St.

Blaise, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 27

5:15PM Salvatrice Sakoski—Friend
Lawrence Vito—Fran Menno

Sunday, January 28—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Joseph Pawlak—Mrs. Rosemary Banas

10:00AM Special Intentions—The Family

Monday, January 29

8:00AM Living & Deceased members of Lewczyk & Bykowski Families
Evelyn Burgasser—Lyn Hutchinson

Tuesday, January 30

9:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

Wednesday, January 31—St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

Thursday, February 1

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

Friday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

8:00AM

Saturday, February 3— St. Blaise, St. Ansgar; Bishops

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

5:15PM Liz Schachtner—Paula Materise

Gene Willard—Julie Shaver & Family

Sunday, February 4—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Special Intentions—The Family

10:00AM Thomas Burgasser—Ullrich Family
Deanne MacDonald—Terry Colosi

The Fourth 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 or call Mrs. Ann Suchyna (716)292-8580.

Our Lady of Pompeii Parish has RESCHEDULED their Homemade Polish Dinner for Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 4 PM until sold out. The dine in or take out meal includes: Pork Chop, fresh & smoked sausage, cheese & sauerkraut pierogi, sweet & sour cabbage, rye bread & butter! \$15.00 per dinner. Prepared by our chef: Mike Numeracki & Company! All are welcome! Location: In Our Lady of Pompeii Ministry Center AUD, 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, New York 14086. www.olpparish.com 716-683-6522

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

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

Have you noticed our new family logo? We are grateful to Tim Nettina for designing this lovely depiction of our Blessed Mother and St. Teresa of Avila for our ACRCC (Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community) family of parishes.

Did you know we now have a family website? It is a simple convenient resource for information on all four parishes and our two schools. Go to akronclarencercc.org to check it out.

Come to our next Men's Lunch 1:00 PM Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Fatima Shrine. Our speaker is not available in the morning, so we will meet after Mass for lunch at 1:00 PM and the discussion will be at 1:30PM. Our speaker will be Deacon Don Weigel and his topic will be: **What's Up with the Synod?** You've heard about the Synod on **Synodality** - it's a ground-breaking event in the Church and something every Catholic should know about. Join Deacon Don as he presents "**The Top Ten Things to Know about the Synod**" where he explains what a Synod is, and why this one is so important. Deacon Don will dispel misinformation and answer your questions about the Synod.

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

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
Feb. 4 - 9 am, Rite of Blessings Mass

**ADORATION BEFORE
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Join us on the first Friday of Lent, February 16th, for Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. Adorers may talk to God, pray from a prayer book, read a spiritual reading, pray the rosary, or just sit with God for one minute, one hour, or any length of time. Bask in God's grace, love, light, and infinite ocean of mercy.

A sign-up sheet for adoration times is on the table in the vestibule. We will hold adoration every Friday during Lent, if enough people are interested.

**Collection for the
Love Center**

Response to

As we approach Valentine's Day, please donate 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 are available in the vestibule until February 18th.



Take a moment to read the interview conducted by the East Aurora Advertiser with our parishioners, the Flumerfeldt Family.

The article is available at <https://www.eastaurorany.com/articles/iroquois-grad-pens-book-about-raising-a-child-with-down-syndrome/>.

Steven wrote a book about their journey with their daughter, Gabby, who has Downs Syndrome. Gabby is an altar server here at St. Teresa and brings a smile to the face of anyone who meets her. Copies of the book are \$12 plus shipping and are available by emailing: Steven.Flumerfeldt@gmail.com or by calling 585-599-4216.

Precious Blood - In an abundance of caution and to keep all our parishioners and our ministers safe, we will be suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood during this time of increased cases of the Flu, Covid and RSV.

Saturday, February 3

Every First Saturday the Rosary will be prayed before the 9 am Mass and Confessions will be heard from 8:15-8:45 am and 3-4 pm

The Feast of Saint Blaise - February 3rd

Throats will be blessed at all the Masses on the weekend of February 3rd & 4th. Saint Blasie was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. During the middle ages, he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat.

