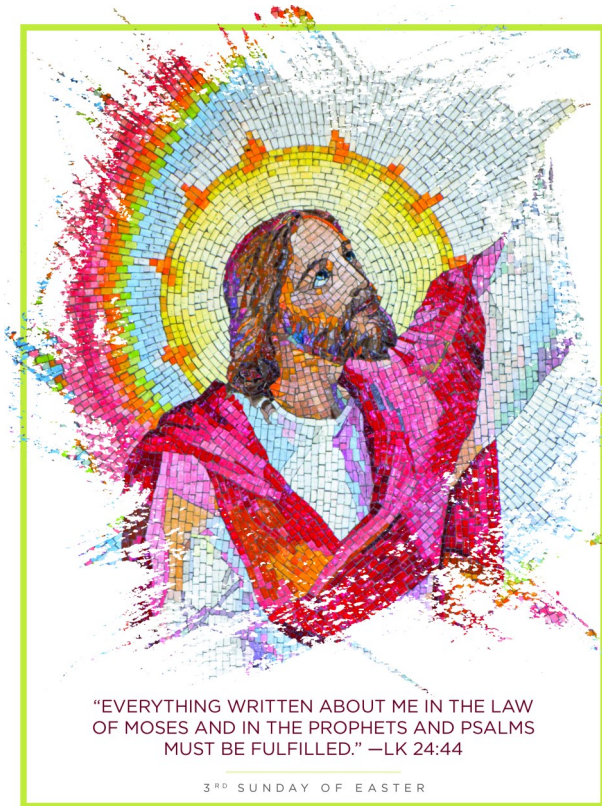




# Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community

[www.AkronClarenceRCC.org](http://www.AkronClarenceRCC.org)

April 14, 2024 | Third Sunday of Easter



"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

## Third Sunday of Easter

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®).



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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.

### St. Teresa of Avila Mass Schedule

#### Saturday, April 13

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

#### Monday, April 15

8:00 am Intentions for Fathers

#### Tuesday, April 16

8:00 am Dearly Departed Souls

#### Wednesday, April 17

5:30 pm In Memory of William D. Lantz by the  
Lantz Family

#### Thursday, April 18

8:00 am For the People of St. Teresa's Parish  
by Fr. Tom Mahoney

#### Friday, April 19

8:00 am Geraldin Benker by the Benker Family

#### Saturday, April 20

9:00 am Mary Prentice Paxon by Bill Paxon and  
Susan Molinari

4:00 pm Gloria Rembas by Estate

#### Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Msgr. Robert Williamson – Birthday  
Blessings by the St. Teresa Women's Guild

### 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  
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Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita  
Whelan, and Laura Gray

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

#### Sanctuary Candle Dedication

April 19-25—Carol & Tom Strasser—Special Intention—  
Francis Hochadel

April 26– May 2—Gloria Drobits—Sue & Bill Rusin

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 13

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 Natale

#### Monday, April 15—

8:00AM Verna Mika—Arlene Nikiel

#### Tuesday, April 16

9:00AM Florence & Aubrey Fallon— Family  
Florence M. Kantorski—Rodney Kantorski

#### Wednesday, April 17

8:00AM Joan Maiorana—Sam Maiorana

#### Thursday, April 18

8:00AM Jane Burke (Heavenly anniversary)-Family  
Caroline Voit—Jean Paa

#### Friday, April 19

8:00AM Rev. Philip Schwier—First Pastor of Nativity  
Amarlys Trometer—Husband

#### Saturday, April 20

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners  
5:15PM Joseph & Bertha Heigl—daughter Kathy  
Janson  
John, Alice, Judie—Julie & Liz McCullough

#### Sunday, April 21—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Florence DeChellis—Chuck & Maria Bova  
10:00AM Angelo Natale Sr.—Patrick & Sharon Stein

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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, Mary Downing, Mi-  
chael Hartman, Deanne Hutchinson Pinto, Stanley  
Sielski, Susan Rogers, Timothy Gallivan, Ted & Diane  
Petroff, Anna Daigler.



## OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 15  
8:00AM Living and Deceased Holy Name members

Tuesday, April 16  
8:00AM Loyal P. Morse - The Kreppel Family

Wednesday, April 17  
8:00AM Rita Wayman - Gemma Moell

Thursday, April 18  
8:00AM Mother's Day Intentions

Friday, April 19  
6:30PM Romeo C. DiPirro - wife, Dorothy

Saturday, April 20  
5:15PM Living and Deceased members of the Scheeler and Wargo Families

Sunday, April 21 - *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
8:00AM Adam Lukowski - The Holy Name Society  
10:00AM Kathy Cole - Laretta Sarafin

### PRAY FOR THOSE ON SICK LIST

Maria A., Mary Celine Aaron, Joan Antonicelli, Eleanore Cammarata, Austin Beatty, Jack Blodgett, David Borden, 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.

Please Pray for Deceased Parishioners  
Bob Brandon

### LECTORS

**Saturday, April 20**  
5:15 PM Bruce Kloc

**Sunday, April 21**  
8:00 AM Louise Dessert  
10:00 AM Lynn Kubiak

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, April 20**  
5:15 PM Bernard Diegelman, Gina Freitas, Anita Simons, Maureen McEwan

**Sunday, April 21**  
8:00 AM Lisa Cirillo, Patricia Comerford-Haley, Lew Wargo  
10:00 AM Lori Sebian, Jim Kubiak, M.L. Verdi-Korte, Ron Andrews, Diane Cortese, Ron Andrews

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wed. 7AM-6PM  
**Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Wed. 5:30 - 6PM  
**Confessions:** Saturday from 3:45 - 4:45PM

### Altar and Rosary

The Altar and Rosary 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.

### Weekly Readings

*Sunday*  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
*Monday*  
Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
*Tuesday*  
Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
*Wednesday*  
Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
*Thursday*  
Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
*Friday*  
Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
*Saturday*  
Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
*Next Sunday*  
Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**St. Mary's Swormville Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, April 13 - Vigil**

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

**And** Louise Meyer Spoth  
by the Forever Young Group

11:00AM Mary Cannon by Amy & Mike DiMartino

**Monday, April 15**

9:00AM John & Regina Pszczola by Mrs. Fran Armstrong

**Tuesday, April 16**

9:00AM Donald Alessi, Jr. by the Bartolomei Family

**Wednesday, April 17**

9:00AM Michael Varbanov by mother Edith Varbanov

**And** Shannon Altree by Terri & Jack Dunbar

**Thursday, April 18**

9:00AM Sister Dolores Ryan by Art & Regina Lauer

**Friday, April 19**

9:00AM Rev. Anthony F. Veit (former St. Mary's Pastor  
and Anniversary of Death) by Fr. Tom

**Saturday, April 20**

9:00AM Hollie Parker (living intentions)  
by Marcia McCarrell

4:00 PM Louis Antonucci by Claude & Jody Imagna  
& family

**Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:30AM George Eichelberger  
by Tom & Theresa Stroth & family

9:00AM Teresa Donohue by the family

11:00AM Sam Donatelli by daughter Deanna



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

**Congratulations to the following Canisius High School Students & parishioners who achieved third quarter honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year:** Stanislav Ryskin, Matthew Carver, Evan Dahl, Tyler Kubiak, Anthony Pepe, Brayden Eppig, Dylan Leong, Nathaniel Pantano and Michael Masci.

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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, 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, Dick McKie, Jim Jarosz, Jake Hugenschmidt, Amelia Forman and Rosario Castiglia.

**After hours Sacramental Emergency 716-688-9380, choose**

**Ext. 5.** A notification will be sent to the priests, then they reach out to the caller for information for the Anointing of the Sick.



