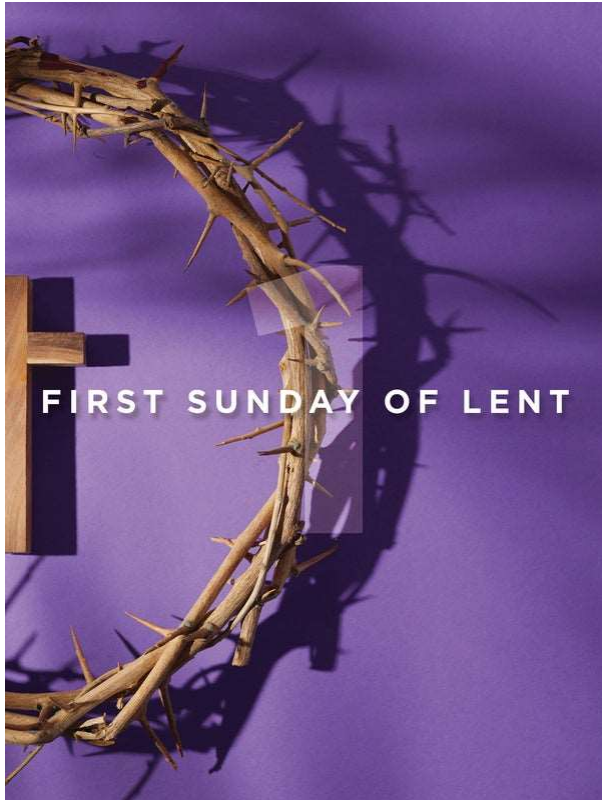




Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community

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February 18, 2024 | 1st Sunday of Lent



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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, February 17

4:00 PM Mom & Dad by the Family of Robert Kisker

Sunday, February 18 – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Anniversary of the St. Teresa Women's Guild by the Guild

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A list of Mass times is on the last page of this bulletin.

Saturday, February 24

4:00 PM Joseph Ernst by Sheila & John Ernst

Sunday, February 25 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Geraldine Benker by the Benker Family

St. Mary's Swormville Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 17 - Vigil

4:00PM Alda Anzelone by daughters Giovanna & Paulette
And Chester Syput by wife Loretta

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Marlene Lattner by Siefert, Spears & Pazik Families
9:00AM Kenneth Herberger by Donna & Jeff Allan
11:00AM Karen Benson by Art & Regina Lauer

Monday, February 19 President's Day

9:00AM Albert L. Weber by Deacon Rick & Alberta Stachura
And Louisa Vargas by daughter Edith Varbanov

Tuesday, February 20

9:00AM Ardiente Trinidad by Marie LaCorte

Wednesday, February 21 – St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00AM Richard Sherry by George Siefert

Thursday, February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00AM Alfonso Milioto & Stefano Montalbano
by the Maria Iacono Family

Friday, February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

9:00AM Carmelo & Rosalia Cibella by the Iacono Family

Saturday, February 24

9:00AM Lina Montalbano by Antonietta Ducoli
4:00PM Barbara Schwarz by Edie & Joe Kibler

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Phil, Barbara, Carl, Barb (living intentions)
By Mary Barrie
9:00AM Sandi Vitthuhn by St. Mary's Quilters
11:00AM John Walter by the Burger Family

Our Lady of Peace - Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17

5:15PM Joanne Kreher – Wargo Enterprises Inc.

Sunday, February 18

8:00AM David & Madeleine Loewer – Michelle Beltrame & Family
10:00AM Lynn Weiss – The Insinna Family

Monday, February 19

8:00AM Mary Suchan – OLP Holy Name Society

Tuesday, February 20

8:00AM Lippert & Frank Families

Wednesday, February 21

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00AM Rita Wayman – Gemma Moell

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00AM Frank & Ann Kozinski – The Kozinski Family

Friday, February 23

6:30AM Albert & Barbara Payne

Saturday, February 24

5:15PM Mary Suchan – Mary & Joseph Jagodzinski

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Barbara Wrazien – The Wrazien Cousins
10:00AM Romeo C. DiPirro – wife, Dorothy

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

To receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please go to the priest or deacon serving at that Mass

Saturday, February 17

5:15PM Ronald LeBlanc—Liz & Julie McCullough

Sunday, February 18—First Sunday of Lent

8:00AM James & Theresa Casey, Robert & Goldie Coogan—Family
Gary Neunder—Grace Little

