



## **REFLECTING ON OUR YOUTH AND OUR FUTURE**

One common concern that emerges wherever we find ourselves is the future of our church, is our young people. A number of young people (and adults) have attended the Diocesan Youth Conference (NCYC). This was a chance for our youth to see a larger dimension of what it means to belong to the Catholic Church. Those who have participated in this dynamic gathering came back with a greater sense of the church and more enthusiasm for their faith. They learned new life skills that will not only help them now, but in the future. For some it was a life changing experience. It is a reminder that our young people are not only the future of the church, but they are the church right now. The Diocesan Youth Conference takes not only a lot of planning and work in our parishes but takes a lot of time and energy by diocesan personnel to deal with the many aspects of this gathering, especially when it is held as a virtual NCYC. Also, each year we acknowledge some of our young people for their example of faith & service as they receive “The Hands of Christ Award.” It is our Diocesan Youth Ministry Office which coordinates the National Catholic Youth Conference, the Diocesan youth gatherings, the Hands of Christ Awards, and many other wonderful undertakings for our young people.

College is an important time in a young person’s development. It is a time where they make a choice on what career they will pursue. It is also a time from being away from home and making important decisions on their own. One of these decisions is about how they are going to practice (or not) their faith. Many campuses are indifferent or even hostile to a young person practicing their faith. That is why a Catholic Newman Community is so important to our Catholic young adults on our area campuses. A Newman Community is a presence of the church at a pivotal time in a young person’s faith development. It is a safe place where Catholic youth can gather with other young Catholics to explore issues of their faith with campus ministers and other committed Catholic faculty. Often times the Newman Community will sponsor what is called a “service project.” It takes place on the students’ spring break. It may involve going to another part of our country or to another country to serve the poor in some capacity. There often is a profound effect this experience of service can have on a college student. Through this experience some students have chosen to become a priest, teacher, social worker or youth minister.

Another wonderful aspect of young adults being involved with a Catholic Newman Community is the opportunity to serve as a parish council member (including being the chairperson) with other Newman students. This, along with other similar experiences, gives young adults a deeper sense of what a parish is and how their leadership skills can enhance parish life. The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports campus ministry programs for our young adults at college, as well as brings a stronger presence of the church to colleges in our area (such as M.C.C. Brockport, R.I.T., Cornell, and Ithaca College). The Catholic Ministries Appeal also supports the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (mentioned above). Your generous support of the CMA will enable the church to continue to be a strong presence to our youth and young adults at this very critical time in their young lives because we move “FORWARD IN FAITH.”

WEEKEND OF: Oct. 16-17, 2021

**Parish Mission Statement:**

**“St. Mark’s Roman Catholic  
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Called by God’s love to live the  
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**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.

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## What’s in it for me?

I think we’ve all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what’s in it for us. It doesn’t matter if it’s a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you’ll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: “If I do this, what will I get?”

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don’t give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they’re just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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# INCYC

*Ablaze • Enciende el Fuego*

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

<b>Kickoff Event</b>	<b>November 14th</b>
<b>Virtual NCYC</b>	<b>November 20th</b>
<b>World Youth Day</b>	<b>November 21st</b>



## Knights of Columbus®

**EXULT***Rochester 2021 Men's Conference*

*"St. Joseph - A man of God"*

**Exult**Rochester and  
the Very Reverend Salvatore Matano,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester,

invite you to join the Seventh Annual Catholic  
Men's Conference on Saturday morning  
October 23rd at the Parish of the Holy Family—  
St. Jude (tickets \$25.)  
A livestream option is available (\$15)

Dr. Mark Miravalle, professor of theology at  
Franciscan University of Steubenville  
is this year's speaker.

For details and to register:  
go to [ExultRochester.org](http://ExultRochester.org)

Our parish Knights of Columbus chapter will be selling raffle tickets and taking donations for the annual 2021 Charitable & Benevolent Program (C&B).

Please support the Knights of Columbus chapter with your purchase of a raffle ticket or a donation.

Your donation can make a difference for so many.

Thank you!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 17

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

### Monday, October 18

### Tuesday, October 19

6:15 am That Man is You  
7:00pm Rosary Society—Library

### Wednesday, October 20

### Thursday, October 21

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus –Old Church  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Course - Church

### Friday, October 22

### Saturday, October 23

### Sunday, October 24

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

# Mass Intentions

### 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*

### Monday, October 18

8:00 am *Arnold Rodriguez by Celeste Arnais*

### Tuesday, October 19

8:00 am *In Thanksgiving by M.E. Monnat*

### Wednesday, October 20

8:00 am *Special Intention*

### Thursday, October 21

8:00 am *Special Intention by Jim & Bev Gelormini*

### Friday, October 22

8:00 am *Robert Reeves, Sr. & Family*  
*By Gavin Reeves & Family*

### Saturday, October 23

5:00 pm *Joseph Mazzeo by Bart & Lucy Arena*

### Sunday, October 24

8:30 am *Bill & Betty Knoepfler by Connie Schmeer*  
11:00 am *Irv Zellen by Frank Valenti*

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St. Mark’s Social Ministry

*This Week*  
*Sanctuary Lamp:*

*For all those serving in the Military*



### 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*  
*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](http://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](http://www.benotafraid.net)

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abortion? Reach out today:**  
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 17, 2021

## WATCH

### THE JEWELER'S SHOP: A MODERN MYSTERY BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."



## LEARN

### FORMED NOW: ST. LUKE AND THE EUCHARIST



Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.

## LISTEN

### SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT BY JASON EVERT

Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.



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## St. Mark's Sunday Collection Summary 2021-2022

Month	Actual	Budget	+/- per month	+/- YTD
July	\$33,378.00	\$ 32,080.00	+\$ 1,298.00	\$ 1,298.00
August	\$ 37,218.00	\$ 40,100.00	- \$ 2,882.00	-\$ 1,584.00
September	\$ 30,887.00	\$ 32,080.00	- \$ 1,193.00	-\$ 2,777.00
October				
November				
December				
Christmas				
January				
February				
March				
April				
Easter April 17				
May				
June				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,483</b>	<b>\$104,260</b>		

**WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE**  
**OCTOBER 16-17, 2021**  
**The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:**

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life. (Is 53:10)

**Psalm:**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

**Second Reading:**

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

**Gospel:**

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mk 10:45)

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**Observances for the week of October 17, 2021**

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Luke, Evangelist  
Tuesday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest  
Thursday:  
Friday: St. John Paul II, Pope  
Saturday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM  
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

**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 for those in need.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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