

Forward in Faith



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2021-2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



SUPPORTING VOCATIONS!

Mark was a high school senior and was involved in his parish's youth group. He had given some thought about a vocation. He went on "24 hours with the Lord" sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office where he had a chance to be with seminarians and young priests of our diocese, as well as getting a chance to be with the Bishop. This experience moved Mark to enroll in a pre-theology concentration at Steubenville University. Mark will have a challenging journey because it is hard not to be affected by the many negative aspects of our American culture such as the promotion of materialism and narcissism. That is why when Mark returns home for his semester breaks or in the summertime, he will have the support of the members of the Vocations Office of our diocese. If Mark chooses to consider becoming a priest in our diocese, he will find a home and financial support while he is in his discernment process. Whatever path Mark eventually chooses these important experiences and guidance by our Diocesan Vocations team will serve him well for the rest of his life.

Jason came to the Catholic Newman Community at Geneseo College. He has proudly stated that it was his experience with the Newman Community, especially the spring service project that set him down this path of priesthood. There are many other stories like Jason's of how our young people have been helped in their vocation in some way by our diocesan church.

Historically, whenever the Sacrament of Holy Orders has been flourishing, so too has the Sacrament of Marriage flourished. The "good news" is that despite all these challenges both inside the church and outside in society we are seeing an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our diocese and in many parts of the country. There are now 7 new candidates who wish to study for the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Rochester. One of the important factors in this marvelous increase is the work of the Vocations Office of our diocese, which sponsors many activities and programs. These activities and others have been a very moving experience for many young men in our diocese. In terms of the vocation of marriage, the diocese does extensive work in helping couples prepare for marriage through Pre-Cana and other marriage enrichment opportunities.

We all need to begin to help parents, grandparents, and other family member of our parish see the crucial role they have in fostering and encouraging their sons/daughters to think and pray about a vocation to priesthood, religious life, or the Sacrament of Marriage. Have you ever asked, encouraged, or prayed for one of your family members about their religious vocation? Our parish has had a person become a diocesan priest, but not in recent history. Let us now begin to find ways to create and cultivate "a culture of vocations" in our parish, so that we may be known throughout the diocese, as a place where all vocations flourish, especially as we remember National Vocation Awareness week (in the beginning of November). These vocation programs are supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. So, whether it is supporting the Vocations Office through giving generously to this year's CMA or promoting vocations in the parish with other endeavors, we undertake these efforts because we move "FORWARD IN FAITH."

WEEKEND OF: Oct. 23-24, 2021

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**“St. Mark’s Roman Catholic
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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

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Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we’re afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God’s readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we’re not really afraid that God can’t do something. We know He can do anything. What we’re afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn’t so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn’t what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don’t want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God’s generosity is always reckless, and it’s always perfect.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 20th**
World Youth Day **November 21st**



Is God calling you to go deeper?

Have you felt that God is asking you to go deeper with your faith? Your prayer life? Your ministry? You might be called to be a Lay Dominican!

What is a Lay Dominican?

Members of the Fraternities of St. Dominic are lay men and women who

are fully incorporated members of the Order of Preachers and live out their Dominican vocation in the world. Through the Four Pillars of prayer, study, community, and apostolate they work to preach the Gospel and grow in personal holiness.

St. Dominic Invites You to Come and See

The Our Lady of Victory Fraternity of Lay Dominicans invites you to join us for an evening of prayer, study, and community: all visitors are welcome! We meet on the second Sunday of every month from 3-5pm at St. Thomas More Church, located at 2617 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14610. For more information go to rochester.laydominicans.org, laydominicans.org, or contact Mary Anderson at; phone: 585-377-2672 email: marymattie@yahoo.com.

“COULD YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?”

