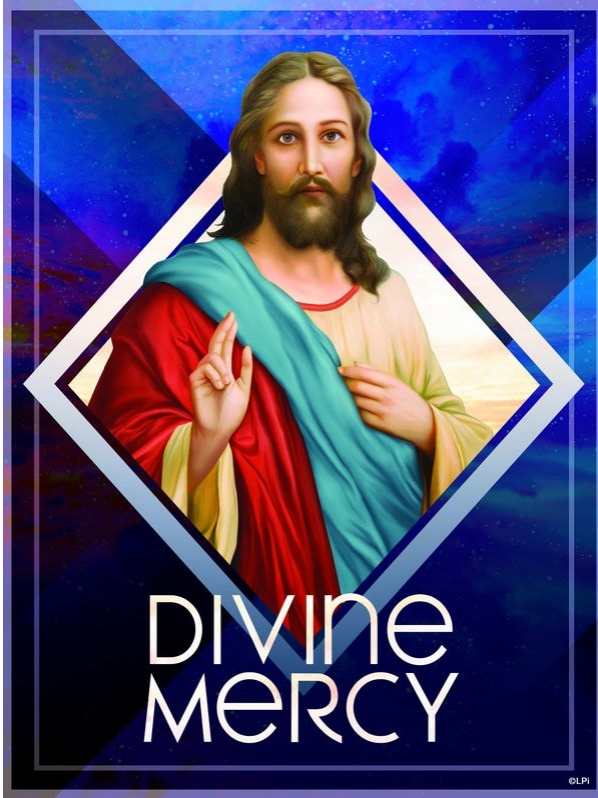




# Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community

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April 7, 2024 | Divine Mercy Sunday



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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, April 6

4:00 pm Bob Bergman – Birthday Blessings by Bergman Family

#### Sunday, April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Robert Kisker – Birthday Remembrance by Family of Robert Kisker

#### Monday, April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am Joan Kucial – Birthday Blessings by Mary Olsen

#### Tuesday, April 9

8:00 am Clark Gadd – Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by Janice Gadd

#### Wednesday, April 10

5:30 pm Special Intentions

#### Thursday, April 11 – St. Stanislaus

8:00 am Dan Summers by the Kaiser Family

#### Friday, April 12

8:00 am Intentions for Mothers

#### Saturday, April 13 – St. Martin

9:00 am Intentions for Fathers  
4:00 pm Adeline Raykowski by Rich Raykowski

#### Sunday, April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Lee Arbegast III by Miles & Paul Arbegast

### Our Lady of Peace - Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 6

5:15PM Christy & Marie Gugliuzza - The Family

#### Sunday, April 7 - *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

8:00AM Daniel Hearn - The Family  
10:00AM Philip McLeod - Flo Cieslo

#### Monday, April 8 - *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00AM Departed Souls

#### Tuesday, April 9

8:00AM Living and Deceased members of Altar and Rosary Society

#### Wednesday, April 10

8:00AM Leona Tenney - The Family

#### Thursday, April 11 - *St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00AM Lippert & Frank Families

#### Friday, April 12

6:30PM Eric & Barbara Niess

#### Saturday, April 13 - *St. Martin, Pope & Martyr*

5:15PM William O'Brien - Mary & Joseph Jagodzinski

#### Sunday, April 14 - *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00AM Ronald & Joan Battilana -  
Bob & Karla Schwendler  
10:00AM Lynn Weiss - Ron, Gretchen & Andrew Weiss

### St. Mary's Swormville Mass Schedule

#### Saturday, April 6 - Vigil

4:00 PM | Fred Gaulin by the Gaulin Family  
And Lawrence Megan by wife Elizabeth

#### Sunday, April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30AM Johnny Chavaria by Dolores  
9:00AM Helen Megan by daughter-in-law Liz  
11:00AM Mary Cannon by Paula & Bob Gedeon

#### Monday, April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00AM Nancy Wallace by Kathy Kent

#### Tuesday, April 9

9:00AM Nicholas Conwall by the family

#### Wednesday, April 10

9:00AM Giuseppe, Sr., Giuseppa, Giuseppe & Lillo Iacono  
by the Iacono Family  
And Gerald Gaskill by Marcia McCarrell

