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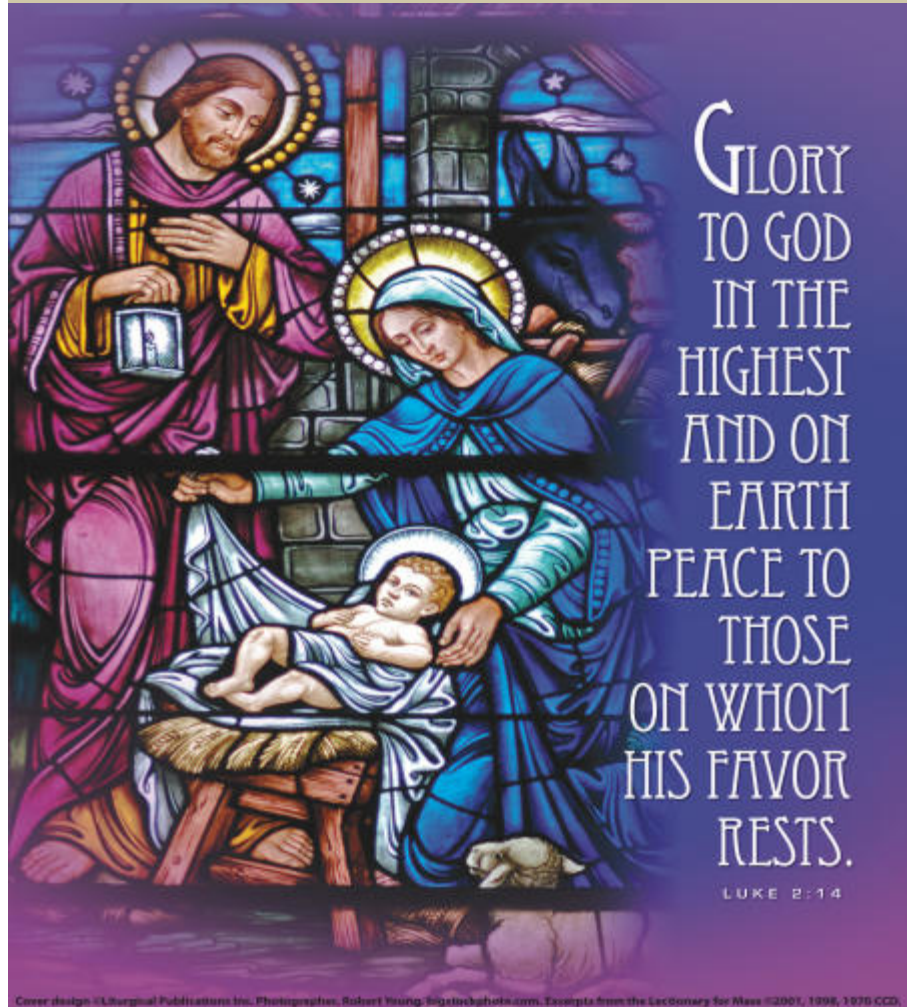
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MASS TIMES
Daily (M-F) 8:30am (P-Church) & 12:15pm (Chapel)
Saturday 4pm(L) & 5:30(P)
Sunday 9am(L) & 11:30am(P)
1st Saturday of the Month: 8:30am (P-Church)

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

DEVOTIONS
First Friday-Eucharistic Adoration
9am-12 Noon (P-Church)
HOLY DAYS: 8:30am, 12:15pm, 6pm

MASS INTENTIONS



Friday, December 24—Christmas—Nativity of the Lord

- 2:00 PM (Leos)** Living and Deceased members of the Privitera and Rizzuto Families by Family
4:00 PM (Leos) Intentions of SVDP Parishioners
6:00 PM (POP) Nan Sdao by Family
10:00 PM (POP) Teddy Kudela by Wife Rose and Family

Saturday, December 25—Christmas—Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 AM (LEO)** Deceased Members of the Aramini Family by Family
11:30 AM (POP) Franca Cardamone by Husband & Children
 (NO 4pm and 5:30pm Masses)