-Matthew 14:37

This was the question of Jesus when He needed His followers the most - He longed for their company before His betrayal and passion. He continues to give the faithful, through His real presence in the Blessed Sacrament - a sacred time of intimacy with our God who welcomes and accepts us (“*I myself am the Living Bread come down from heaven*” John 6:35). It is more about Jesus’ desire to be with us, than our desire to be with Him. Holy Hour is the chance of a lifetime to bask in the light of His love that never fails us. Imagine - if the pope himself invited you to the Vatican, who would turn it down? But Pope St. Paul VI wrote: “*The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament. For there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness.*”

(Mysterium Fidei). Join us on the Thursdays before the first Fridays each month for one hour between 12 noon and 4:00 pm, followed by Benediction. In the words of our Lord - “*This is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise upon the last day.*” (John 6:40).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on November 4, 2021 from 12:00 noon to 4 pm, followed by Benediction.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 24

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

Monday, October 25

Tuesday, October 26

6:15 am That Man is You
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, October 27—Office closed

Thursday, October 28 —Office closed

7:00 pm Sanctuary Course-Church

Friday, October 29 — Office closed

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, October 31

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

Mass Intentions

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*

Monday, October 25

8:00 am *Matthew Trabold by His Family*

Tuesday, October 26

8:00 am *Deacon James Chatterton by Don Sargent*

Wednesday, October 27

8:00 am *Special Intention*

Thursday, October 28

8:00 am *Deacon Jim Chatterton & Family
by Monnat Family*

Friday, October 29

8:00 am *Charles Leimberger by Don Sargent*

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm *Elaine Brandt by Cheryl & Robert LeBlanc*

Sunday, October 31

8:30 am *Placido Parrinelli by Wife, Lina Parrinelli*
11:00 am *For all of our beloved deceased of the past year*

*This Week
Sanctuary Lamp:*

For All St. Mark's Deceased Parishioners



Prayer Requests

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

*Gina Bach, Jeff Biss, Amy Brewer, Mary Camiolo
Steve Clar, Mya Colon, Sue 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*

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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: 941-202-4030, email: help@supportafterabortion.com

The Daily Mass Book for 2022 is open for intentions from January 1 - July 31, 2022.



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WATCH
WITH GOD IN RUSSIA

Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.



LEARN
THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE, SIX-PART SERIES



Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. John Sehorn, professors at the Augustina Institute, walk through the culture shaping, famous work of The Confessions of Saint Augustine. This classic of western literature has shaped thought for over 1,500 years and is a spiritual masterpiece reflecting man's relationship with God.

LISTEN
THE INNOCENCE OF FATHER BROWN AUDIO BOOK BY G.K. CHESTERTON

One of the most memorable sleuths in the canon of detective fiction has to be Father Brown, the small priest with "a face as round and dull as a Norfolk dumpling", but who nevertheless outwits the greatest criminal minds with his wisdom regarding human nature. Brought to life here by actor Kevin O'Brien in a series of dramatic readings.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

The parish office will be **closed** for carpet installation on Wednesday, October 27th through Friday, October 29th.

The office will reopen on Monday, November 1st.

In the event of an emergency, please call the office number and follow the phone prompts.

Thank you for your understanding.



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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.
To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator.

Deborah A. Housel
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Toll-free:
1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE
OCTOBER 23-34, 2021
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will gather them from the ends of the world,
with the blind and the lame in their midst.
(Jer 31:8)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are
filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
(Heb 5:4)

Gospel:

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to
see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith
has saved you." (Mk 10:46-52)

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Observances for the week of
OCTOBER 24, 2021

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Friday:	
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/ Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/ Lk 6:12-16
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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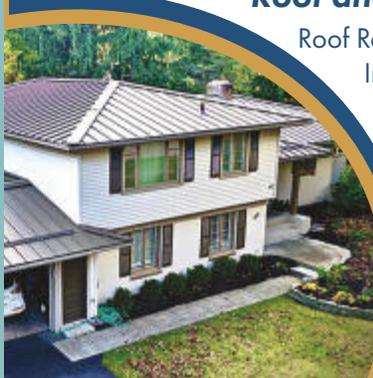
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