☺ A pastor went out one Saturday to visit his church members. At one house it was obvious that someone was home, but nobody came to the door even though the pastor had knocked several times. Finally, the pastor took out his card and wrote "Revelations 3:20" on the back of it, and stuck it in the door. {Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and him with me.} The next day, the card turned up in the collection plate. Below the pastor's message was the notation "Genesis 3:10". {I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.}



Our Lady of Peace Church

10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031

P. 716.759.8554 ~ Email: office@olpclarenc.org

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

A Message From Father Walter

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel reading the people of Capernaum hear the one who embodies the word of God speaking directly to them and they are "astonished at his teaching." In Jesus we find the revelation of God in flesh and blood. During his earthly life, people look upon his face, touch the hem of his robe, and listen to his voice, all without fear of death. When we come to Mass we also encounter the risen Lord, truly present to us in word, body, and blood. In wonder and awe, let us draw close to him and may we never cease to be astonished at the beauty of this mystery.

Fr. Walt

pastor@olpclarenc.org

LECTORS

Saturday, February 3

5:15 PM Richard Hahn

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Louise Dessert

10:00 AM Lynn Kubiak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 3

5:15 PM Gina Freitas, Barb Gyasi, Vincent Lombardo, Maureen McEwan

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Mary Kiener, Constance Kowalczyk, Lew Wargo

10:00 AM Gene Florentino, Karen Abt, Jim Kubiak, Ron Andrews

CANDLEMAS DAY ... THE CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS ... FEBRUARY 2'ND

Candlemas is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus. On this day, Christians remember the presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple. Forty days after the birth of a Jewish boy, it was the custom to take him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to God by his thankful parents. In pre-Christian times, this day, February 2'nd – halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox – was known as the 'Feast of Lights' and celebrated the increased strength of the life-giving sun as winter gave way to spring. February 2'nd was the day of the year when all the candles that were used in the church during the coming year, were brought into church and a blessing was said over them – so it was the Festival Day (or 'mass') of the Candles. Candles were important in those days not only because there was no electric lights. Some people thought they gave protection against plague and illness and famine. For Christians, they were (and still are) a reminder of something even more important. Before Jesus came to earth, it was as if everyone was 'in the dark'. People often felt lost and lonely. Afraid. As if they were on their own, with no one to help them. Then came Jesus with his message that he is with his followers always ready to help and comfort them. As if he is a guiding light to them in the darkness. Christians often talk of Jesus as 'the light of the World' – and candles are lit during church services to remind Christians of this.

Candles will be blessed at the 6:30 and 8 AM Masses on Friday, 2/2/24 here in our Parish. You may bring candles from your home to be blessed. **Candles will also be available to take home with you for a free-will offering.**



**Knights of Columbus
#13661**

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday February 4, 2024 from 2-6PM

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

Adults \$11 - Children under 6 Free

Family \$40 (2 Adults w/2 or more children under 17)

Dine-in or Take-out



SAINT BLAISE AND BLESSING OF THROATS

The Feast of Saint Blaise is Saturday, February 3'rd. Blaise was a Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred for his faith in the year 316. Legend says that he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. While in prison he miraculously cured a young boy who was choking from a fish bone in his throat. Saint Blaise became one of the most popular saints during the Middle Ages, being invoked as a helper in times of sickness related to the throat. The tradition of blessing the throats of parishioners with two crossed candles has been popular for centuries. The ritual prayer is "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may the Lord deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."

Fr Walter will bless throats in honor of Saint Blaise at the following times: Saturday.....2/3....6:30 AM and 8 AM Masses



Warm Greetings Christ Renewes Sisters and Brothers.

It is a joy to announce the Christ Renewes Welcome program celebration Mass – **Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 3:00 pm.** All past participants, family members and those looking to learn more about the program are WELCOME to attend. There will be a reception celebrating 28 years of Christ Renewes His Parish following the Mass. Come join us to reconnect and share the blessings this program has provided us. Let's cherish past memories and celebrate the future of what Christ Renewes WELCOME offers. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Light refreshments will be provided in the school cafeteria immediately following the Mass. We ask that you contact christrenewes-welcome@gmail.com by January 31st, with the number attending the reception. Share this Invitation with others, ALL are WELCOME! Peace,

Christ Renewes Welcome Continuation Committee



Hope & Healing Connections (grief support group) Experiencing loss? Death of a spouse, child, or other loved one. Divorce. Miscarriage. Adoption/foster care loss. Monthly support group for anyone experiencing grief. You are welcome to share, or just listen and make connections. Led by Judy Malinich (parishioner) and Heidi Rotella (licensed therapist). First Mondays of the month. **Next meeting will be Feb. 5th, 6-7:30pm, St. Mary's Parish Center, Room 105.**

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) Not feeling 100%, please 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.

