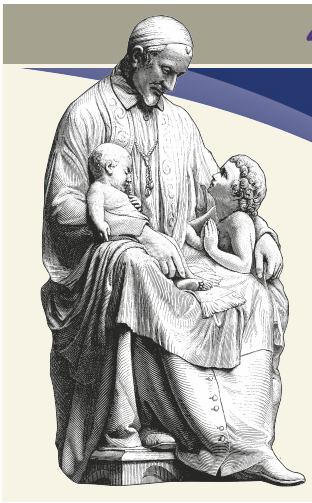

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish is a welcoming, caring Catholic family guided by the Holy Spirit. We are nourished by Word, Sacrament and each other. Our members strive to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting the lifelong spiritual growth of our parish family and by reaching out to serve the needy in the spirit of our patron saint".

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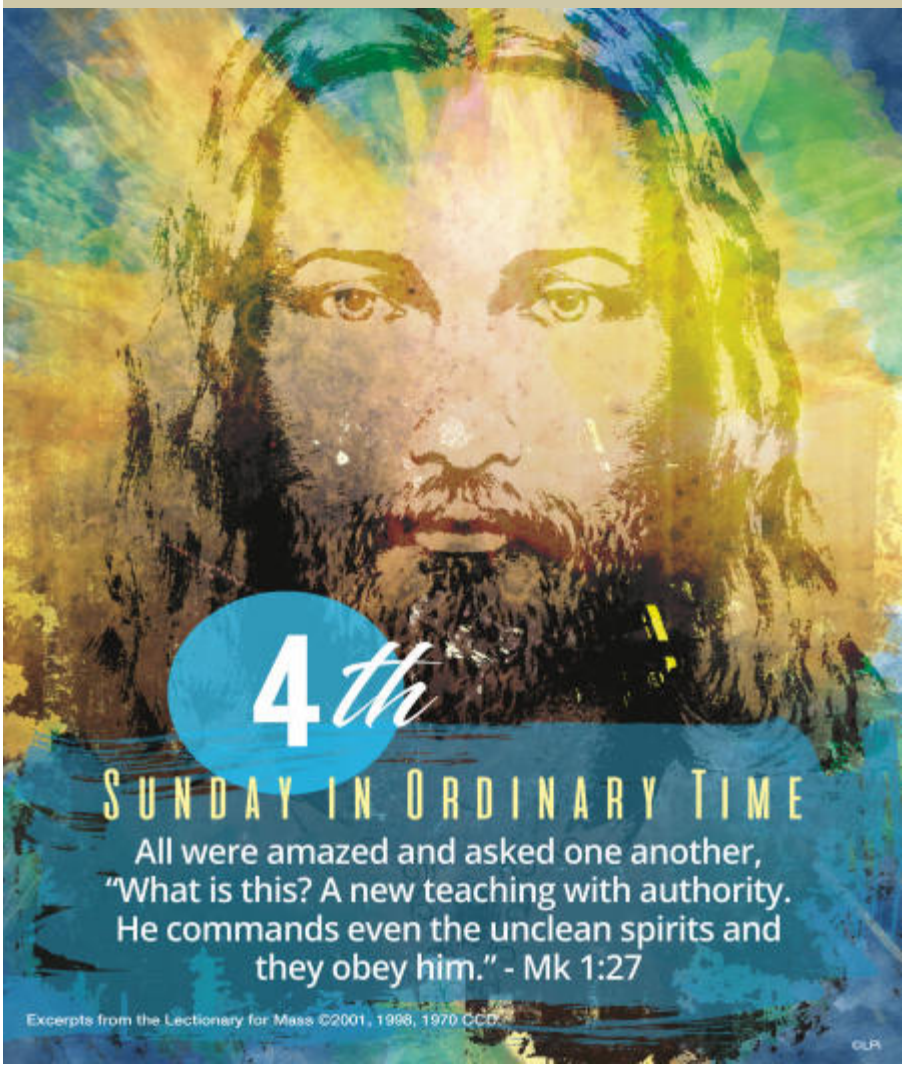

Letters of Recommendations: To receive a letter of recommendation to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, it will be gladly given to *registered* parishioners **(for at least 3 months)**, who are active, supporting members of our parish who regularly attend Sunday Mass and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, and if married, has done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

IN THE CHURCH, PLEASE SIT ONLY WHERE THERE IS BLUE TAPE, WHICH IS THE REQUIRED 6 FEET APART.