#### Thursday, April 11 – St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr

9:00AM Marry Cannon by the family

#### Friday, April 12

9:00AM Sister Suzanne Hitzges by the Burger Family

#### Saturday, April 13

9:00AM Rev. John Soemer (former St. Mary's Pastor,  
Anniversary of Death by Fr. Tom  
4:00 PM Lina Montalbano by Lena Farace

#### Sunday, April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Phil, Barbara, Carl, Barb (living intentions)  
by Mary Barrie  
9:00AM Maria Montesinos by the family  
9:00AM Louise Meyer Spoth by the Forever Young Group  
11:00AM Mary Cannon by Amy & Mike DiMartino

**Catholic Charities**—Is volunteering on your Spring bucket list? If so, consider becoming a Catholic volunteer with Charities. Appeal 2024 is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321. St. Mary's Goal: \$218,032.70, so far \$173,431.58 has been donated.

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

#### Sanctuary Candle Dedication

**April 5-11**—Krzeminski Family-Special Intention—  
Susan & Joseph Gugliuzza  
**April 19-25**—Carol & Tom Strasser-Special Intention—  
Francis Hochadel

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 6

5:15PM Ian Tugwell—Janet Vito  
Dcn Richard & Vanny Menke—Family

#### Sunday, April 7—Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00AM Msgr. Raymond Paa—Jean Paa  
10:00AM Roy Woods —George Van Hoose  
John Brady—Mark & Mary Crehan & Family

#### Monday, April 8—The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

#### Tuesday, April 9

9:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

#### Wednesday, April 10

8:00AM Albert & Susie Nikiel—Arlene Nikiel

#### Thursday, April 11—St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00AM Lauren Vacanti — Henninger Family

#### Friday, April 12

8:00AM Sr. MaryLou Schnitzer, S.S.J.—Mark Miller

#### Saturday, April 13

8:00AM Daigler Family Living & Deceased Members  
5:15PM Lawrence Vito—Wife, Janet  
Manny Colombo—Loving Family

#### Sunday, April 14—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Leonard Oseekey — Daughters  
10:00AM Joseph Peraino—Silvia Rena Natalie

## Divine Mercy Sunday

On April 15<sup>th</sup> we will be offering a spiritual retreat for our family of parishes. This retreat is Fr. Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory. The goal of this spiritual retreat is to consecrate ourselves and our family of parishes to Jesus through Mary. To consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary is known as a Marian Consecration.

This sounds scary, complicated, and difficult. It is not!

Maybe you have never heard of it and think this is something new going on in the Catholic Church. It is not!

In his book, *True Devotion to Mary*, St. Louis de Monfort wrote about preparing oneself for consecration to Mary. He wrote this book in 1712, but the manuscript was lost until 1842. So Marian Consecration has been around since the 1800's. In fact, Pope St. John Paul II was a strong proponent of the writings of St. Louis de Montfort and had a great devotion to Mary because of his Consecration to Mary.

Fr. Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory is a modern update of how to prepare for consecrating yourself to Jesus through Mary.

Why are we doing this?

I believe that spiritual retreat is an opportunity for spiritual healing. Many of us are in desperate need of spiritual healing. If you are unhappy, angry, frustrated, or despairing over the current course of the Road to Renewal and its impact on your parish, I encourage you to attend this retreat. We are having this retreat especially for you. I believe this retreat will help you find healing.

There is very little any of us can do to change the course of the Road to Renewal, but I firmly believe with Mary's help we can find healing. She can teach us how to be obedient in the face of uncertainty. If we can make her yes, our yes, we will not only move forward, but we will thrive. Instead of seeing this Road to Renewal as a diminishing of our parish life, we can see it as an opportunity to flourish, to renew the Catholic Church in Buffalo, not from the top down, but from the bottom up. It is not the leadership of the Diocese of Buffalo that will rescue us, it is you, the individual parishioner, who will restore the spiritual life of this Diocese.