**Boy Scout Troop 92-Drive-thru Bottle & Can Drive - April 13-14** St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 92 will be holding our next Bottle & Can Drive on the weekend of April 13 (2:00 - 6:00 pm) and April 14 (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!!!\*\* Save the Date for future collections -- June 1-2 (to support Troop 92 Eagle Scout Projects), July 27-28, and September 7-8 (to support Troop 92 Eagle Scout Projects). \*\*



**A donut sale** will be held after all Masses on Saturday, April 13th and Sunday, April 14th to **support the St. Mary School 8th graders** attending the Washington D.C. trip this spring. We appreciate your support!





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

Weekly Events Calendar  
Posted on the Bulletin  
Board in the vestibule



April 22, 2024

St. Teresa's Grounds Cleanup is Saturday, April 27th at 10 am. Everyone is invited to come and join in the cleanup - no experience necessary! Please bring garden tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided. For more information or questions, call Tony & Mary Jo Schumacher at 716-542-5138.



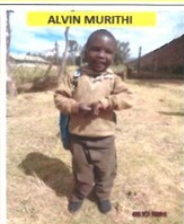
MASS INTENTIONS

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.

**SOME OF OUR LITTLE SCHOLARS FROM THE ST TERESA, AKRON, WOMEN'S GROUP MILK AND PORRIDGE/FOLLOW THE CHILDREN PROGRAM**



ALICE NYAGA



ALVIN MURITHI



BLESSY NKIROTE



FABIAN



JOY KANANA



EXCITED TO CLOSE SCHOOL FOR EASTER AND THEIR TERM BREAK



GETTING A DRINK ON THEIR WAY HOME

This is a page from the Spring 2024 Timau Tidbits newsletter. What a blessing it is to see faith in action.

They are finally successful in drilling a well which provides fresh water!

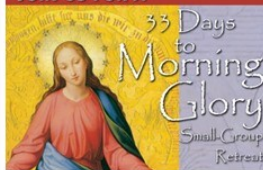
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Classes resume for Grades K-6, 10-11 am



Confirmation Rehearsal after the 11am  
Mass at St Mary's - April 21st

Confirmation at St Mary's - Friday, April 26th - 7 pm  
Students to arrive between 6:15 - 6:30

JOIN US FOR A



**33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat**

All are invited to attend the Monday evening meetings at 7:00 PM or participate at home using the free "33 Days to Morning Glory" retreat guide magazine. In person sessions will include small group discussions and a 30-minute video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, who will bring our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and livable focus.

The first 3 meetings, April 15th, 22nd and 29th, will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, 10950 Main St., Clarence. If you wish to attend, please contact St. Mary's Catholic Education Office by email: familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org or by phone: 716-688-0599.



Did you know that you should register as a member of a parish once you have made your Confirmation and whenever you move to a new address?



**BAPTISM**

On March 30th we welcomed Tucker Finnegan Richardson into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. Tucker is the son of Brianna & Brandon Richardson. We also welcomed on April 7th Benedict Gerard Jasinski into our faith community through the saving water of Baptism. Benedict is the son of Colleen & Jonathan Jasinski.

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to both of these families!

Catholic Charities Update  
Parish Goal: \$39,410  
Current Total: \$ 14,636



We have reached 37% of our goal with 64 donors!  
Thank you for your generosity!



# Our Lady of Peace Church

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

## A Message From Father Walter

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of Luke's account of Jesus' first post-resurrection appearance to his disciples. The two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to confirm the women's story of the resurrection. As they are excitedly telling what happened, Jesus appears.

Luke goes to great lengths in his Easter accounts to make clear that the resurrection was neither the fantasy of crazy zealots nor a plot concocted by the disciples who somehow managed to spirit the body of Jesus away. In the details he presents here, Luke is countering the arguments forwarded to explain away the resurrection account. There can be no mistake: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality, a reality in which all of the scriptures find their ultimate fulfillment. What the disciples see is not a ghost but the physical presence of Jesus risen from the dead. Christ is present with us, and he is present with God in glory.