10:00AM Special Intentions—The Family

Monday, February 19— Presidents Day

8:00AM Rev. Donald Paa—Jean Paa

Tuesday, February 20

9:00AM Dennis P. Farrell—Margaret Moog

Wednesday, February 21—St. Peter Damian, Bishop

8:00AM Parishioners of Nativity—Fr. Tom Mahoney

Thursday, February 22—Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00AM Msgr. Raymond Paa—Jean Paa

Friday, February 23—St. Polycarp, Bishop

8:00AM Joseph Pawlak —Mrs. Rosemary Banas

Saturday, February 24

8:00AM MaryAnn Weber—Paul & Nancy Alden

5:15PM Cristina Ventry—Carolyn Nenni
Simone Minneci—Wife & Children

Sunday, February 25—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Ralph & Eleanor Coogan & John & Bertha Ward —Family
Christopher Smaka—Mark Miller
10:00AM Donald Stinson—Mother, Elizabeth Thurston
Maria Boccabella—The Damiani Families

The First Sunday of Lent

Family of Parishes Lenten Penance Service Wed, Feb 28 at 7:00 pm - St. Mary's Main Church

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom

Meet Our Director of Catholic Education for Our Family of Parishes

Christina Egleston has accepted the new position of Director of Catholic Education for the Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community (ACRCC) Family of Parishes. The ACRCC Family of Parishes includes Our Lady of Peace, Clarence; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Williamsville; St. Teresa of Avila, Akron; and St. Mary's, Swormville. Christina will also continue her current role as the Director of Catholic Education at St. Mary's Church, Swormville.

Christina and the Directors of Religious Education at the other three parishes have already built a solid working relationship as they have been meeting for the last two years to share ideas, discuss best practices, and coordinate several events for the family of parishes. Christina shares that she is, "looking forward to working alongside our clergy, religion coordinators, schools, catechists, and parents in developing Christ-centered disciples at all ages and stages of their faith journey." She will "hit the ground running" as all four parishes will unify the ACRCC faith formation program in September by adopting the publisher, St. Mary's Press. Regardless if classroom or home based, every lesson opens the Bible to Sacred Scripture, encourages family discussion, and includes suggested ways to live out the faith in everyday life. Christina says of her Catholic Education team, "Together, we will strive to grow and adapt to meet the faith formation and faith enrichment needs of the entire family of parishes."

Christina's life ministry is catechesis of the Catholic faith. She became a catechist immediately following her own Confirmation in high school. Christina shares, "I felt the call to share our faith which has blessed my own faith journey beyond measure." She became a catechist at St. Mary's as soon as she and her family joined the parish in 2005. Christopher, her husband of 30 years, and their two children, Tyler (20) and Victoria (23), have been at her side as her journey led her to be Sacrament Coordinator and then Youth Minister for St. Mary's, prior to taking on the role of Director of Catholic Education in April 2021.

Christina also feels blessed to have a team at St. Mary's that works tirelessly with her to be present within the faith community while creating a Catholic education program that truly has something for everyone. In her capacity as Director of Catholic Education at St. Mary's she oversees the Family Faith Formation Program, Youth Ministry, Sacrament Preparation and Adult Formation Programs. It is also a joy for her to work collaboratively with St. Mary School's principal, teachers and students in forming disciples for Christ. Mindful that parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children, the goal is to strengthen the domestic church.

Christina emphasizes that we are all lifelong learners of our rich Catholic faith. She is blessed to be part of a faith filled ACRCC family. Her prayer is, "Work through me Lord, so I may be your hands and feet, lead us all into a deeper relationship with Jesus."





Office Hours: T, Th, F
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Lenten Reflections

"The Rosary", a video with Mark Hartfiel, will be shared for 5 weeks on Wednesdays starting February 21st at 6:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Everyone welcome.

Women's Bible Study group meets on Thursdays at 8:30 am for *Lectio:God* in the Rectory meeting room. All women are welcome.

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St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Corfu Site; Tuesday - 8:30 AM at East Pembroke Site. Fr. Tom and Fr. Ulrich will be present for the weekend Masses. The rectory office will remain open.

MISSION WORK IN TIMAU, KENYA

St. Teresa's Women's Guild collected \$11,217 during our 2 week drive to help the children at St. Elizabeth's Mission in Timau, Kenya. This money is caring for about 40 little ones for a year. The babies & toddlers are receiving nourishing food including milk, a grain porridge, fruit & vegetables daily to help them grow & develop. Some older children who attend elementary school receive two meals a day plus have their tuition & books paid for.

St. Teresa's parishioner have been providing help to the mission for over 10 years. Sister Beatrice Leising served in Timau for over 4 years before her illness and death.