So, I encourage you, I urge you, I beg you, please come to this retreat. Place your trust in Mary. She will show us the path of obedience, the path to her Son, Jesus. He is our light and our salvation. The same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

I also believe that Mary is the one who will lead us, this family of parishes and the Diocese of Buffalo, out of the spiritual desert we are currently in. The Diocese of Buffalo is in the grip of multiple crises. Of all these problems we face, the one you and I can have the most impact on is the problem of religious vocations within our community. The other issues we face are beyond our control. But we do have control over the religious life in our community. Once again, I believe Mary has the answer to our crisis in religious vocations in the Diocese of Buffalo.

The early Church rallied around the Blessed Mother. She held them together in their trials and tribulations. The same can be true for us. I hope that you will join us in this effort to begin our spiritual renewal. May Mary's fiat be our fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word." Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us. All holy men and women, pray for us.

AMDG,

Fr. Tom Mahoney

Pastor

**The 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat**  
is brought to you by Hearts Afire: Parish-based Programs from  
the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (HAPP®).



MARIAN FATHERS OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Weekly meetings will take place on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Dates and locations will be as follows:

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Peace in Clarence in  
the Parish Center.

May 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Mary's Church in Swormville in the cafeteria.

May 13<sup>th</sup> - St. Teresa's in Akron in the Parish Hall.

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Consecration Mass (Feast of Mary, Mother of the  
Church) at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, Clarence.



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

Weekly Events Calendar  
Posted on the Bulletin  
Board in the vestibule

St. Teresa's Women's Study Group will be meeting April 11, 18, and 25, from 8:30-10 am. We will be viewing several Seek Conferences highlighting "Healing Through Forgiveness" and "Obstacles to Prayer and Holiness." All ladies are welcome!

Please remember the Newstead Food Pantry by placing donations in the collection boxes in the vestibule of the church. They are in need of tuna fish and canned meats.

Fun was had by all who participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt. *Thank you to the Events Committee* for organizing this event and making it a day to remember for the children and families of our parish!



IF....  
If you can live without caffeine,  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him or her,  
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion, gender preference, or politics,  
--Then you have almost reached the same level of spiritual development as your dog!



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**Easter Recess - April 7**

*Thank you*

Thank you to our wonderful Knights of Columbus for their incredible generosity in presenting our parish with a check in the amount of \$820 which is the share of the proceeds they received from the C&B booklets that they sold this year. Just like last year, this wonderful group of gentlemen did all the work of organizing, selling, recording, and delivering the C&B booklets to turn around and present all their proceeds to each of the three parishes that make up the council! As well as the funds that were donated to our parish, there was a \$5,000 dollar winner here from this regional contest! We will certainly put this kind and generous gift to good use! Please say a special prayer of thanksgiving for our K of C Council, it's membership, and their families. Thank you again Brother Knights!

**TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED . . .**

Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to Making Connections: A Day for Catholic Teens on Sunday, April 28th from 12 - 5pm at Villa Maria College in Buffalo! Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker and musician ValLimar Jansen! ValLimar's unique blend of proclamation, reflection, storytelling, music, movement, insights and wisdom propels faith to new heights. The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. Teens have the choice of different breakout topics and service activities during the event. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/makingconnections716>.

This will be an experience you won't want to miss!

Catholic Charities Update  
Parish Goal: \$39,410  
Current Total: \$ 12,366



We have reached 31% of our goal with 60 donors!  
Thank you for your generosity!



# 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples and shows them his hands and his side; later he invites the doubting Thomas to touch the marks from the nails and the gash from the soldier's lance. We all have scars from our own Good Friday's that remain despite our small experiences of resurrection. Our "nail marks" remind us that all pain, grief, ridicule, suffering, disappointments and anguish are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God we experience from others and that we extend to them. Jesus tells Thomas and his brothers not to be afraid of the nail marks, the scars, the fractured bones, the crushed spirit, and the broken heart. Compassion, forgiveness, justice – no matter how clumsily offered – can mend and heal.

Fr. Walt

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

## Thank-you from Harvest House

We received a letter thanking the parishioners here at O.L.P. Parish for the donation of baby bottles in the amount of \$2,556.04. Thank-you for your support of the bottles for babies campaign!