- **All Weekend Masses are held in POP Church**
- **8:30am Weekday Masses are held in POP Church—Streamed online**
  12:15pm Weekday Mass held in Chapel
- **Confessions are heard at Prince of Peace Church site on Saturday's, from 3:15pm/3:45pm.**

Saturday, January 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (P) Dave Tweed by Dolores Tweed and children and their families
5:30 PM (P) Elisa DeSimone (8th Anniv) by Ann, Lisa and Family

Sunday, January 31—Foirth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (P) Margie Wysocki (B-Day Remb) by Pat and Dort
11:30 AM (P) Raquel Perricelli by Bernie and Barbara Voyton

Monday, February 1—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Sr. Christine Marie Nizialek by Sr. Joanne Suranni
12:15 PM (Chapel) Special Intentions for healing for William Truesdale by Rosemary

Tuesday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord
8:30 AM (Church) Frank Ruggiero by sister Angela
12:15 PM (Chapel) Truesdale Family by Rosemary

Wednesday, February 3—Weekday (St. Blaise)
8:30 AM (Church) Mary Cristelli by Skowronski Family
12:15 PM (Chapel) Truesdale Family by Rosemary

Thursday, February 4—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Sister Fidelma by Sr. Joanne Surrani
12:15 PM (Chapel) Jeanette Lauzonis by Steve and Mary Hannold and Fam.

Friday, February 5—St. Agatha
8:30 AM (Church) David Tweed by Lorna, Bobbie and Gail
12:15 PM (Chapel) Peter Pennesi by sister Nancy

Saturday, February 6—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM (P) First Saturday Mass: Irene Brown by Fr. Mario Racho
4:00 PM (P) James Tweed Sr. and Jr., by Family
5:30 PM (P) Raquel Perricelli by Rose Marie & Rosario

Sunday, February 7—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (P) Joseph A. Casale Sr., by your loving family
11:30 AM (P) Concetta Girardo by Husband, children, grandchildren

THIS WEEK'S TABERNCLE CANDLES BURN FOR

POP Church Candle:
SVDP PARISH FAMILY

POP Chapel Candle:
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St. Leo Site Candle:
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SECOND COLLECTION
Catholic Relief Services

Parish Groups (Due to Covid, some groups may not be meeting. Call for more info.)

Baptism Sessions:
Rectory: 283-2715 x 200

Bereavement Meals:
Rectory: 283-2715 x 200

Bereavement/Grief Support:
Maria Stevenson: 297-1816

Catholic Men's Group:
Bob LaBarbera: 297-1057

Legion of Mary:
Fred Curcione: 297-2489

Parish Events:
Vicky C.: 417-5109 / Dorothy S.: 297-5927

Prayer Chain:
Pat Stanley: 297-2224

Pre-Cana—Marriage Prep:
Deacon Chris and Caroline Privitera
283-2715 x 200

Pro-Life:
Barb Skowronski: 731-9072

Spiritual Life:
Maria Stevenson: 297-1816
(Parish Nurse Health Care Ministry)

Ushers:
Rectory: 283-2715 x 200

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated. It is because of your support that our St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry is able to continue to feed the many needy families in our area. We would appreciate donations of the following non-perishable foods:

Canned green beans, canned peaches, canned pears, applesauce.

.If you know of anyone in need of food, please call our pantry at 957-7146. ***Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted***. Please mail to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society, attn: Treasurer, 1040 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, and our food barrels are located at both parish sites for non-perishable food donations. GOD BLESS YOU for all you do to help these families.

(The Poor Box is the Bread Box for the Poor)

Thank you to all who bought gifts for the Angel Tree, gave food/cash donations to the Food Pantry, etc! We are so very grateful to you for kindness and generosity! We couldn't do what we do without you!

Attention Catholic adults that have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of Confirmation, (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed". If you received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, are 18 years of age or older and a registered participating member at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, however, have never completed the Sacraments of Initiation by the reception of Confirmation, you are invited to attend Adult Confirmation sessions.

Now is the time to register. Sessions are held in the Ministry Center at the St. Leo Site, 6:30-8:00pm each Wednesday beginning, February 10, 2021 for eight consecutive weeks. If you plan on attending you will need to submit a "New" copy of your Baptismal Certificate with the place and date of your First Eucharist listed. You do this by calling the Church of Baptism to issue. Call to make an appointment with Fr. Mario Racho 283-2715 ext. 202. God Bless You.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

There will be several priests available to hear confessions on the following dates/places:

- **March 17th**: **St. Peters Parish**
  4:30pm-6:30pm
- **March 24th**: **Prince of Peace Church**:
  4:30pm –6:30pm

THRIFT STORE—HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY STORE AND DONATION CENTER —— 299-0799

The store is open Wednesday's and Saturday's from 10am-1pm, 1419 Falls Street, school building—door #2 off 14th Street, NF.
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Because of Covid, we are not currently accepting general donations. ***But we ARE open for you to come shop!***

For the time being, we are only accepting donations from "house estates" or house cleanouts that we can first go through. Call the number if you have an estate that you'd like us to look at and/or to drop off.

