

To Our Goal and Beyond!



For this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, "Forward in Faith", my Halloween costume honors "Buzz Lightyear" from the movie, "Toy Story". My "jet pack" is fittingly our electrostatic backpack sprayer that we still use to disinfect our church. Thankfully, we are no longer obliged to do so after each Mass.

If you recall, Buzz's phrase in the original "Toy Story" movie was, "To infinity and beyond!" And so, I titled this article, "To our goal and beyond!" It is hard to believe the movie is now over 25 years old! I'm glad I haven't aged that much over the same time.

The movie certainly had many good lessons for both children and adults. One of the main lessons was that all the toy characters, while being very, very different from one another, were able to accomplish their goals only by working together. It is a simple lesson, but one that each of us, and our culture greatly needs to learn again and again.

Our Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent example of our parish coming together to continue the work of Jesus in our world today. No single parish would be able to do what each parish does without our diocese; and our diocese certainly wouldn't function without her parishes.

This year, our CMA reminds us that, our parish, our diocese, and all who are served by our Catholic Ministries Appeal, must come together to move "Forward in Faith".

If you haven't made your pledge yet, please do so early. Remember, you don't need to fully pay off your pledge until the end of May 2022. And please remember our parish family, diocese and our CMA in your prayers.

May God bless you abundantly, now, and always!

Deacon Frank

WEEKEND OF: Oct. 30-31, 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

Recurring Gift Match Promotion:

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per organization. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be processed through WeShare by 12/31/21

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The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him? What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him? To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth? Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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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**

Give Up Worry For Good

Join Catholic Speaker, Author and Radio Host Gary Zimak for two inspiring and timely presentations.

Peace in Pandemic

Friday, November 12th at 7pm
St. Mark's Church
54 Kuhn Rd
Rochester NY 14612

Moving Past Fear to Hope

Saturday, November 13th at 10:30am
St. Leo's Church
110 Old Hojack Rd
Hilton NY 14468

Questions? contact Kris Burgio

"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 31

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

Monday, November 1

Tuesday, November 2

6:15 am That Man is You

Wednesday, November 3

Thursday, November 4

12-4pm Adoration
1-3pm Book Marks

Friday, November 5

Saturday, November 6

Sunday, November 7

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 30

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

Sunday, October 31 -31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, November 1 - All Saints Day

8:00 am *Mary De Ninnis by Michele De Ninnis-Smith*

Tuesday, November 2

8:00 am *Donald Wania by Joan Wania*

Wednesday, November 3

8:00 am *Special Intention*

Thursday, November 4

8:00 am *Robert Cravatta by Theresa Cravatta & Family*

Friday, November 5

8:00 am *Dana DiNitto by Bill & Bev Empey*

Saturday, November 6

5:00 pm *Jennie Butler by James & Joyce Kesselring*

Sunday, November 7- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am *Charles Keenan by The Keenan Family*
11:00 am *Michelina & Joseph Amato by the*

*This Week
Sanctuary Lamp:*

*Donald Wania
By Joan Wania*



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 Pettrone, Kelly Reilly
Ken & Nathan Schultz, Michele Schulz,
Donna Sindon, Skyler, Evelyn Tisa,
Emma Webster, Bob Yanus*

Thank you to everyone who prayed for the success of our recent blood drive and who donated blood. The drive collected 13 units of blood – helping as many as 39 patients in need! St. Mark's Youth Ministry will host another American Red Cross Blood Drive on:

December 6, 2021 From 1pm - 6pm.

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:

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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.

St. Marks 2020-2021 Year End Report to the Parish

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over (Under)
Total Regular Collections	\$394,790	\$378,000	\$ 16,790
Holy Days & other Parish Collections	29,527	31,550	(2,023)
Auxiliary Receipts	11,349	7,350	3,999
Parish Services & Ministry Programs	71,598	70,500	1,098
Gifts & Donations	111,577	48,000	63,577
Other Revenue	<u>2,870</u>	<u>18,900</u>	<u>(16,030)</u>
	\$571,711	\$501,300	\$ 67,411
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$383,537</u>	<u>\$494,696</u>	\$ <u>111,160</u>
Net Operating Revenue 6/30/2021	\$188,174	\$ 9601	\$ 178,570
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Revenue without Gifts & Donations	\$460,134		
Total Operating Expenses	<u>383,537</u>		
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 76,597		

Comments: The Net Operating Revenue was rather large this year over this particular time period, due to our operating expenses being significantly less due to reduced staffing levels. Expenditures for the coming year are continuing to increase as planned.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE
OCTOBER 30-31, 2021
The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

“Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.” (Dt 6:5)

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away.
Therefore, he is always able to save those who
approach God through him. (Heb 7:24-25)

Gospel:

And when Jesus saw that he answered with
understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mk
12:34)

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Observances for the week of
OCTOBER 31, 2021

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time;
All Hallow's Eve

Monday: All Saints

Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful
Departed; All Souls' Day

Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Friday:

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time Ends

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk
12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-
3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom
5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25
-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-
10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1
-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
[1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb
9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4

GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 31, 2021 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi

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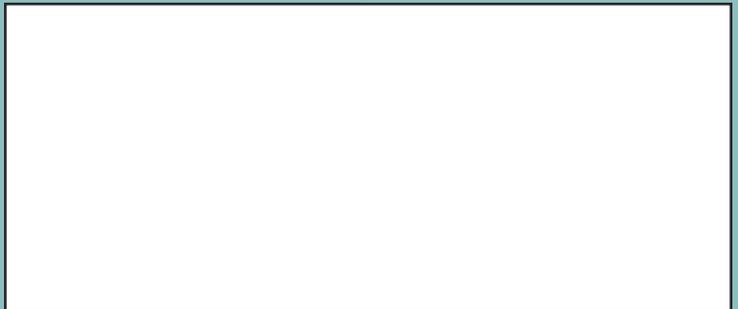


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