The recent good news from the mission is that after many years of attempting to drill for water there was success and the bore hole drilled late last year has provided plentiful water. The next step is to set up the necessary taps, sinks & drains. There are over 800 students at St. Elizabeth's so this water was greatly needed. Due to generous contributors there have also been several shelters built for families giving them safer, sturdier places to live in.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Religious Education Classes
Due to Winter Break this Sunday.

Mark Your Calendars

Confirmation Retreat
March 2nd - St. Mary of Swormville

First Holy Communion Retreat
March 23rd - St. Mary of Swormville

READING DURING LENT

A number of booklets for Lenten reading have been placed in the pamphlet rack in the rear of the church. Take a few minutes to check the new arrivals out.



Lenten Community Service Adopt-A-Bag of Groceries

Program for the Newstead Food Pantry is underway. Please pick up a checklist from the Food Pantry stand in the vestibule. Donations accepted thru March 1st. Thank you for your support.

We Need Your Help - Please consider helping to clean the Church on Saturday, March 2nd, following the 9 am Mass, in preparation for the Easter Season. Sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Most adults do not have a legal will.
Write your will today by visiting
MyCatholicWill.com.

This Lent, protect those you love
most in under 15-minutes through
the online, easy-to-use form.

Leave a legacy of faith by including
the parish in your will.

www.MyCatholicWill.com
Use code: PARISH20 to save 20%

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What do you call a bee that can't make up its
mind? A *Maybe*

Tip-jar humor in our local coffee shop: "Afraid of
Change? Leave It Here."



Our Lady of Peace Church

10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031

P. 716.759.8554 ~ Email: office@olpclarence.org

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

A Message From Father Walter

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Every year the Lenten Season begins in the desert. Mark's brief account of Jesus' forty days in the desert takes place immediately after Jesus' baptism. Driven by the Spirit, Jesus' going to the desert is an act of obedience to the Father. This is a time of contemplation and discernment regarding the tremendous task before him.

The word "Satan" comes from the Hebrew word for "adversary." Satan serves as Jesus' adversary tempting him along another path. And this was in the truest sense, a "temptation" for Jesus, who was not merely play-acting. But Jesus never succumbed to the adversary's temptation. Thus, Mark's portrait of Jesus in the desert is that of God's son and Messiah overcoming temptation and re-emerging to preach the Gospel.

Fr. Walt

pastor@olpclarence.org

LECTORS

Saturday, February 24

5:15 PM Richard Hahn

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Louise Dessert

10:00 AM Adolph Iannaccone

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 24

5:15 PM Bruce Kloc, Bernard Diegelman, Lois Meyers, Maureen McEwan

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Lisa Cirillo, Kath Willy, Lew Wargo

10:00 AM M.L. Verdi-Korte, Karen Abt, Mary Czosek, Ron Andrews

Knights of Columbus

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30PM. This will be held in the Parish Center. If anyone has questions, please Contact the rectory for additional information.

Catholic Charities

The Catholic Charities appeal for 2024 has begun and helps those most vulnerable in our community. For all those who need assistance the Catholic Charities Appeal should be seen as a way to extend our love and service beyond the boundaries of our parish and local community. If you are interested in giving to this campaign, please go to HOPE4WNY to 44321 or pick up information in the Parish center Narthex. You should have received a letter with a card from Catholic Charities which you can directly mail to 741 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209. There are additional cards in the Parish Center Narthex. Thank-you!



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7PM

2/23...Mary's Way of the Cross

by Richard G. Furey, C.S.S.R.

3/01...With Jesus Today

by Sister Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M

3/08...Stations of the Cross for Our Time

from the Diocese of Orsory, Ireland

3/15...Everyone's Way of the Cross

by Clarence Enzler

3/22...Were You There? by Deacon Paul Crafts

Communion Service after Stations of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:45PM-4:45PM

(except Holy Saturday)

***Each Wednesday during Lent 4-6PM**

2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27



Congratulations to the following parishioners and **Canisius High School students** who achieved second quarter honor roll.: Stanislav Ryskin, Matthew Carver, Evan Dahl, Tyler Kubiak, Anthony Pepe, Brayden Eppig, Nathaniel Pantano and Michael Masci.



St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus hosted the **District 79 Basketball Free Throw Championship** February 3rd. The District 79 Champions from St. Mary's are: Will Kisailus 9 year old Boys, Francesca Mineo 9 year old Girls, Margaret MacDiarmid 12 year old Girls (2nd Place), Quinn Hayden 13 year old Girls and Jackson Sendlak 13 year old Boys.

