



DID YOU GET YOUR LETTER ?

It's that time of the year again! The leaves are turning, there is a crispness to the fall air, the mailing with our pledge cards for this year's Catholic Ministries has gone out and I'm checking my mailbox for my pledge card!

If you didn't get a pledge card in the mail, you will find some on the tables near our bulletins in the Narthex and back entrance. **If each parish family who is able to contribute gets their pledge in early, we could break our own record and have our goal reached before Thanksgiving!** Remember, you don't need to pay off your pledge until the end of May 2021. Last year, we made our goal right around Christmas. We have been praying for our success each week and no amount is too large or too small to donate. As you know, our parish is responsible for raising \$73,071 this year. It is very important that we make our goal to show our strong commitment to those most in need, to our parish, and to our diocese by our financial contributions which continue Jesus' mission in our world!

The theme of this year's appeal is fittingly, "Forward in Faith". Our parish family has continued to move forward in faith, even with the challenges of the pandemic. Our pledges to the CMA are so important as they: fund ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith, pay for the proper education of our seminarians on the road to priestly and diaconal ordination, help struggling families find their way through economic crisis and back to stability, support ministries that reach out with the heart and hands of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned, and fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people annually!

May we continue to always move
"Forward in Faith!"

Deacon Frank



WEEKEND OF: October 9-10, 2021

Parish Mission Statement:

**“St. Mark’s Roman Catholic
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life of Jesus in our world.”**

MASS TIMES

Monday Through Friday: Rosary begins at
7:30 am; Mass at 8:00 am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:30 pm till 4:30 pm

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Stewardship Corner

PLEASE continue to support our parish during this time as best as you are able, so we can continue to be able to pay our monthly bills.

An easy way is through Online Giving (though you can still mail in your checks). Please see below to register! God bless you and keep you safe!

Secure Online Giving at:

<https://stmarksgreece.weshareonline.org>



If Heaven were like Harvard

There’s no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you’re rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you’ve got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn’t this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn’t Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let’s say I’ve got a lot of talent. Maybe I’ve got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Select the Growing in Faith Tab, and then the Family Zone



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We will be igniting in Rochester for NCYC 2021 and setting the world and our faith ablaze!

Kickoff Event **November 14th**
Virtual NCYC **November 18-20th**
World Youth Day **November 21st**



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

Raising Awareness on Mental Health

Would you value joining others in a conversation about mental health? Would you like to discover what God, Scripture, and Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges? Sign up for *The Sanctuary Course for Catholics* with Kris Burgio, at St. Mark's Church. The subject matter feels particularly relevant in these times of heightened anxiety, and the course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.

Contact: Kris Burgio, at 227-6824 ext. 203 or
Email: kristine.burgio@dor.org

Dates: Remaining Sessions
Thursday, Oct. 14, 21, 28

Time: 7-8:30 PM



**WE HELPED MAKE THE
NOURISH NEW YORK PROGRAM
PERMANENT. BUT THE BILL
WAS NEVER SENT TO THE
GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE!**

PLEASE HELP!

The New York State Legislature voted to make NOURISH NEW YORK (NYS Senate Bill S4892A), the state's farm to food bank/pantry initiative, a **permanent state program**. This pandemic-initiative provides funding to New York's food banks and emergency food providers (such as Catholic parish food pantries and other community food pantries) for the direct purchase of New York-produced fruit, vegetables and dairy products to feed those in need. To-date, food banks have purchased and passed through to food pantries, 21 million pounds of agricultural products from New York farms which fed 1.3 million food-insecure families across the state. *NOURISH NEW YORK* invests in a statewide food system that expands market opportunities for farmers, eliminates food waste, and makes sure no New Yorker goes hungry.

Our advocacy on Diocesan Public Policy Weekend (February 2021) helped make the *NOURISH NEW YORK* program *permanent*, but legislative leaders never sent the bill to the Governor for signature!

Please contact Governor Kathy Hochul. Ask her to request that the *NOURISH NY* bill be sent to her by the Legislature for her signature. 518-474-8390 or governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form

Please contact these State legislative leaders to urge that they send the bill to Governor Hochul today and call your NYS Senator and Assembly member – ask them to get the *NOURISH NY* bill signed.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins
Senate Ag Committee Chair Michelle Hinchey
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie
Assembly Ag Committee Chair Donna Lupardo
Assembly Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 10

Social Ministry-Personal Care Collection
11:00 am CLOW

Monday, October 11

OFFICE CLOSED-Columbus Day Holiday

Tuesday, October 12

6:15 am That Man is You
7:00 pm Penance Parent Meeting-Church

Wednesday, October 13

Thursday, October 14

7:00 pm Sanctuary Course-Church

Friday, October 15

Saturday, October 16

Sunday, October 17

9:30 am First Penance Class
11:00 am CLOW



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 9

5:00 pm *Susan VonBrammer by Don & Joanne Titus*

Sunday, October 10-Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am *Deacon Jim Chatterton*
by Judy Gagnier & Tom Dowd
11:00 am *Stella Butera by Carol Weilert*