## Catholic Charities

**We have received for 2024 a total of \$34,547.00**

and are on our way to our goal of \$115, 838

We still need **-81,291.00 to our Goal.**

Total donors so far are 107. **THANK-YOU!**

You can also send you Catholic Charities donations to the Church Rectory or drop off in person or mail at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St. Clarence, NY 14031 or can be mailed directly to Catholic Charities office at 741 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209-2201. **\*\*\*Please make your check out to Catholic Charities. Parish code is #0502** If you need a Catholic Charities card they are in the Narthex Parish Center on a small table. **Please give generously!**

## LECTORS

**Saturday, April 13**

5:15 PM Bruce Kloc

**Sunday, April 14**

8:00 AM Patrick Flynn

10:00 AM Domenic Cortese

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, April 13**

5:15 PM Patricia Andzel, Robert Andzel, Paul Overbeck, Maureen McEwan

**Sunday, April 14**

8:00 AM Kathy Willy, Catherine Karda, Lew Wargo

10:00 AM Becky Florentino, Kathleen Andrews, Diane Cortese, Ron Andrews

## Altar and Rosary

The Altar and Rosary Trip to St. Luke's Mission on Monday, April 8th is canceled and will be rescheduled.

We will be reciting the Rosary before the 5:15PM Mass each Saturday in May, starting May 4th.

Monday, May 13th meeting is our Pizza, Movie and Sundae night starting at 6PM. We will be showing a documentary movie on Blessed Carlo Acutis.

## HOME, GARDEN & TOOL RAFFLE

**Saturday, April 27, 6-10PM**

Food and Drinks included - Admits 1

Limited Seating

(need not be present to win prizes listed on back of ticket)

Early Bird Drawing Sunday, April 7

\$100 each to buyer and seller

**Ticket donation \$30**

**\*\*\* Buy / Sell 10 Tickets to Get 1 Free\*\*\***

We are looking for volunteers for Kitchen Help, Raffle Ticket Sales, etc. during the evening of the event. Donated items can be dropped off before and after weekend Mass. You may purchase tickets in the Parish Center Narthex after all weekend Masses. Please Contact Mark Baron at 716.864.2023

**We are in need of completed Theme Baskets or basket items.** Drop off anytime in Uriel Hall at Our Lady of Peace Church 10950 Main St. Clarence, NY 14031. List of prizes are found on parish website and flyers at entrances of church.



**Skip the meal prep and support SMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students fundraising for their trip to Washington D.C.!**

20% of the proceeds from dining nights are given back to assist with trip costs. Dine-in, or order in person or online for takeout. **BE SURE TO MENTION THE ORDER IS IN SUPPORT OF 'ST. MARY'S 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS'.** When ordering online, put this comment near your name or in the special instructions section.

**Tues., 4/9**  
**4:00 - 8:00 PM**  
 Johnny C's NY Deli  
 9350 Transit Road, 14051  
 716-688-8400



Red Blazer Men's Chorus 75th Anniversary Special  
 Saturday, April 20, 2024 2:00pm  
 Sunday, April 21, 2024 2:00pm Sweet Home Middle  
 School Auditorium, 4150 Maple Road, Amherst  
 Tickets: Adult \$20/Student \$10

RedBlazerMensChorus.com/tickets Phone (716) 406-7262  
 56 Wellington Ct., Williamsville 14221. Tickets available at the door.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 17530**

**4th Annual**

**GOLF**

**4-Man Scramble Tournament**

**May 17th, 2024**

Registration/Check-In 10:30

Shotgun Start 12:00 p.m.

Food, Open Bar & Awards,

Following Golf 5:30p.m.