2020 TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of their financial contributions to SVDP Parish for the year 2020, please fill out form and drop in collection or mail to rectory or call Caroline at 283-2715 x 200.

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone: _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, Appeal 2021also helps to support the Fund for the Faith. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the Fund for the Faith continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our Diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience and enable us to more effectively spread the Gospel message of Christ's love. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, donations to the Fund for the Faith are more important than ever as we extend comfort to all of God's people –our family, friends and neighbors alike.

Our hope and prayer is that a successful Fund for the Faith drive will help restore and support expanded ministries including Catholic education and formation programming for youth and young families. For a list of the programs the Fund for the Faith supports, go to ccwny.org/appeal-programs. You can make a secure online donation at ccwny.org/donation.

This Weekend's Second Collection: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES—
This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. To learn more, go to www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SEASON OF LENT
Ash Wednesday is February 17th, which marks the beginning of Lent.

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th Birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthday are bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

Easter Duty: After their First Communion, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 21st (First Sunday of Lent) and May 30th (Trinity Sunday). ***Have A Great Lent!***

DIAPER DRIVE for the Scott Squad!

The granddaughter of parishioners J & E. Britton, The Scotts, are expecting Quadruplets this Spring! They are holding a diaper drive on **Saturday**, **February 13th, from 2-4pm** in the Parking Lot at 7781 Porter Road, NF. Prizes will be drawn at random throughout the drive!

(They love Huggies, Luvs, or Pampers!)

Babies go through an average of 2,200 diapers in their first year! This means the Scotts' will need 8,800 diapers for the first year alone!

If you are unable to drive by or drop off, you may donate diapers by visiting the baby registry through Amazon under Brittany Scott (search NY, due 2021)! Thank You! *The Scott Family*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. ***Are you willing to give it a try?*** lpi

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls * 716-283-1455

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls will be hosting its first ever Lenten Fish Fry on

Ash Wednesday, February 17th from 4pm to 7pm. All dinners are pre-sale and orders must be placed by February 12th at 9:00am.

Our annual **Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy** sale begins this week. If you would like to support our school, brochures are located at the front door of the church along with our "Pot of Gold" Raffle tickets. Candy orders (top white copy) and payment are due on Wednesday, February 17th.

Our "Pot of Gold" Raffle is now underway. Take a chance to win cash prizes up to $5,000. Each ticket sells for $25.00 with stubs & payment due to the school by Tuesday, March 16th.

You may drop off any order with payment at school door #1 or mail them to: Catholic Academy, 1055 N. Military Rd, NF NY 14304.

LENTEN FISH FRY ORDER – Due by Friday, February 12th @ 9:00am

I would like to order _____ Haddock Dinners @ $13.00 each

I would like to order_____Shrimp Dinners @ $13.00 each

I will be ordering _____ Sides of Macaroni & Cheese @ $5.00 each

Total Enclosed $_____ Paying by Cash App _____

Name:_____ **Phone:** _____

Lifelong Faith Formation

Virtual Youth Conference
Below, please find the official "logo" for the Virtual Youth Conference that will be held on February 26 & 27. Some of the teens from our parish will be attending Mass on February 27 at 4:30 with Bishop Mike. If anyone would like to go and does not have a ride, please contact Sr. Joanne. You can register for the conference at www.icyouthea.org. Links for the meetings can also be found there. The theme is "Reconnecting."

Weekly Classes
Weekly classes for ALL students, both virtual and remote will be starting the ***week of February 21***. Remote students need to have all their activities in from the first semester. Those who do not, will be contacted.

Sacramental Preparation Information
Information has been sent out to parents and students from Grades 2, 3 and 10 in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Please be attentive to your e-mails, and return the required information.

Sacrament Retreats
All children receiving the sacraments in the spring of 2021 are required to attend a socially distant retreat with safety protocols in place such as wearing masks and sanitizing. Please mark your calendar if your child is in one of the following grades:
Grade 2 First Reconciliation Retreat - Saturday, February 28 (10-11:30 AM)
Grade 3 First Eucharist Retreat – Saturday, March 6 (10-11:30 AM)
Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat -Saturday, March 13 (1-5 PM)
Both remote and in-person students must attend the retreat for their grade level.

Returnable Bottles and Cans
Thank you everyone for your returnable bottles and cans which fund various activities and initiatives at faith formation. If you would like to donate, you may bring bottles to church or faith formation, or you may submit receipts that can be cashed in for money. As we look forward to returning to more normal times, these donations will go a long way.

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