Each Champion is eligible to compete in the Regional Free Throw competition to be held on February 24, 2024, at Our Lady of Hope located 1530 Kenmore Ave, Buffalo, NY

Thank you to our District Deputy Dan Hartman, St. Greg's Grand Knight Gerry O'Sullivan, St. Mary's Grand Knight Carl Galante, the Free Throw Directors, and all of the Knights of Columbus members, who supported this fun event for our youth.

PENANCE SERVICE

Family of Parishes Lenten Penance Service—Wednesday, February 28 at 7pm, at St. Mary's (main) Church.



Stations of the Cross—will take place Friday mornings after 9am Mass and on Friday evenings 7pm. Both take place in the main Church. Living Stations of the Cross is March 15th at 6:30pm in the gym.

In observance of **President's Day**, St. Mary's Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19th.

Also: The Parish Office will close at noon on Thursday, February 29th.

Info for Sacramental Emergencies: When calls are received after hours, (716-688-9380) choose Ext 5 - a text message/beep is then sent to the priests. They will then get back to you.



Lenten Fish Fry Friday's at St. Greg's

Every Friday during Lent (**now**) – **March 22**
4pm - 7pm. Dine in or carry out! Featuring fried or baked fish; French fries, coleslaw and roll: \$16 at the door or \$15 Pre-sale. Pizza is also available! St Greg's Ministry Center is next to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital on Maple Road in Amherst. Sponsored by St. Greg's Knights of Columbus. For more information call 716-688-5678.

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Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Join Deacon Rick on this five 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 Ed Ofc. 716-688-0599.



ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast at **A. J. Jurek Legion**, Smith & New Roads, E. Amherst, **Sunday, February 18th**, 8AM-12:00PM. Includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, beverage Adults \$10, 12/U \$4,U/5 free.

Christ Renews Welcome

Make yourself available to God and He will use you in powerful ways.
LAST CHANCE FOR WOMEN'S SIGN UP.



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 with purpose and peace.
All are WELCOME!

APPLY NOW FOR FALL



Enrollment is now **OPEN** in
Montessori PreK - Grade 8 for the
2024-2025 school year! Scan the
code to join our SMS family.



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

LOVE...

What does love look like to you? Some responses quoted by popular people include: "The greater a man's soul, the deeper he loves" – Leonardo Da Vinci; "Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within the reach of every hand." – St Mother Teresa; "The giving of love is an education in itself." – Eleanor Roosevelt; "I am sick of love." – King Solomon. Take a moment to pause and reflect on the question, what does love look like to you?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." **John 3:16**

In the days that lead up to Ash Wednesday, how will you prepare your heart to journey through Lent with love this year? In the Scripture from John, the word gave means as a gift. In what ways can you allow your heart to receive the gift of love God is offering to you?



Get involved:

What's Lent All About? Come Join the Youth Ministry Team as we gather to learn more about the Lenten season. Fellowship, discussion and activities are planned. Take this time to walk humbly with Jesus. These events are intended for anyone in grades 6 - 12, Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. Sign up is found on the St Mary website under Youth Ministry or contact the Catholic Education office for more details.

Let the Children come to Me - Parents with children ages birth through 4 are encouraged to borrow this specially packed bag filled with many ways to help you teach and share the faith as a family. Everything included in the bag are meant to create moments to strengthen you as a domestic Church. Sign up many times throughout the year as content will be added or changed each Liturgical season. We hope this resource allows you to enjoy spending time together in faith as a family. Sign up is located on the St Mary Website under Children's Ministry or contact the Catholic Education office for more details.

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

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adult Altar Servers—Please consider this special ministry to serve at Funeral Masses. Funerals are usually held at 10:30 AM on weekdays and Saturdays, Please contact Otto Misso @ 716-812-2590 for details.

Altar Linens Ministry – Volunteers are needed to launder and press the linens and a coordinator is needed to oversee the process to ensure the supply of clean linens. Please contact the Rectory Office at 716-632-8838 or nativityoffice@nativityharrishill.org

Parish Council Members Needed

Our Nativity Parish is looking to form a new Parish Council that will assist Father Tom. The role of the Parish Council is to assist the Pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious formation and service activities within the parish.

Participation of the laity in parish life has never been more important. Please consider volunteering your time and talent as a member of the Nativity Parish Council. You will give voice to the laity in the future direction of our parish as a thriving member of the Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community.

For further information or to volunteer, please contact:

Bruce Zgoda, (716) 310-7422, bmz4848@aol.com

Bernie Kolber, (716) 830-2925, bkolberdds@yahoo.com

Vic Martucci, (716) 857-0768, martucciv@mmcassoc.com

Mike Cucinotta, (716) 310-2861, mcucinotta@roadrunner.com

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!