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**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREPARATION AND FAITH SHARING**

Join us as we use the Scriptures for each upcoming Sunday to study the Bible and share our faith. Sessions will be facilitated by Dick Marchessault or one of our regular participants. We will begin on April 25, when we will study and prepare for Sunday, April 28. Thursdays at 10 AM in Rooms 110/111 of St. Mary's Parish Center. Use this link to view the study sheet for Sunday, April 28

<https://tinyurl.com/SundayApril28>

**Questions:** Dick Marchessault (716-221-0046 [voice or text]) or the Catholic Education Office (716-688-0599)



**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). **Next meeting will be April 15th, 6-7:30pm, St. Mary's Parish Center, Room 105.**

**Please note Date Change.**



**RSVP TODAY for the Auction Gala**  
 Enjoy an evening out with a loved one or a group of friends!

Go to [springforsuccess.com](http://springforsuccess.com) or scan the QR code



**Volunteers are needed!**  
 Contact Janice O'Brien  
 716-688-9380 or  
[parishlife@stmaryswormville.org](mailto:parishlife@stmaryswormville.org)

**Forever Young Group** will host Rick Falkowski, speaker and author on **Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm** in the school cafeteria. Rock N Roll Buffalo is the topic and seniors 55+ are invited. Join us for this fun presentation. Refreshments after meeting. Donations to church food pantry are always welcomed. Questions, call Ann 716-984-3350.



**ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast** at **A. J. Jurek Post**, Smith & New Roads, E. Amherst, **Sunday, April 14th, 8AM-12:00PM.** Includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, & a beverage. Adults \$10, 12/U \$4,U/5 free.



We invite all women to a **Daughters of Mary** gathering on **Friday, April 19** at 10:00am in room 110/111. We welcome St. Mary's own, author, Christine Fletcher to teach on Theology of the Body – 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](mailto:daughtersofmary815@gmail.com)

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St. Mary School  
SWORMVILLE



ST. MARY'S  
MONTESSORI

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

From all of us in the Catholic Education Office, we wish everyone a very Happy Easter!

Our Catholic Education team is dedicated to sharing the Good News! We are committed to strengthening the whole family through education, Sacraments and our mutual goal to live as disciples of Christ. We encourage you to keep checking our website for updates on the many activities offered for everyone on their faith journey.

**Vacation Bible School registration will open in April and Faith Formation registration for the 24-25 formation year opens in May.**

Contact us by email [familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org](mailto:familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org) or by phone (716)688-0599

**Our Family of Parishes is forming a team to participate in the Catholic adult co-ed softball league!**

- Season runs from May - July
- Games are on Sunday evenings
- All players must be 18+
- There is a player registration fee
- Contact Christina Egleston in the Catholic Education Office for to join or for more information.



# You're Invited



SATURDAY  
APRIL 20, 2024

MARYGOLD MANOR

ST. MARY'S PREMIER  
AUCTION GALA

**AN EVENING OUT!**

OPEN BAR, GOURMET  
DINNER & DANCING  
SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

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TICKETS ONLINE  
BY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

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## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Divine Mercy Sunday

*"The sacrament of Penance as the means for our obtaining forgiveness for sin, was the first thing Our Lord established after His Resurrection, on the very day in fact."*

Frank Sneed from his book, *Theology for Beginners*

**Revive**

CHESTERTON ACADEMY  
OF BUFFALO  
RENEW 716

A Night With Jackie Francois Angel,  
Speaker, Vlogger, Worship Leader, and Author

Thursday, April 11th  
7:00pm

Doors Open 6:15pm,  
Praise & Worship at 7:00pm,  
Speaker 7:30pm


Location:  
St. Gregory the Great  
200 St Gregory Court  
Williamsville, NY 14221

cabuffalo.org  
716.674.8101

Special thanks to St. Greg's

Tickets \$40

To Purchase Tickets Scan Here




A warm and loving *Thank you* to everyone who shared their time, talent and devotion to provide a holy and meaningful Lenten and Easter experience for our Nativity parish family. A special thank you to our Priests, Deacons, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Faith Formation Team, Sacristans, Lectors, Ministry for the Church Décor, Ministry for the Music and Video, Students, Faculty, Staff, and a host of Willing Workers completing the tasks at hand. We appreciate you!

### – DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET –

Sunday, April 7, 3 to 4PM in Church

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PRESENTS



**THE CHOSEN**  
SEASON FOUR

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS  
STARTING APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> UNTIL MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

### Harvest House – Children's Clothing Drive

A clothing drive is being organized to supply Harvest House with children's clothing, size newborn to size 14. Every year, over 5,000 children receive the clothing they need from the ministry in Buffalo. Gently used, clean clothing will be collected over the next few weeks and will be transferred on Saturday, April 27. Donations may also include shoes and boots, educational books, toys, and necessities such as car seats not older than 2018, strollers and pack 'n' play cribs, diapers and baby wipes. Details will be announced after Easter. Please let friends and family know about this opportunity to help families in need. A tour of the Harvest House on Jefferson Avenue will be offered April 27 for those who are interested.

Check out the ministry at:

<http://www.harvesthousebuffalo.org/baby-children-s->

**Knights of Columbus Charitable & Benevolent Program raffle** amounted to a check of \$1515 presented to Nativity Faith Formation Ministry. Thank you all who participated.

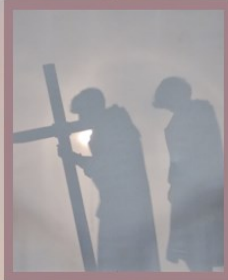
The Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant Ministry will be partnering with Father Ron to resettle a family from Uganda, in the Buffalo area. Similar to our previous resettlement projects, we are asking for pledges of donations NOW. We will collect and store donations on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am -11:00 am in the PAA center. The "wish list" of household goods needed for the family, can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/NewListRefugee>

Wegmans, Tops and Walmart gift cards are welcome.

If you are interested in assisting with the move in process, sometime in May, please contact Cheryl Gelder @ [geldercheryl@yahoo.com](mailto:geldercheryl@yahoo.com)



Nativity of Mary School's  
8th Grade Class Presents  
*Stations of the Cross*



FAITH UNDERSTOOD  
An Ordinary Man's Journey to the Presence of God



Come and hear  
Catholic Author & Speaker  
**PAUL ZUCARELLI**  
along with his wife, Beth.



Paul had nine cardiac arrests and was dead for two hours. Through intercessory prayer of many, including Bishop Olmstead, Paul survived with no brain damage, and now lives to testify his witness about Heaven and Christ's deep love for us.

Paul and Beth reside in Phoenix, AZ. They are both former Buffalonians. Paul graduated from Canisius College. Beth is an alumnus of Nativity BVM and Sacred Heart Academy. Paul has appeared on EWTN with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, The Divine Mercy with Fr. Chris Alar, The John-Henry Westen Show, and more.

Learn more about Paul and Beth at [Faithunderstood.org](http://Faithunderstood.org)!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

**7:00PM**

**Nativity BVM  
Reception to follow.**

Speaker series organized by  
Branches Christian Rest & Renewal Centers, Inc. - [Branches.org](http://Branches.org)

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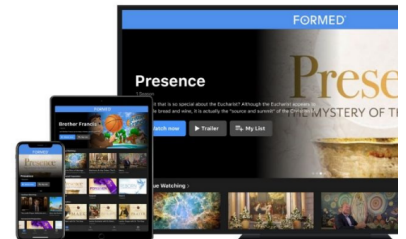
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Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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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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**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, Joyce Zoerb, Maria Iacono, Delphine Levesque, James Ingham, Erin Milazzo, Bob Brown, Tim Gallivan, Richard Kubiak, baby Reed Hausrath, Roseanne Hoffner, Donald Herberger, Jerry Metz, baby Franco Joseph Licata, Rita & Don Manno, Jim Jarosz, Jake Hugenschmidt and Amelia Forman.

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

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

**Confessions:** 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, Sandy Coon, Lauren Conrad, Daniel Cortese, Sharon Covert, Rick Cousineau, Jim Cummings, Donald, Jack, Darlene Feinen, Carol & Ken Fox, Kevin G., Gabe, Gary Grapentrog, Heidi, Ian Harden, John & Maryann, George, Mark Hilbert, Jackie, Jackie S., Dan Kelly, John Kuloszewski, Mark Korpanty, Laurie, Mary Lidkea, Sister Marcia Klawon O.S.F., Sister Ann Helene Koenig OSF, Steve L., Colin McCabe, 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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**Confession:** Saturday 3:45-4:45pm

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

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