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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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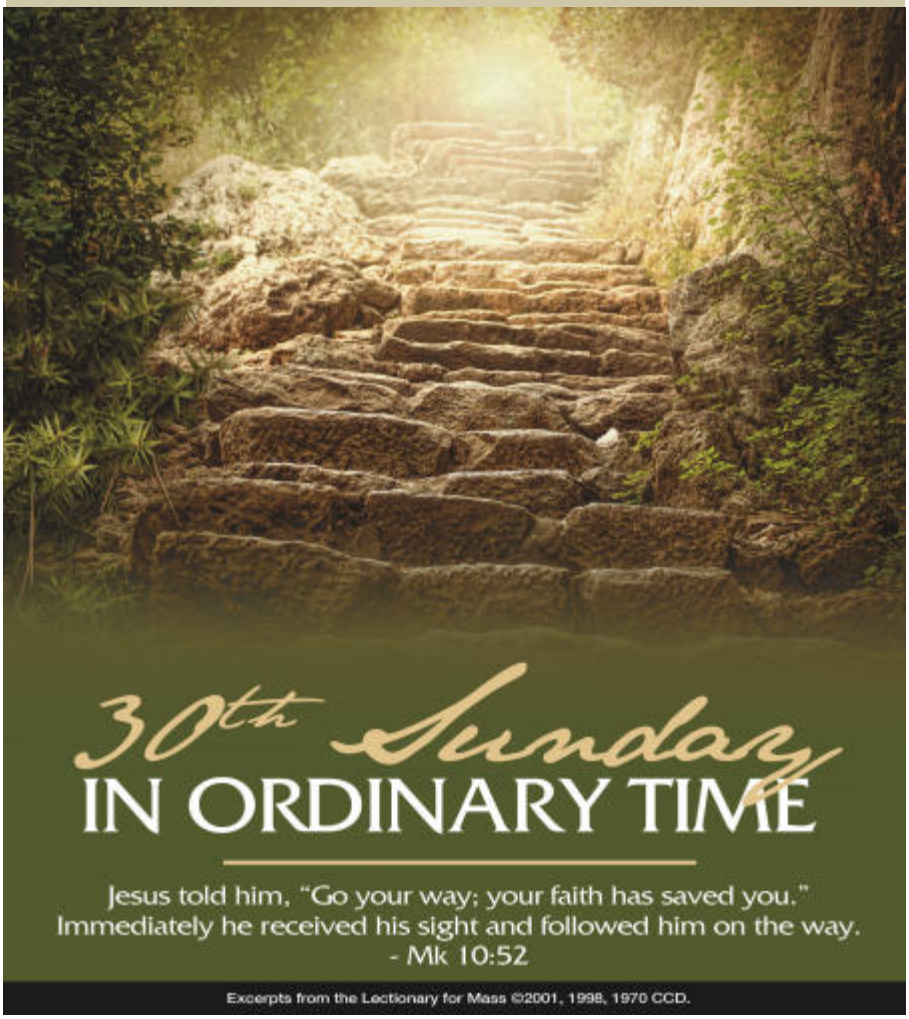

MASS TIMES
Daily (M-F) 8:30am (P-Church) & 12:15pm (Chapel)
Saturday 4pm(L) & 5:30(P)
Sunday 9am(L) & 11:30am(P)
1st Saturday of the Month: 8:30am (P-Church)

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4:45pm(P)
& 3:15pm(L)
or anytime upon request

DEVOTIONS
First Friday-Eucharistic Adoration
9am-12 Noon (P-Church)

HOLY DAYS: 8:30am, 12:15pm, 6pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 23—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (**LEO Church**) Joanne Wahl by Kathy, Gary and Kelsey
5:30 PM (POP Church) Nancy Rescigno (Anniv) by Family

Sunday, October 24—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (**LEO Church**) Edeltraud Peri by M/M Thomas C. Zwelling
11:30 AM (POP Church) Ralph F. Mocny by Daughter Linda

Monday, October 25—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Mary V. Burke by Denise Schiesser
12:15 PM (Chapel) Birthday Blessings for Frank Micale by Mater Family

Tuesday, October 26—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) James Archbold by Brothers and Sisters
12:15PM (Chapel) Gary Favero by Dolores Tweed and Families

Wednesday, October 27—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Flora Rose Bedore by Family
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Mother's Living and Deceased

Thursday, October 28—Sts. Simon and Jude
8:30 AM (Church) Daniel O'Leary by Family
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Father's Living and Deceased

Friday, October 29—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Gino, Ida, Jerry and Mary Parenti by Laura Mascaro
12:15 PM (Chapel) Joe DeMarco by Allen Storms

Saturday, October 30—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (**LEO Church**) Alice Rosczypala by Rusconi Family
5:30 PM (POP Church) Marty Stevens by Carl & Terri Hriczak

Sunday, October 31—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (**LEO Church**) Vanda & Antonio Fioramonte by Mother and Children
11:30 AM (POP Church) Mickey Porto by Strangio Family

THIS WEEK'S TABERNCLE CANDLES BURN FOR

POP Church Candle:
Anthony Viapiano by Goddaughter Nancy

POP Chapel Candle:
Birthday Blessings for Frank Micale by Mater Family

St. Leo Site Candle:
SVDP PARISH FAMILY

Parish Groups

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

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
October 24, 2021 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. ©LPi

Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us
to be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern
the pathways that will lead us,
your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey
as we proclaim your Good News,
celebrate your saving presence among us,
serve others with charity and justice,
and steward the world
you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide
our Emmaus journey as we commit
ourselves to the renewal of our Church.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

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"MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS" BY JOHANN GEORG MELCHIOR SCHMIDTNER

Road to Renewal:
Week 3: Knot of Mistrust

In the Letter of James we read, 'So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.' The inability to do the right thing and the lack of transparency in the midst of scandal and great upheaval has caused mistrust in our church. The mistrust and lack of transparency has fractured relationships between shepherds and sheep, between the faithful and those who were tasked with the responsibility to lead the faithful closer to Jesus.