The Gala is Nativity's largest fundraiser – by far - last year we raised \$90,000! The in person event will be held at Salvatore's on Saturday March 16th. Our committee has been hard at work, making new plans and this year's Gala will be a whole new level of fun!



Nativity of Mary School Gala

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

WE HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ASKING FOR DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES. HOWEVER – OUR BIGGEST AND BEST ITEMS COME FROM PERSONAL CONTACTS. WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, AND A CAUSE THAT YOU CARE ABOUT? PERSONAL CONTACTS ARE WAY MORE POWERFUL WHEN ASKING FOR DONATIONS.

DO YOU OR A RELATIVE HAVE A VACATION HOME THAT YOU COULD DONATE A WEEK (OR A WEEKEND) TO US THAT WE COULD AUCTION OFF? DO YOU OWN OR RUN A BUSINESS WHERE YOUR VENDORS WOULD SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL? WILL YOUR EMPLOYER SUPPORT US? WOULD YOU, OR YOUR EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE EVENT? NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!

BASKET DONATIONS ● GIFT CARD DONATIONS ● JOIN US AT THE GALA

If you can help in any way with donations or sponsorships, please
Email: nativitygala@gmail.com

Call/Text Erik Hoertz at (716) 408-6167

ONLINE BIDDING FOR SILENT
AUCTION WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 13TH AT 8AM



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TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH OUR GALA WEBSITE:
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Nativity of Mary School

The annual Catholic Ed Luncheon took place this week. The event aims to raise funds for students in need of tuition assistance whose families choose to provide them with a Catholic education in Western New York.

Miss Kiss was Nativity's honored guest and attended the luncheon with Fr. Joe, Mrs. Connolly, and Fr. Walt.

Miss Kiss has taught at Nativity for 23 years. She has excelled in adapting to the new NYS Science testing and curriculum changes. Furthermore, her resourcefulness extends beyond the classroom as she actively seeks out professional development opportunities to stay abreast of recent advancements in the field. Thank you for all that you do, Miss Kiss!

PRAYER - CRAFTS - LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS - FELLOWSHIP

LENT

Family Event

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

After 10:00am Mass

(11:00am - 12:30pm)

Nativity School cafeteria

GRADES 1-5
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

ALMSGIVING

We will collect urgently needed donations for the

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Size 0-3 Slow-Flow Baby Bottles

Baby Lotion

Baby Wash

Wipes



NATIVITY
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
FAITH FORMATION



Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of Peace, St. Teresa of Avila, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fridays at 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Swormville Fridays after 9:00 am Mass and at 7:00 pm (Church) & March 15 at 6:30 pm —Living Stations of the Cross (Gym)

St. Teresa of Avila

5771 Buell St., PO Box 168, Akron, NY 14001

Phone: 716-542-9103

stteresasofakron@verizon.net

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

Family Faith Formation 716-542-9103 Ext. 2
Margaret Wood

Trustees

Dick Campbell & Wally Smith

Please Keep In Your Prayers: Gloria Kintzel, Karen Fox, William Eberhard, Barbara Ford, Susan Hegetsweiller, Bob Larouere, Linda Chaffee, Richard Jordan, Ita Steele, Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarragher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whelan, and Laura Gray.

Please Also Pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Vasi.

St. Mary's Swormville

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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 month after 9:00am Mass

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

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Stephanie States communications@stmaryswormville.org

Kristen Saurer & Melissa Kent parishcouncil@stmaryswormville.org

Please pray for those on our sick list: Kathy Kent, Gene Santercole, Tom Archer, Ashley Meinhold, Kim Fassel, Paul Kluczynski, Joyce Zoerb, Maria Iacono, John Kraus, Delphine Levesque, James Ingham, Erin Milazzo and Bob Brown

Our Lady of Peace Church

10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031

Rectory Phone: 716.759.8554 ~ office@olpclarenc.org

Director of Religious Education - Dan Pawlak

religioused@olpclarenc.org

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. 7AM-6PM

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

Confessions: Saturday from 3:45 - 4:45PM
& during Lent 4-6PM

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, Dan Kelly, John Kulozewski, Mark Korpany, Mary Lidkea, Sister Marcia Klawon O.S.F., Sister Ann Helene Koenig OSF, Steve L., Paul Meir, Al Meister, Kathy McHugh, Kevin McNamara, Candace Morse, Pam Murray, Peter Rizzo, Joan O'Brien, David P., 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:

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