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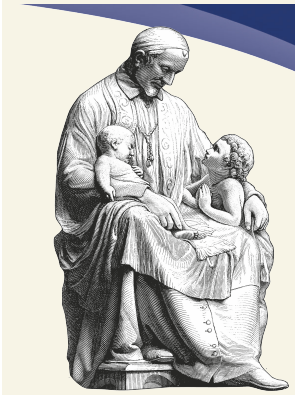

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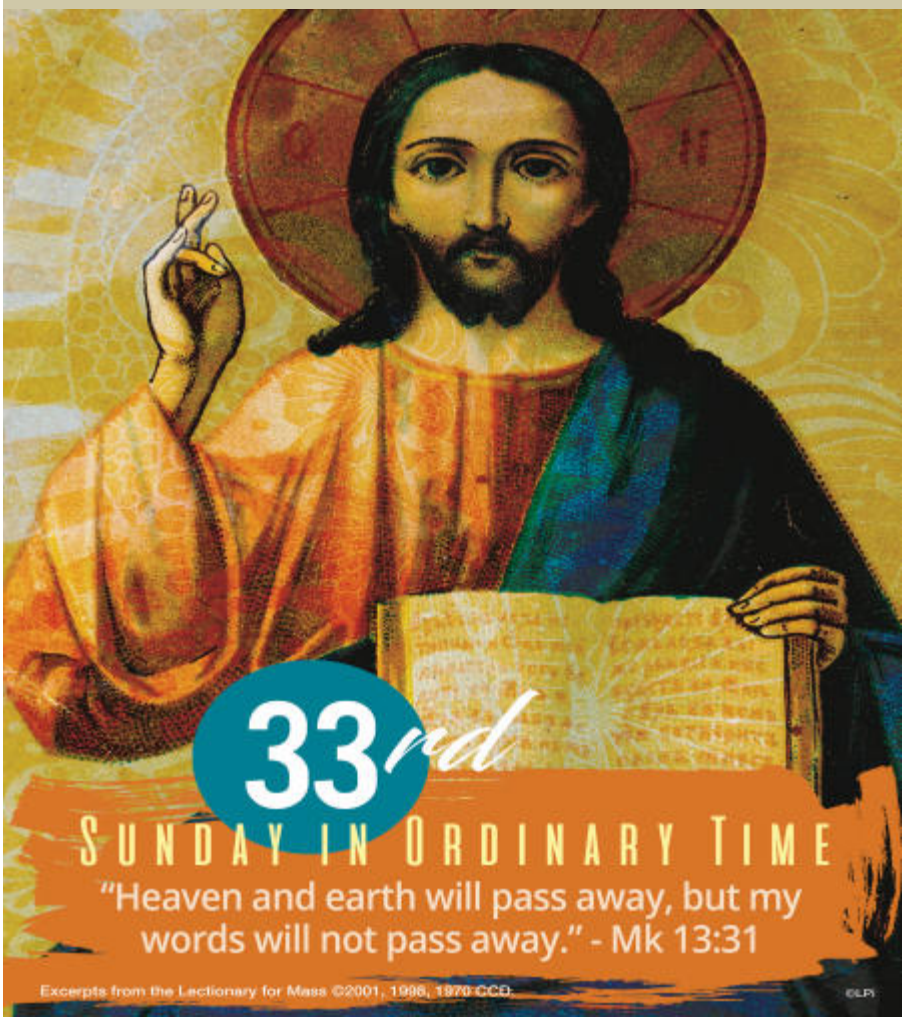


**MASS TIMES**
Daily (M-F) 8:30am (P-Church) & 12:15pm (Chapel)
Saturday 4pm(L) & 5:30(P)
Sunday 9am(L) & 11:30am(P)
**1st Saturday of the Month:** 8:30am (P-Church)

**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 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

**Monday, November 15—Weekday**
8:30 AM (Church) Sister Christine Marie (1st Anniv) by Sister Joanne Suranni
12:15 PM (Chapel) Joe DeMarco by Allen Storms

**Tuesday, November 16—Weekday**
8:30 AM (Church) Angelo Mariglia by Wife Irene and Family
12:15PM (Chapel) Gary Favero by Mother Rita and Family

**Wednesday, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary**
8:30 AM (Church) Paula Mash Love Family
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Father's Living and Deceased

**Thursday, November 18—Weekday**
8:30 AM (Church) Harold Ferguson by Dorothy Ferguson
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Father's Living and Deceased

**Friday, November 19—Weekday**
8:30 AM (Church) All Soul's Intentions
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Father's Living and Deceased

**Saturday, November 20—Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**
4:00 PM (LEO Church) Anthony Mameli by Family
5:30 PM (POP Church) Angeline Albion by Karen Kwandrans and Linda Soluri