For Luke, the power of Jesus' resurrection is realized in the way it "opens" one's heart and mind to understanding the deeper meaning of God's word and to fully embracing the Spirit of God. In our faith and trust in the risen Christ, we become "witnesses" of the mercy and forgiveness of God.

Fr. Walt

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

## Catholic Charities

**We have received for 2024 a total of \$37,122.00**

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

We still need **-78,666.01.00 to our Goal.**

Total donors so far are 118. **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!**

## 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)

**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. List of prizes are found on parish website and flyers at entrances of church.


### 2024 MAJOR PRIZES

1. Masterbuilt 30" Gas/Charcoal Smoker
2. Murray 22" Self-Propel Lawn Mower
3. Vissani 17.5" Wine or Can Cooler
4. HONITURE Robot Vacuum and Mop Combo
5. \$200.00 Cash
6. Milwaukee M18 18V 5 Tool Combo Kit
7. Patio 5 pc. Swivel High Chairs / Table Set
8. Solo Stove Woodburning Fire Pit
9. Samsung 65" UHD 4k Smart TV
10. \$500.00 Cash
11. Westinghouse 3200 PSI Gas Pressure Washer
12. Bose Solo 5 TV Soundbar Sound System
13. Ninja 8 in 1 Digital Air Fry Countertop Oven
14. Toro Battery Powered Lawn Mower
15. \$200.00 Cash
16. BISSELL CrossWave Cordless Wet-Dry Vacuum
17. Toro 10" Tilling Gas Cultivator
18. \$200.00 Home Depot Gift Card
19. Hisense 75 IN. 4K UHD Smart TV
20. \$500.00 Cash





 Are you a parent of young children and your financial situation has changed? If so, you may now qualify for the Women's, Infants & Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities is the administrator for WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, and is ready to assist you and your family. For more information about WIC, including income eligibility, visit [www.ccwny.org/wic](http://www.ccwny.org/wic). To connect with services, call 716-218-1484. Catholic 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 2024 Goal is \$218,032.70, so far current donors (216 have donated) \$176,436.58.

 **Dedicate the Sanctuary Candle** - The red Sanctuary Lamp is located near the tabernacle, in both the church and chapel, and burns to remind us of the presence of Jesus Christ. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion or a special intention, please contact the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. Please specify if you would like the church or the chapel. The memorial or intention will be published in the Bulletin.



**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.**



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

**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.**

**\*ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL\***  
**\*MINISTRIES, CHARITIES, & SEMINARIANS\***

**Play & Win!** **\$165** **\$550**  
**PER PERSON FOURSOME**  
**ARROWHEAD Golf Club**  
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Email us @ [KofC17530@gmail.com](mailto:KofC17530@gmail.com)

**RAIN OR SHINE EVENT**  
**LOTS OF FOOD, PRIZES & SURPRIZES**  
**SPONSORSHIP & REGISTRATION**  
Call: (716) 650-0837 or Email: [kofC17530@gmail.com](mailto:kofC17530@gmail.com)  
Like us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus 17530

**Forever Young Luncheon.** The Erie Community College Culinary School Dining Room has once again opened its doors to the public for their lunches. We would like to know if you are interested in attending. What a great way to bring in Spring and say goodbye to Winter. The date is Tuesday, April 23rd at 11:30 am and the cost is \$25/person which includes lunch, beverage, tax, and tip. **CASH ONLY!!** If you are interested call Ann Perry know at [perryadm@roadrunner.com](mailto:perryadm@roadrunner.com) or 716-984-3350.

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**—Strengthening the Church at home. Today, nearly 40% of US dioceses are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support will help them meet sacramental needs. You may place your donation in the collection basket any time in April. Envelopes at entrances. More info at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)



**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.



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



APPLY NOW FOR PRE-K 3 THROUGH GRADE 8!



