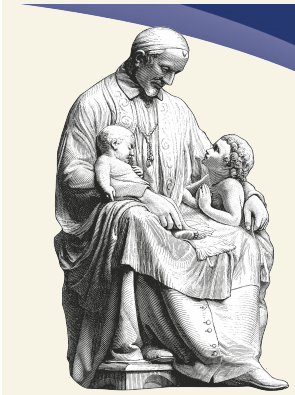

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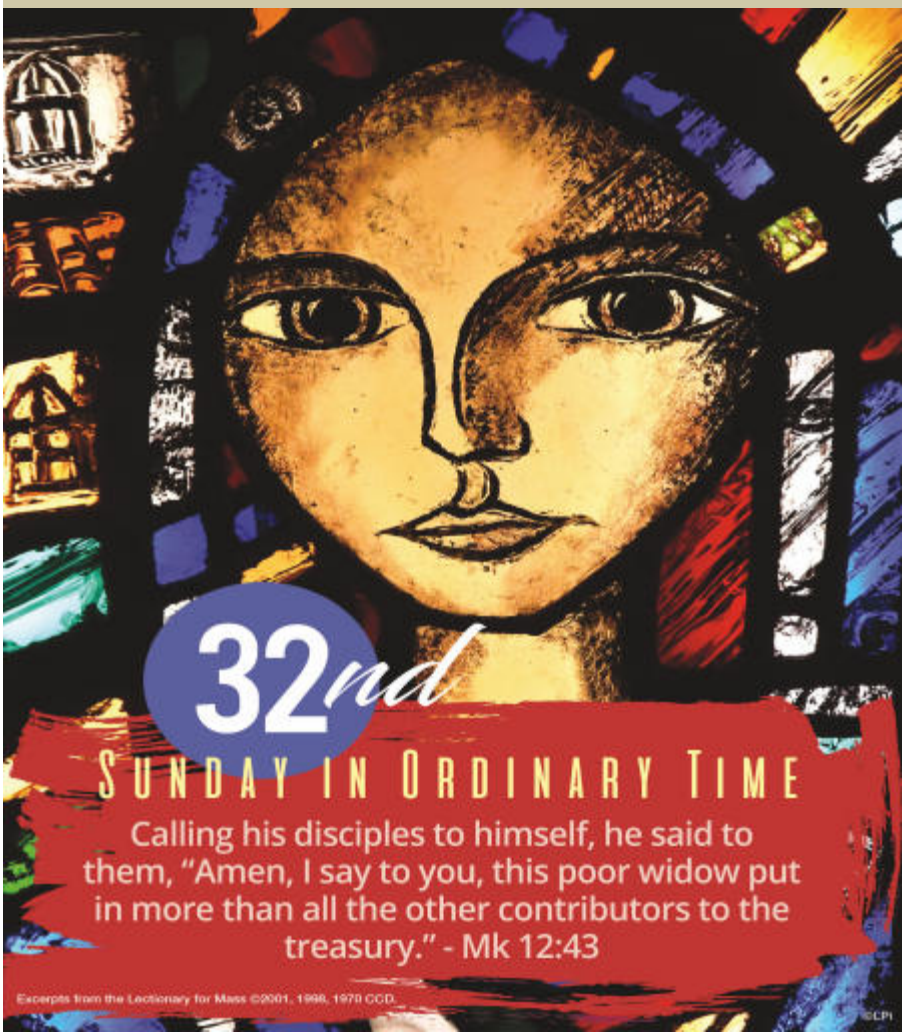

MASS TIMES
Daily (M-F) 8:30am (P-Church) & 12:15pm (Chapel)
Saturday 4pm(L) & 5:30(P)
Sunday 9am(L) & 11:30am(P)
1st Saturday of the Month: 8:30am (P-Church)

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, November 6—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM (POP Church) First Saturday Mass: Cathleen Blood (14th Anniv) by Family
4:00 PM (LEO Church) Jerry Peuquet by Wife Cathy
5:30 PM (POP Church) Otto & Paula Reisch by Daughter Dorothy

Sunday, November 7—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (LEO Church) Jennie Zabaldo (15th Anniv) by Daughter
11:30 AM (POP Church) Christopher Page by Tim and Kathy Touchette

Monday, November 8—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Anthony Maglio, Sr., by Conrad and Karen Johnson, & Rosalie Zuccari
12:15 PM (Chapel) Blessings for Chester Rosczypala by Rusconi Family

Tuesday, November 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:30 AM (Church) Anthony Maiorana (2nd Anniv) by Daughters
12:15PM (Chapel) Living /Deceased Mother's of Christ the King Parish

Wednesday, November 10—St. Leo the Great
8:30 AM (Church) Gregory Cristelli by Barbara Skowronski
12:15 PM (Chapel) Healing Blessings for Rose Micale by Mater Family

Thursday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours
8:30 AM (Church) Kameron Stenzel by Stan and Carol Daily
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Father's Living and Deceased

Friday, November 12—St. Josaphat
8:30 AM (Church) Deceased Members of the Cicco & Ferlito Families by Agnes Cicco and Family
12:15 PM (Chapel) Joe DeMarco by Allen Storms

Saturday, November 13—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (LEO Church) Deceased Members of Fatouros Family by Peter Fatouros
5:30 PM (POP Church) Joseph G. Marks, Jr., Love Mom, Dad and Family

Sunday, November 14—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (**LEO Church**) Joseph Cicco by Wife and Family
11:30 AM (POP Church) Patricia Leo by James and Mary Anne Sacco II

SUNDAY'S READINGS
November 7, 2021

First Reading: She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)
Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) or: Alleluia
Second Reading: But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)
Gospel: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

Saturday, November 6
7:25pm Saturday Bingo—(L) Prog: #51 Queen of Hearts: $140.60
New Start time: 7:00pm!(Early Bird: 6:55pm)

Tuesday, November 9
7:00pm 12 & 12 Al-Non Support Group—(L) #6

Wednesday, November 10
10:00am Al-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6

Thursday, November 11
Veterans Day—**Rectory Closed**

Friday, November 12
2:30pm Grief Assist., Group—(L) Church
Other Env: Monthly & Catholic Univ.

