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Registration is now open for the 2021-22 School Year! Contact us!





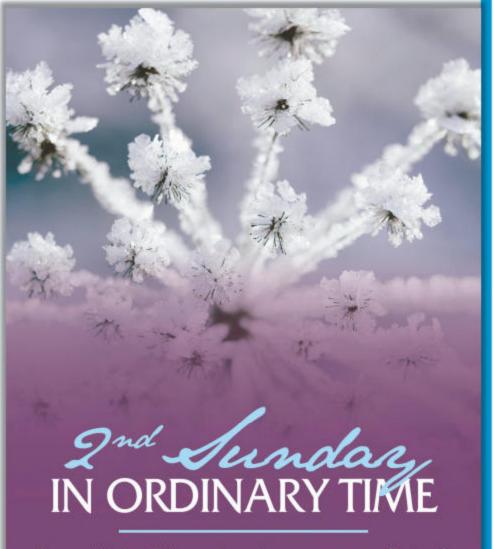


8:30am Weekdays ~ St. Rose 7:00pm Wednesdays ~ St. Agnes 9:30am Tuesdays ~ St. Paul 's

St. Paul of the Cross

33 Monroe St. Honeoye Falls, NY **St. Rose** 1985 Lake Ave. POB 8a

Lima, NY



Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

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CALENDAR

SAT 1/15	3-3:45pm SA Confession 4:00pm SA Gerald Ford - By Family			
SUN 1/16	8:00am SR Bob Reilly - By Jane & Steve Slattery 9:45am SP For the People of the Parish Cluster 11:30am SA Frank Matusak Sr By Charlene & Dan Babcock			
MON 1/17	Martin Luther King Day - Parish Offices Closed 9:00am SP For Christian Unity			
TUE 1/18	8:15am SA Mary Ellen Dowleney & Lawrence Smith - By Rosalie Zito 9:30am SP Queen of Peace Prayer Group			
WED 1/19	9:00am SP For Peace in our World 9:30-11pm SP Adoration & Confession			
THR 1/20	8:00am SR Rev. Michael Hogan - By Estate			
FRI 1/21	St. Agnes Feast Day 8:15am SA ★For All CYO Athletes			
SAT 1/22	3-3:45pm SA Confession 4:00pm SA ★For Mary Rizzo, in Memorium of her son David Rizzo - By Lynne Siragusa			
SUN 1/23	8:00am SR Matthias & Helen Recktenwald - By Recktenwald Family 9 - 10:45am SR Community Faith			

9:45am **SP** Larry Cronmiller - By Dennis & Debbie Neenan 11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster

★ Indicates Mass is for a living person.

Readings

 Sunday:
 Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

 Monday:
 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

 Tuesday:
 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

 Wednesday:
 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

 Thursday:
 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

 Friday:
 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

 Saturday:
 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

 Next
 Sunday:Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Observances

Monday:	Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot					
Tuesday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity					
Thursday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr					
Friday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr					
Saturday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children					
Next Sunday :3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;						
-	St. Marianne Cope, Virgin	©LPi				

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

A WORD FROM FATHER

Thank You!!

As we bid farewell to the Christmas season, a huge debt of gratitude is owed to the many individuals and families who worked so diligently in a variety of endeavors to make our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord nothing short of extraordinary. Especially amid all the challenges which we continue to face from the pandemic, the sheer volume of work that is accomplished by volunteers is staggering. Decorations don't just magically appear, nor are they placed by elves who come and go unseen, unheard. All three churches looked fantastic! Hats off to everyone who generously offered many hours in their humble labor of love to produce such beautiful results. Another production that requires many hours of behind-the-scenes preparation is the wonderful music that enriches our liturgies. Week after week our choirs rehearse their performances; but the extra work that goes into Christmas programs was evident. Well done, all musicians and singers! Speaking of music and preparation, this year I was able to attend only the 'dress rehearsal' for the School Christmas Pageant, but I'm so glad I could and what a great experience it was. The kids might have been a little more at ease without the large audience, but either way, that performance is an annual highlight of the Advent season. We also thank our ushers and greeters who facilitate various logistics of Mass attendance, including Offertory collection, among other efforts that typically go unnoticed and under-appreciated.