The knot of mistrust represents the lack of truth, transparency and integrity that Jesus expects of his church.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

Second Collection- World Mission Sunday- This collection helps the Society to provide resources to missionaries in 1,111 mission dioceses throughout the world. Those missionaries care for Christian communities in need and for the proclamation of the Gospel.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

RESPONDING TO NEED | SHARING IN HOPE

THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING! KINDLY REMEMBER US WHILE YOU ARE SHOPPING!

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**: Coffee, hot chocolate, canned corn, cereal, toothpaste.**

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. 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)

PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

5 7:25pm Saturday Bingo—(L) Prog: #58 Queen of Hearts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00pm 12 & 12 Al-Non Support Group—(L) #6

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00am Al-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

BEREAVEMENT / GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet on **Friday, November 12th at 2:30pm** in **St. Leo's Church**. Coping with loss and grief does not go away. Join our support group. Comforting all those who mourn. Call Maria at 297-1816.

DRIVERS SAFETY, POINT/INSURANCE REDUCTION

Niagara Wheatfield Central School District, Community Education Classes.

Register online at: https://nwcsd.coursestorm.com

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Tuesday, December 7

Time: 4pm-10pm

Location: N-W Sr. High— Room B115

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will be held on **Friday, November 5th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Prince of Peace Church site.** '*Never feel inadequate about being an adorer, even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, are numb, down and out, or weakened by life. The all important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside and out.' He loves you immensely.*'

Please join us.

"Happy Birthday O'Hara."

Cardinal O'Hara High School will celebrate "Happy Birthday O'Hara" at its 2021 Hawktion event on **Friday, November 12** at the school, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda.

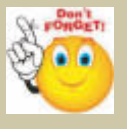
The exciting occasion that marks the school's 60th year will feature silent and live auctions, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner and mobile bidding. Tickets may be ordered online at www.cardinalohara.com or contact Renee Orr at 716-695-2600 or rorr@cardinalohara.com.

SVDP ANGEL TREE

Our SVDP Angel Trees will be up at both church sites on the **weekend of: October 30/31**.

Helping to make a child's Christmas a little brighter!

Kindly remember to attach the Angel to the gift! (Very important so the right gift gets to the correct child!)



MEMORIAL BRICKS—SVDP PARISH

Looking for an idea for a gift/memorial for a family member— friend? You can purchase a Memorial Brick which will be installed at our St. Leo site in front of the St. Joseph Statue.

Examples:

- In Thanksgiving by the Jones Family….
- Bob and Mary's 50th Anniversary-Love, The Smith Family...
- Blessings for The Smith Family….
- In Loving Memory of Mom and Dad Jones...

Call the Rectory at 283-2715 x 200 to place your order. The bricks are $125 each.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Once again, we are requesting $10 gift cards instead of turkey donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The cards may be from ***Wegmans, Aldi's, Save-A-Lot, or Tops.***

They may be put in the collection basket in an envelope marked **"Food Pantry". Thank you and we truly appreciate your generosity!**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 24, 2021

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)

ALL SOUL'S DAY SPECIAL MASS

Celebrate the Eucharistic with us All Soul's Day, **Tuesday, November 2nd, at 6:30pm** at the St. Leo's Church site. Our faithful departed remembered in love, those from our parish family and from our Bereavement Ministry.

Faith Formation Food Collection

Our Faith Formation students are collecting non-perishable food items for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and "grab and go" items for the Little Free Food Pantry at Prince of Peace. Our collection will continue through Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"Open Door" Policy

Our doors and hearts are always open to accept new students and new families in our program. If you are joining the program late or into the semester, we're happy to have you here. If you know of someone who is hesitant to call or sign-up, encourage them to do so. We are blessed with wonderful catechists and an excellent program! Hospitality and welcome are hallmarks of who we are. Just call Sr. Joanne to get started.

Save the Date

Our annual Faith Formation Basket Auction is scheduled for February 6, 2022. We are getting an early start on planning as we didn't have the event last year due to COVID. We are in need of any kind of ribbon that you can donate as well as new, unused, unopened, undamaged, items with no recalls on them for baskets as well as gift cards and gift certificates. If you would like to donate a basket, we'll be extremely grateful. Please contact the faith formation office if you'd like to help.

Catching Up?

If your child did not come for Faith Formation instruction last year due to COVID and other considerations, we sincerely understand, and we will help you to be prepared for your next steps toward Sacraments. Don't worry! Call Sr. Joanne and she will help you.

Help Needed

We could use help with our Sunday morning EDGE class for students in Grades 6 through 8. Your primary responsibility as a helper would be to help facilitate small group discussion. The class runs on Sundays from 10 AM until 11:15 AM. Your witness and support to our young people will be very valuable. Pray about this and if you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you, please contact Sr. Joanne.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

Thank you to everyone for your support and continuing generosity of returnable bottles and cans. We are able fund wonderful programs through your donations. You may bring your rinsed and bagged bottles to faith formation, church or to Empower on Military Road. If you take them to Empower yourself, please tell them to credit our account, which is number #64.

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