Sunday, December 26—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 9:00 AM (LEO)** Catherine/John Kwiatkowski, Theresa/Edward Johnson, Carol/William Stolz, Robert Belin, Sr., by Family
11:30 AM (POP) All Mother's Living and Deceased

Monday, December 27—St. John, Apostle

- 8:30AM (P-CH)** Christine Cavanaugh by Faith Formation Friend
NO 12:15PM Mass

Tuesday, December 28—The Holy Innocents

- 8:30AM (P-CH)** Marty Stevens— Love Lois
NO 12:15PM Mass

Wednesday, December 29—Fifth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 8:30AM (P-CH)** Special Remembrance for Rosemary Bettino by Daughter
NO 12:15PM Mass

Thursday, December 30—Sixth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 8:30AM (P-CH)** Paul Gatas by Steve and Mary Hannold and Family
NO 12:15PM Mass

Friday, December 31—Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 8:30AM (P-CH)** Antonio, Giuseppina and Umberto Iacobelli by Family
NO 12:15PM Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

- 4:00PM (POP)** All Mother's Living and Deceased

Saturday, January 1, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

- 8:30 AM (POP)** 1st Saturday: All Father's Living and Deceased
4:00 PM (LEO) Mary & Thomas DeMunda by Rose and Jessica Conley
5:30 PM (POP) Nellie Morelle by Mike and Maria Murawski

Sunday, January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord

- 9:00 AM (LEO)** John M. Jesz by Mom and Dad
11:30 AM (POP) Mark Teoli by Barstys Family

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God. (Is 52:10)

Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. (Ps 98)

Second Reading: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

(Heb 1:1-2)

Gospel:

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)

PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

Saturday, December 25

No Bingo

Tuesday, December 28

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

Wednesday, December 29

10:30am AI-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6

Merry Christmas!



Spec. Collection: Christmas

THIS WEEK'S TABERNACLE CANDLES BURN FOR

POP Church Candle:
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POP Chapel Candle:
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St. Leo Site Candle:
SVDP PARISH FAMILY



Dear Parishioners,

A sincere thank you for your continued prayers and support. On behalf of Fr. Mario and our entire parish staff we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we look forward to 2022. Our parish has begun the process of becoming a part of a 'Family of Parishes' which will officially begin in 2023. It means, with fewer priests, we will need to work together with 4 other parishes to share our talent, personnel and worship spaces. It will mean changes to our mass times and any other ways we can more effectively and efficiently minister to our Catholic Community here in the Town and City of Niagara Falls.

I will keep you informed as to the progress of becoming a Family. It is the work of the Holy Spirit as we move forward with this new model of being church. Please pray for the renewal of all parishes in our Diocese and pray for more vocations to the Priesthood.

I will be away after Christmas for a little rest and renewal, staying with friends in California till January 8. If you need anything call Fr. Mario (283-2715 x202) or Caroline at the rectory (x200) or for an emergency call her cell phone at 716-696-2600. God bless you and your families during this most sacred time of our God loving us enough to become one of us to show us the way. Christmas blessings to all!

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Bob

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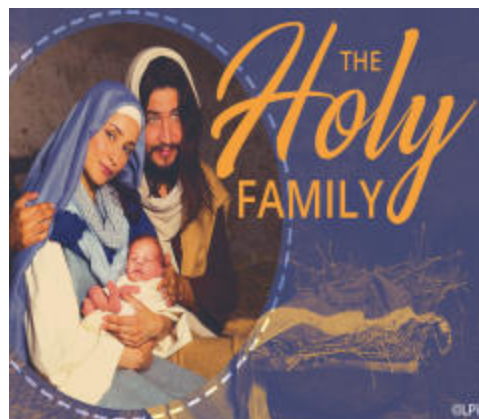
A lot has changed since our founding in 1923, but one thing has remained a constant: Just as we have for 98 years, Catholic Charities is here and ready to help – now. If you have an emergency need for food or personal hygiene items, mental health counseling, substance use treatment, and more, reach out to our Helpline at 716-218-1419. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.cwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters.

All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him. Lpi

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.