# SERVICE

Ministry to others is part of every student's day at St. Mary School Swormville. Schedule a tour today to see why we're more than just a school.

716-689-8424 | [stmaryschoolswormville.org](http://stmaryschoolswormville.org)



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

PURCHASE YOUR  
TICKETS ONLINE  
BY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>!

SCAN THE CODE OR VISIT  
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## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Third Sunday of Easter

***"If you do not live what you believe, you will end up believing what you live."***

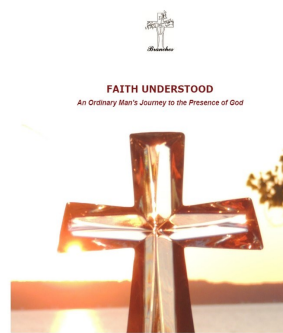
**Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles begins Peter's first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our Church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with words? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit! Find out by contacting the Vocations Office at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



### BIG SCREEN VIEWINGS OF SEASON FOUR!

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS,  
APRIL 11 - MAY 30  
7:00 PM IN NATIVITY CHURCH



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)

***Congratulations to the following Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parishioners who achieved third quarter honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year as students at Canisius High School.***

**Grade 9: Nicholas Elia, Braden O'Brien; Grade 11: James Del Regno, John Eugino.**

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.

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)



# DONATION DRIVE

The recent influx of families in need in the Buffalo area has created a shortage of clothing and other necessities. At present, **Harvest House of Buffalo** has served nearly 600 children per month with free clothing and other necessities, and now their supplies are running very low or out of stock.

Nativity BVM is teaming up with several other groups and organizations to support the **Baby and Children's Ministry at Harvest House**.



Harvest  
House  
Buffalo



Families are asked to seek and collect donations of **gently used clothing and other items** from your own homes, and from friends and relatives:

**Clothing items to collect** - Gently used and clean children's clothing and outerwear for any season (underwear and socks must be new/not used).

**Sizes to collect** - All sizes newborn - size 14. The most urgent need is for boys' clothing and coats in sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, & 14.

**Other necessities needed** - Disposable diapers in all sizes, wipes, shoes, boots, educational toys, children's books, pack n' plays, car seats no older than 2018, cribs, toddler beds, highchairs, strollers in good condition.

**How to donate** - Please ensure all donations are clean and placed in boxes or bags. **We will collect donations in the Nativity Rectory office mid-April through Saturday, April 27 at 11 am.** Volunteers will transport all donations to Harvest House Ministry Center the afternoon of April 27.





## GETTING TO *Know* OUR PRIESTS

### REVEREND THOMAS MAHONEY

Did you grow up in the WNY area? Do you have siblings?  
I grew up in Depew, NY with 3 siblings, two brothers and a sister.

Did you go to public or Catholic schools growing up? What about college?  
I attended Lancaster public schools growing up and graduated from a Catholic university; I earned an Accounting degree from Niagara University.

Did you work in other fields prior to becoming a priest?  
I worked in Public Accounting for nine years and as a Chief Financial Officer for ten years.

When were you ordained? What parishes were you previously assigned to?  
My ordination was June 6, 2015. I served my first four years of priesthood at St. Gregory the Great and then was then appointed Administrator of St. Peter Parish in Lewiston, and Pastor of Infant of Prague in Cheektowaga, before joining our family of parishes.

Who encouraged/inspired you to become a priest?  
When I was just out of high school, my sister told me I should think about being a priest, but I ignored her. I wanted to go to college and study to be an accountant. A moment came when a priest, this time, told me again you should think about being a priest. I tried hard to ignore God, but He is persistent!

*Akron, Clarence Roman Catholic Community*

### BURIED TREASURE:

An evening of games of chance and the Buried Treasure Sweepstakes, will take place Friday, April 26 in the gym at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The grand Sweepstakes prize is \$5,000 along with additional cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$50. Sweepstake tickets are \$30 each and you need not be present to win. Admission tickets for Casino Night only are \$10 and include food, beer, pop and wine. Proceeds provide funds for scholarships and capital improvements. For more information or tickets, call the O'Hara Advancement Office at 716 695-2600 Ext. 311 or 312.

## ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL



### SUMMER CAMPS at ST FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL 2024

Everything you need for a memorable Summer is here at St. Francis! Check out our Rising Red Raider program for boys entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2024 filled with engaging and interactive activities such as a movie-making workshop, robotics, E-sports and much more! For our young athletes, we have multiple sports camps for various grade levels that will help you learn the basics and set you on a path for high-level performance. Scan the QR code for the schedule and to register today!

**Any questions please contact us at 716-627-1200 ext 455 or via email: [admissions@stfrancishigh.org](mailto:admissions@stfrancishigh.org)**

St. Francis High School is located at 4129 Lake Shore Rd.,  
Hamburg, NY 14075

## Making Connections



...A day for Catholic Teens

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**12 Noon to 5 pm**  
**Villa Maria College**



Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/makingconnections716>  
\$20 per Participant  
Payable by Credit Card, Debit Card  
or Parish Check (check with your youth leader)

Join  
**National Speaker**  
**ValLimar Jansen**  
*who will inspire us with her music and witness!*



12:00-12:15pm Gather in Auditorium - Praise and Worship  
12:15-12:30pm Welcome & Opening Prayer  
12:30-1:30pm Keynote Address: ValLimar Jansen  
1:30-2:00pm Lunch (pizza) and Service Project/Activities  
2:00-2:45pm Breakouts  
2:45-3:15pm Q & A Panel  
3:15-3:45pm Keynote 2: ValLimar Jansen  
4:00-5:00pm Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher



Do you have a question for our Q&A Panel?  
You can ask anything except the answer to your math homework! Just scan this QR Code anytime, even at the event! (All questions will be anonymous.)







# Free Live Theatrical Performance

**4/15/2024**

**7 PM**

**Our Lady of  
Pompeii Aud**

129 Laverack Ave.  
Lancaster, NY  
14086

## She Did It All!



**Please join us on April 15th as we  
welcome the Venerable Nelson Baker**  
(Performed by Michael Sadiowski)

Part biographical, part  
dramatic, and part fun.  
Is meant for all ages.  
It strives to educate,  
inspire, and entertain.

Come see Father Baker  
Tell his story!

**716-683-6522**

**[www.olpparish.com](http://www.olpparish.com)**

**Refreshments follow!**

**Free will offering.**

You will hear the life story of Father Baker through a live theatrical one-man presentation entitled "She Did It All!" From a typical family in Buffalo, you will see how he placed his life in the hands of Our Lady of Victory while dedicating his life to the marginalized, poor, and orphaned. See how Father Baker recovers from a deadly infection that put him on the brink of death only to lead him to discover this lasting devotion to the Blessed Mother. Witness how his trust in Mary's intercession transformed a bankrupt orphanage and protectory into one of the greatest institutions of its kind in America. Accompany Father Baker as he guided thousands of orphaned and wayward boys by educating their minds and hearts and providing them with the tools necessary to become respectable citizens, husbands, and fathers. Listen to how he then built a basilica to give thanks and honor to the Mother of God for her constant patronage.

**O'HARA OPEN HOUSE:** Come meet our students, faculty, coaches, parents, and alumni to learn about all Cardinal O'Hara High School has to offer at a Spring Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18. Appointments are preferred, however, walk-ins are welcome. Students in grades 5 and up are welcome. Visit [cardinalohara.com](http://cardinalohara.com) to schedule your tour.

In addition on April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, the free seventh grade practice entrance exam is open to all seventh grade boys and girls to prepare for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam in the fall. Visit [cardinalohara.com](http://cardinalohara.com) to register. For more information about the Open House and Practice Exam, contact Thomas Wilkie, Director of Enrollment, at 716-695-2600, ext. 357.