As we look toward Ash Wednesday, on February 14th, **we will begin collecting last year's palms to be burned.** Collection boxes will be in place beginning February 3rd. Please note that if you miss the

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kathleen E. Majewski, Louise M. Meyer, Mary F. Shaffer, Mary S. Suchan and Chester C. Sypyt

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



We invite all women to a **Daughters of Mary** gathering on Monday, February 5 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in room 110/111. We will be watching a 1 hour EWTN movie about Rhoda Wise, mystic and stigmatic, from Canton, Ohio- followed by a discussion. Tea and sweet treats will be served – this is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to experience the community of St. Mary's. To be added to the Daughters of Mary email list call Elizabeth Forman at (716) 691-6554 or email daughtersofmary815@gmail.com

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:

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 92 will be holding the 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). Thank you for your support!!!



Christ Renewes Welcome is truly a life-changing experience. An amazing weekend helping you find what is missing in your life.



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 honsbergereg@yahoo.com

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

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



OPEN HOUSE

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



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Catholic Education

What does St Sebastian, St Agnes, St Paul and St Thomas Aquinas all have in common?
 They each have a feast day in the month of January



St Sebastian converted fellow soldiers, Roman prisoners and leaders to Christianity while keeping his faith a secret to avoid persecution. His feast day is **January 20th** as the patron saint of soldiers, archers and athletes.

* Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen in you the gift of courage. Think of ways that you show courage living as a disciple.

* In what areas in your life could you improve on how you live as a disciple?



St Agnes, the patron saint of girls and engaged couples was a young girl of twelve years old when she was martyred. She is remembered on **January 21st** for her good example of faith and steadfastness.

* Take your family to Mass and light a candle in prayer for your intentions. You can ask Saint Agnes for her prayer intercession.



The conversion of **St Paul** is celebrated on **January 25th**. We know that the Holy Spirit helps to guide us to follow God's will for our lives.

* You can read about this conversion story in your Bible, **Acts: 9**

* St Paul became well known for his missionary work as a disciple. He wrote many letters to help others along their faith journey.

* Write a letter to reach out to someone you know and share the love of Jesus.

* You could choose to write in a journal, the story of your faith journey and how Jesus has touched your life.



Devoting his life to God, Saint and doctor of the Church, **Thomas Aquinas** proved God's existence through use of reason, philosophy and theology. People that knew Thomas were impressed by the powerful memory he had.

* On **January 28th**, the feast day of St Thomas Aquinas, play a game or work on a puzzle together as a family to help sharpen your memory.

* Take some time to read and learn about the Eucharistic miracles revealed to us. These help us to be reminded of God's existence in the Eucharist.

Get involved:

- **Sacraments** – Preparation for 1st Communion begins this month. If you believe your child is eligible and you did not receive an email invitation to attend a parent meeting, contact the Catholic Education office (716) 688-0599
- **Breakthrough** – Our Youth Ministry team is excited to share faith and fun with all who are in grades 6-12. Participants are encouraged to bring a friend. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for, **January 26th and February 2nd** from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Sign up found under Youth Ministry tab on the St Mary's website.
- **Adult Faith Enrichment** – Visit our St Mary's website to view all the different ways to grow in faith at home or in community. New classes to attend have been posted.

Catholic Education office (716) 688-0599 or familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org

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.



MISSION 2024

Planning Meeting
Monday January 29th
7PM to 8PM
Msgr. Paa Center

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 11a.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 if you are interested.

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

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-

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

– CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDIES –

All are welcome to join us in the Msgr. Paa Center from 7PM to 9PM on the following Wednesdays in 2024:
Jan 24th, Feb 28th, March 13th, March 27th,
Apr 10th, May 8th, May 22nd, June 12th



Catholic Scripture Study
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Questions? Please call Dave & Loretta
716-440-3020



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
Adria Utzig
Giuliana Washburn
Landon Washburn
Sofia Wyzykiewicz
Delaina Zajac



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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.
Please also pray for the deceased: William Lantz, Fr John Kelly, Deacon Thomas Schultz

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4pm Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am

Daily: Monday—Thursday, 9am (Chapel)

Friday & Saturday 9am (Main Church)

Holy Days: 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 pray for those 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, Patrick Bolognese 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, 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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Please keep in prayer the people on our sick list:

Patricia LaVell, Thomas Downing, Carole Zintl, Mary Downing, Michael Hartman

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.