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)

BASEBALL EXCURSION **NY YANKEES VS THE CLEVELAND** **GUARDIANS**

When: Saturday, July 2, 2022

Game Time: 4:00 pm

Cost: \$115 per person. Includes private suite with bathroom, unlimited food and beverage (non-alcoholic) from arrival until 1 hour after the first pitch. You can either stay in the air conditioned suite or sit outside in your upper reserved seat.

Departure: St. Amelia's Parking lot at 12 noon

Return: Anticipated around 11:00 pm.

For more information or to make reservations please contact Joe Kroczyński at 716-876-2616 or jkroczyński@stameliaschool.org.

Makes a great Christmas, Birthday, Mother's Day or Father's Day gift.

Please note: This is a family friendly event and excessive drinking will not be permitted as per our bus company and crew.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE **December 25, 2021—The Nativity of the Lord**

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed. lpi

CHRISTMASS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

- 2:00pm Leo's
- 4:00pm Leo's
- 6:00pm POP
- 10:00pm POP

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

- 9:00am Leo's
- 11:30am POP
(NO 4pm and 5:30pm Masses)

Sunday, December 26

- 9:00am Leo's
- 11:30am POP

We will not be having the 12:15pm Masse on Monday, December 27th through Friday, December 31st, and Monday, January 3rd through Friday, January 7th. They will resume on Friday, January 7th. The 8:30am Masses will be held as usual.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will be held on **Friday, January 7th,**
after the 8:30am Mass until 12 Noon at
the Prince of Peace Church site.

Polish Christmas Traditions: Fr. Czeslaw Krysa, traditions expert, explains Polish Christmas customs, Saturdays at 11:00 am live, online at WebrRadio.com and 1440 AM. Also many Polish programs throughout the year.

St. Christopher School: Is looking for a middle school science teacher. The teacher would also be responsible for teaching NYS Regents Living Environment. Please contact the school 692-2660 if you know someone who is interested.

Christmas Spirit at Faith Formation!



Annulment Workshop on Saturday, February 5 from 9-11 am at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skinner-ville Rd., Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional information, contact Barbara at 716-633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Lifelong Faith Formation



Faith Formation Schedule

There are **NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** during both Christmas and New Year's week. Classes resume as usual on Sunday, until Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Feast of the Holy Family

Families are special! God chose for His Son Jesus to be born into a human family. The family is the place where God most fully revealed himself to us in Jesus. God's presence and love continue to be known through families. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, let's think about how we know and experience God's love as a family.

New Year's Greetings

Sr. Joanne, Belinda Pappal and the entire Faith Formation Staff wish everyone in our parish and all of our families and children a New Year filled with abundant blessings, beautiful memories, and continually seeking God's love and goodness!

Donations Needed

The time is drawing near for our Faith Formation February Fair to be held on **February 6, 2022** in the parish center. We will begin working on assembling baskets on Sunday, January 9 at 10 AM. If you are interested in helping, contact Belinda or Sr. Joanne at Faith Formation. We are in need of the following items:

- Gift Cards and Gift Certificates
- Theme Baskets to Raffle
- Items to place into baskets
- Men's Basket Items

If you can donate something or know someone who owns a business and could ask them to donate, it will be greatly appreciated. If you'd like to donate something, contact Sr. Joanne or Belinda in the faith formation office. Thank you in advance for helping to make our event a success.

Essay Contest

The Catholic Communication Center sponsors a yearly essay contest for students in grades 3 through 8. The topic for this year is: Describe a moment when you felt close to God. The prize is \$100, a Bible, the religion teacher receives a \$100 prize and \$100 for a classroom party for the winner. If your child is interested or you know of someone who may be interested, please contact me. Entries are due to them by March 31, 2022.

Bottles and Cans Wanted

We can help you make holiday clean up a little easier. Bring your returnable bottles and cans to church, faith formation or to the Empower store located at 4701 Military Road. We'll redeem them for you and it will benefit our Faith Formation program. Our account number at the Empower store is #64. Thank you for helping us to make a difference with our young people by enhancing our programs.

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