Monday, October 11 - NOTE TIME CHANGE

9:00 am *Special Intention by Jim & Bev Gelormini*

Tuesday, October 12

8:00 am *Veronique Morrissette by the Bourbonnais Family*

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 am *Special Intention*

Thursday, October 14

8:00 am *Matthew Trabold by His Family*

Friday, October 15

8:00 am *Alexander Dykes by Judy Gagnier*

Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm *Joseph Mazzeo by Jackie Lombardo*

Sunday, October 17

8:30 am *Josephine Pancione by Connie Schmeer*
11:00 am *Penny DiMino Rose by Frank Valenti*

“WEBINAR”

Help your teens draw closer to Christ.

**Join us for the Unleashing Grace:
Finding Strength to Be the Parent God
Made You to Be webinar, hosted by John
Beaulieu.**

October 12, 2021 - 7:00-8:00 PM EDT

**For more information, visit us online at
www.steubenvilleconference.com**

*This Week
Sanctuary Lamp:*



Prayer Requests

The following members and extended members of our Parish Family have had prayer requests made for them:

*Jeff Biss, Amy Brewer, Mary Camiolo
Steve Clar, Mya Colon, Mary Ellyn Coons,
Rich Cyganovich, Ann DiStefano
Miranda Espinosa, Timothy Glasow
Ann Gifford, Jane Gunzelmann,
Dawn Lamendola, Cara Mack, Lynne, Mikel
Dr. Ronald Penna, Marie Petrone, Kelly Reilly
Ken & Nathan Schultz, Michele Schulz,
Donna Sindon, Skyler, Evelyn Tisa,
Emma Webster, Bob Yanus*

Pregnancy Support

**Pregnant and in need of support? We're here
for you!: optionline.org, Call 1-800-712-4357,
Text: "HELPLINE" to 313131**

**Experiencing a prenatal diagnosis? You are
not alone:**

Be Not Afraid: www.benotafraid.net

**Looking for hope and healing after
abortion? Reach out today:
supportafterabortion.com, call or text: 941-202-
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 10, 2021

WATCH

JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE

This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



LEARN

DIVINE MERCY WITH FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY EPISODE 6: FATIMA

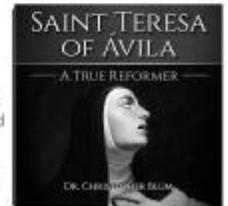


Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy in this 10-part series. Against the backdrop of a world engulfed in war, the prophetic drama surrounding a small town in Portugal captures the minds and hearts of believers and unbelievers alike. In this episode of learn about Pope Benedict XV and the apparitions at Fatima.

LISTEN

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A TRUE REFORMER BY CHRISTOPHER BLUM

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.



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FATIMA ROSARY

The Fatima Rosary, said on the 13th of each month, May thru October has resumed this year. The next session will be Wednesday, October 13. Location is the corner of Latta and Long Pond Roads, M & T Bank corner.

If the 13th falls on a weekday, we will meet at 6 pm, if it falls on a weekend we meet at 12 noon. We pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcomed, bring a chair if needed.

Sessions resume in 2022 from May to October.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Due to the COVID pandemic, the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf is not doing traditional Thanksgiving food baskets, but again is asking for monetary donations to provide Aldi's gift cards to the families it assists. St. Mark's Social Ministry Committee is asking parishioners to donate by putting monetary donations in the wooden poor box in the Narthex of the Church from October 16-23. All money collected will be donated to help the poor in our neighborhood enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

May God bless you for your generosity and care.

"The Devil Made Me Do It"

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Day of Prayer

Notre Dame Retreat House

5151 Foster Rd.—Canandaigua, NY 14424

Presented by: Deacon Eric Bessette; Church of the Transfiguration, Pittsford, NY. Also serves as Deacon to St. Catherine of Siena in Mendon.

Conference: 9AM-12 Noon, followed by lunch, free time, and confessions. **Mass at 2-3 PM.**

\$25.00 fee. Limited to FIFTY (50) participants.

Registration: Call 585-394-5700 or email at:

ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

SOCIAL MINISTRY REQUEST

St. Mark's Social Ministry Committee is collecting personal care items for those served by Mary's Place Refugee Center, a non-profit refugee outreach center at Holy Rosary Church on Lexington Avenue. Please purchase personal care items and leave them in the collection box in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen Monnat at 233-3560.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE
OCTOBER 9-10, 2021
The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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Observances for the week of
OCTOBER 10, 2021

WEEKLY READINGS

First Reading:

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed
riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)

Psalm:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing
for joy! (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

No creature is concealed from him, but everything
is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom
we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)

Gospel:

“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come,
follow me.” (Mk 10:21)

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
[14]/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk
11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37
-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk
11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk
11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/
Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43
[8]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Observances for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

GOSPEL MEDITATION

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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