THIS WEEK'S TABERNCLE CANDLES BURN FOR
POP Church Candle:
Linda Malfa by Ma and Dad Malfa
POP Chapel Candle:
SVDP PARISH FAMILY
St. Leo Site Candle:
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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 7, 2021—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits. Lpi

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:
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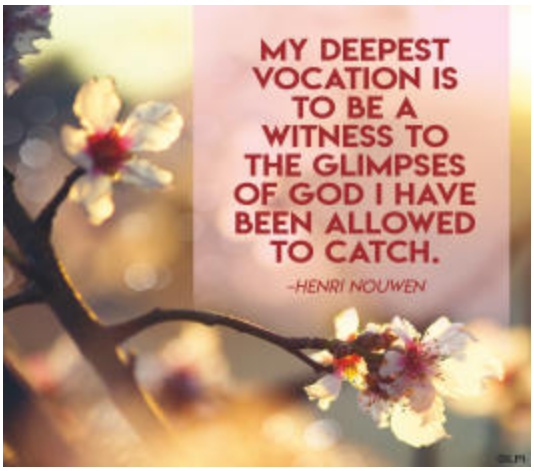

Road to Renewal:

Week 5: Knot of Isolation/Individualism: In the Gospel of John we hear; 'May all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.' Our struggle with isolation from the COVID pandemic has caused much separation, anxiety and stress. The disconnect from family, friends and community have brought a strain upon relationships and understanding our common bond as human beings. The focus upon individualism and a postmodern culture have exacerbated the isolation that has been felt. The individualism of our culture has resulted in a failure to recognize our striving for the common good, and our connection to the human race. Our lack of recognizing all as part of the Body of Christ has become a knot in our Church. *Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us*!

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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)

KENMORE LIONS CLUB

The Kenmore Lions Club will be sponsoring a "ConnectLife" Blood Drive. The event will take place on **Thursday November 11, 2021** from 11 am thru 4 pm. The event will be held at the Ken-Ton Elmwood Commons Community Room, 3200 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore NY. If you wish to make an appointment, please call 716-529-4270 or visit ConnectLIfeGiveBlood.org. All blood donations will remain local.

MAKE IT COUNT

Q: How much of Mass can I miss and still have it 'count' toward my Sunday obligation?

A: Perhaps it depends on your mindset. For some it will be about creative manipulation, and for others it will be about a sincere, missed opportunity. Maybe the better question to ask is 'Why' you were late or left early? Was it because of a baby diaper blow out, or wanting to catch the final minutes of the big game? Asking 'Why' directs the conversation away from the legalistic thinking of parts and percentages of Mass and places it squarely on your relationship with God. It's about intentionality. There may be certain factors to consider, such as personal sickness, or the need to care for a sick loved one, or hazardous travel conditions.

Depending on the severity of these situations, the weight of such factors could excuse one's missing Mass completely. However, if you decide to miss Mass because of ice and snow and then decide to go to the movies, or the store or Star-bucks, then who is the one not being sincere with the situation?

Sometimes, life requires a little honest thinking about our relationship with God and how we can better develop and build our relationship with Him. For those who are dealing with situations out of their control, maybe cut yourself a little slack. For those who can control their circumstances and intentionally choose to arrive late or leave early, maybe this article will inspire you to make a change?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

CARDINAL O'HARA CRAFT, VENDOR SHOW: The senior class at Cardinal O'Hara High School will host a Holiday Craft and Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **December 11** at the school, 39 O'Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. Admission is $2. All proceeds from the fair will support the senior class prom. Registration fee for vendors/crafters is $25 and includes one eight-foot table. Additional tables are $20 and electricity is available for an additional $10. For more information or an application, email—-rhoffman@cardinalohara.com or call Rena Hoffman at the school 695-2600 ext. 353.

SVDP ANGEL TREE

Our SVDP Angel Trees are up at both church sites!

Please help us 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!

**** Return due date is November 27th & 28th ****

Knights of Columbus: At their hall on 755 Erie Ave. North Tonawanda. They will be holding their monthly Farmer's Breakfast on **Sunday, November 14th—** mark your calendars from 8:30 am 11:30 am.

All you can eat! The cost is $11.00 for adults and children 12 and up. Children 6-11 $5. And children 5 and under, Free.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion.

We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call. ©LPi

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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!**

Lifelong Faith Formation

Faith Formation Class Schedule

Classes will be held as usual on **Sunday, November 7 and Monday, November 8** for students who attend on these days.

There will be **no classes** on **Thursday, November 11** due to the Veteran's Day Holiday. The faith formation office will also be closed on this day.

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.

Parent Meetings

First Eucharist Parent Meetings are scheduled for **Sunday, November 14at 10:00 AM or Thursday, November 18 at 6:15 PM** in the parish center. At least one parent of each child preparing for the Sacrament must attend one of these meetings. If you cannot attend during these times, please contact Sr. Joanne.

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.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

Do you really dislike taking returnable bottles and cans back to the store? If so, Faith Formation will accept your donations, and will be happy to return them for you. All returns benefit our faith formation and youth initiatives. Returnable bottles and cans may be brought to church in a plastic bag and left in the vestibule or entrance, or they may be brought to the faith formation office. Our account number at Empower is #64. You may take them there on your own if you wish and simply tell them to credit our account.

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.

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