I am deeply grateful to the countless parishioners who were so generous to me personally via greeting cards, goodies, gifts and gift cards, among other acts of kindness and thoughtfulness. Of special note, you may have noticed that I am wearing a very special item of jewelry again. Two years ago I lost my father's ring and had since been unable to find it. This past December 23rd, precisely two years since I noticed it missing, Jack and Marsha Matey returned the precious keepsake to me. Marsha had found it while doing volunteer cleaning work at Saint Rose Church. Words cannot describe the elation of that moment, but Jack summarized it perfectly, "We've never before seen you at such a loss for words!"

thank you, Thank You THANK YOU!

Father Michael Fowler



15th Annual Toiletry Collection for Bethany House

This year marks the 15th year that the Rosary Women have sponsored the collection of Toiletry items for Bethany House, a women's shelter in Rochester. Again this year, due to the virus, we are asking our parishioners in the cluster to decorate and fill their own bags at home. The Rosary Women will supply the "Packets" that will include a gift bag, decorations, tissue, ribbon and a list of 12 essential items needed in the bags. These "Packets" will be available on the tables in the back/front of church this weekend.

Please return your filled bag by Valentine's Day. You may also use your own pretty bag (approx. 8" x 10" x 4"). The theme is "Love!"

Thank you so much for helping the women of Bethany House.

Questions: Call Sue @ 624-3119





St. Agnes School ~ *Volunteers Needed* We are seeking volunteers interested in helping with hot lunch at the school beginning in February. Volunteers will be serving hot lunch from 10am to 12pm on Wednesdays. Please contact St. Agnes School for details on training including CASE, etc. 585-226-8500.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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Sisters of Saint Joseph Prayer Ministry for 2022 Sister Barbara Joan Lynaugh is praying for St. Agnes Sister Constance Bickford is praying for St. Rose & St. Paul of the Cross

Please keep these Sisters in your prayers too!

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP **Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments**

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

 Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS **©LPi**

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Thank You!

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021/22 Update~ as of 1/7/22

	St. Agnes	St. Paul of the Cross	St. Rose
Donations	\$29,462	\$21,880	\$14,765
Goal	\$35,646	\$22,418	\$13,722
%	82.65%	97.6%	105.52%
# of Givers	107	45	43



A set of keys were found at St. Agnes Church in December. Please contact the office to claim them. Thank you!

STAND TOGETHER FOR LIFE





In remembrance of the 47th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade please bring a flower in memory of those lost to abortion.



Calling all Scouts!

Scout Sunday for the Boy Scouts of America will be celebrated on Sunday, February 6th at St. Agnes during Mass. Because a Scout is Reverent, we are asking for volunteers (youth, leaders and adults) to serve at Mass in a variety of ways. Please let us know if you would like to participate during the 11:30am Mass. This is open to all Packs, Troops, Crews and Leaders in the area. Don't forget to Save the Date for Girl Scout Sunday on March 6th for another celebration! RSVP to Jennifer Pedicone at: jennifer.pedicone@gmail.com or Christine DeVito at christine.devito@dor.org if you will attend this Scout Sunday Mass.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Couples Weekend Retreat

Feb. 18-20, 2022 ~ Notre Dame Retreat House "Eucharist, God's Gift to His People" Jesus Reaches out to all of us . . . It is up to us to accept this gift and then go live what we have received. Join other couples as Notre Dame Retreat Team lead you through a weekend of listening, sharing, and building friendships. Come, join us at the Table—all are welcome! For more information: Visit https:// notredameretreat.org or call Notre Dame Retreat House at 585-394-5700. (Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY)

Men's Retreat Weekend

Men's retreat weekend is back! The weekend of **Feb. 4 - 6** will be an in person retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House. The theme for the 2022 retreat year is **"Eucharist, God's gift to His people**". Registration will be limited to 50 people per retreat this year to allow for social dis-



tancing throughout the weekend. Register by email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com Or by phone: 585-394-5700. Or contact your parish leader. If you have questions, please contact Bob Cuffney at 585-503-9440.

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