**Sunday, November 21—Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**
9:00 AM (**LEO Church**) Patricia Leo by Rocky, Jeff, and Families
11:30 AM (POP Church) Marty Stevens by Patricia Rioux

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:**
"But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

**Psalm:**
You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

**Second Reading:**
For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

**Gospel:**
"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:26-27)

## PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

**Saturday, November 13**
7:00pm Saturday Bingo—(L) Prog: #52
Queen of Hearts: $224.20
**New Start time: 7:00pm!(Early Bird: 6:55pm)**

**Tuesday, November 16**
7:00pm 12 & 12 Al-Non Support Group—(L) #6

**Wednesday, November 17**
10:00am Al-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6

**THIS WEEK'S TABERNCLE CANDLES BURN FOR**
**POP Church Candle**:
Mary Pennesi by Granddaughter Nancy
**POP Chapel Candle:**
SVDP PARISH FAMILY
**St. Leo Site Candle:**
SVDP PARISH FAMILY

**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 14, 2021 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear. Lpi

## Parish Groups

**Baptism Sessions:**
Rectory: 283-2715 x 200
**Bereavement Meals:**
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**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

**REKINDLE THE FIRE WITHIN**: On **Thursday, November 18, 2021**, at 7 PM, St. Christopher Parish will be celebrating a Praise and Worship evening. Please join us for a night of inspirational music and worship. The evening will be spent in Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, with moment of prayer and reflection interspersed throughout. It is sure to be a Spirit-filled evening. Please give yourself a gift and attend! You won't want to miss out on this uplifting and moving experience!

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

RESPONDING TO NEED | SHARING IN HOPE

### THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE! 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)**

**Infant Jesus Shrine:** 3452 Niagara Falls Blvd. Will hold a Basket Raffle to benefit the Shrine on **Saturday, November 20th**, 10 am/3pm. Drawing at 2:45 pm. $5.00 sheet of 25. $15 /4 sheets. 50/50 raffle tickets for $3 or 4 tickets for $5. For donation inquires or purchase tickets call Sara at 276-8088 or email InfantJesusshrineraffle@gmail.com

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

*Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die?* The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences.

But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will. LPi

## 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 ****

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
RESPONDING TO NEED | SHARING IN HOPE

## 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!**

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty -eight million people In the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. www.usccb.org/cchd.

## AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASSES Insurance and Point Reduction Program

There are two classes available:

**February 15/16: 5:30pm-8:30pm**
**and March 1/2: 12 Noon/3pm**

Held at our Parish Center, Bingo Hall. The classes are limited to 35 people per class, so register soon by calling Dorothy at 297-5927. Anyone of any driving age can attend! You do not have to be an AARP member. Price to follow.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Feast Day November 17**

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

## Catholic Brotherhood of St. Vincent de Paul Parish NOVEMBER 21st Meeting

The Catholic Brotherhood, also known as the Catholic Men's Club, have resumed their monthly meetings on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the St. Leo's site following the 9am Mass. In addition to Faith and Fellowship, we provide Service to the Parish. We help financially, and in the past provided manpower for site projects as they presented themselves. Unfortunately, we've become an aging organization and our numbers are dwindling. We appeal to our young (age 18 and older) and middle aged parishioners to join our ranks.

This is an opportunity to help the parish with little time commitment. We realize everyone's busy and do our best not to compromise your time. ***We hope you'll join us at the next meeting November 21st! Come and see what we're about. Our Parish can use your help.***

**Sermon:** The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." — George Burns

# Lifelong Faith Formation

**Faith Formation Class Schedule**

All classes will be held **as usual** on Sunday, November 14, Monday, November 15 and Thursday November 18.

**Parent Meetings**

First Eucharist Parent Meetings are scheduled for **Sunday, November 14 at 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.

**What's going on at Faith Formation?**

Here are some highlights of our first 6 weeks of classes:

- All students have received their safe environment training
- Second Graders have been busy learning their prayers
- Our high school students experienced Eucharistic Adoration and a guided holy hour with Fr. Mario
- Middle School students have been exploring character traits and virtues to help them live an extraordinary Christian life through the notion of superheroes
- Our third graders learned about the Holy Spirit and created doves to hang at home as a reminder of God's guiding presence.

**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.

**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 from10 AM until 11:15 AM. Your witness and support to our young people will be greatly appreciated.

**Faith Formation February Fair**

This year we've decided to "rebrand" or annual faith formation fundraising event. By the time February comes around, everyone will certainly be ready for a **picnic in the winter**. Our event for this year is the **"Faith Formation February Fair"…dreaming of summer!** We are going to have a different choices of picnic meals, ice cream, popcorn and more in addition to our fabulous basket auction.

So mark your calendar for **February 6, 2022 from 11:30 – 3:30** and come on over for a great time. Donations of prizes, gift cards and especially men's items such as tools, cases of beer, men's toiletries and items for the car would be especially appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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