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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



Saturday, January 15—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (LEO) Domenico Catanzariti (3rd Anniv) by Daughter Rosa & Family
 5:30 PM (POP) Angelo and Mary Gigliotti by Family

Sunday, January 16—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM (LEO) Anna M. Casale by Maria, Walt and Family
 11:30 AM (POP) Deceased Members of the Cicco and Ferlito Families by Agnes Cicco

Monday, January 17—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Christine Cavanaugh by Micale Family
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) Thomas LaSalle by Bettino Family

Tuesday, January 18—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Ken Monti by Sister Joanne Suranni
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Mother's Living and Deceased

Wednesday, January 19—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Walter Bissett by Anne and George Mayer
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Mother's Living and Deceased

Thursday, January 20—St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

8:30AM (P-CH) Norb Mosack by Wife Joyce and Family
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Soul's Intentions

Friday, January 21—St. Agnes

8:30AM (P-CH) Donald M. DeFazio by Rosalie Zuccari and Conrad/Karen Johnson
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Soul's Intentions

Saturday, January 22—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (LEO) Joseph Frescino by Buffone Family
 5:30 PM (POP) Anthony & Adolphine Mastrolembo by Family

Sunday, January 23—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM (LEO) Gary Favero by St. Charles Lunch Ladies
 11:30 AM (POP) Peter Pugliano and Thomas Meranto by Theresa & Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

Saturday, January 15, 2022

7:00pm Saturday Bingo—(L)
 Progressive: #56
 Queen of Hearts: \$140.00

Sunday, January 16

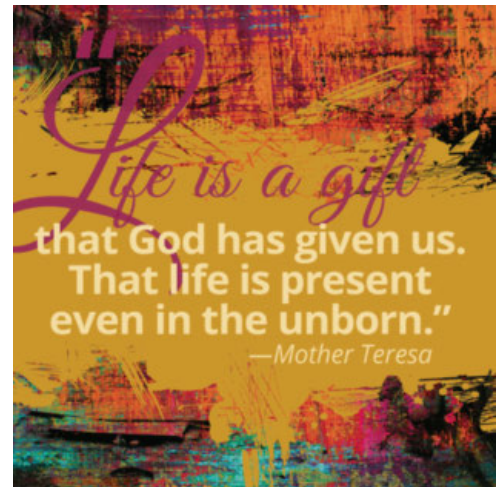
10am Catholic Men's Group—(L)

Tuesday, January 18

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

Wednesday, January 19

10:30am Al-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6



THIS WEEK'S TABERNACLE CANDLES BURN FOR

POP Church Candle:
 SVDP PARISH FAMILY

POP Chapel Candle:
 SVDP PARISH FAMILY

St. Leo Site Candle:
 Peter Pennesi by sister Nancy

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**

January 16, 2022—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©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:

Rectory: 283-2715 x 200

**STATEMENTS FOR
INCOME TAX—2021**

If you would like a copy of your financial contributions to SVDP Parish from 2021, please fill out form below and drop in collection or mail to Rectory.

Name: _____

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Phone: _____

Envelope Number: _____

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH INTEREST FORM

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Please Circle:

- New Registration
- Update or Change of Address/ Name
- **Lector/Eucharistic Min./ Altar Servers**
- **Church Cleaners**
- **Ushers**
- **Bingo Workers**

**Please place in Collection
Basket/or mail**



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:

Peanut butter, jelly, tuna, spaghetti sauce, SpaghettiOs.

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)

**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. There is still room in both classes, so call soon to register!

The classes are limited to 35 people per class. Call Dorothy at 297-5927. Anyone of any driving age can attend!

You do not have to be an AARP member. This class also takes points off your license if you have any.

Celebrating the Year of Saint Joseph

Joseph as a Model for Parents and Families: *God gives us our family.* We carry out his Fatherly love in parenting those he provides to our care. In a sense, some earthly fathers were given maybe of eight or ten children, others just one or two. There is no way they could have anticipated what a gift their family would be, or how difficult it would be.

And every one of us is given a family as well – one we know not, one which is not really ours. When Jesus stayed behind at the Temple, Mary and Joseph searched for him. Mary, upon finding Jesus, told him: “You see that your father and I have been searching for you.” Jesus reminded his parents what they already knew, that Joseph was not his father, for the young boy responded: “Did you not know I had to be in my Father’s house.” The child is not Joseph’s. But then, no one given to us for our care is ever really ours. They all belong to the Father in heaven.

Joseph models for us the kind of parents we are all to be. He sacrificed any dreams he may have had, any plans for the kind of family he may have wanted, in order to be the father God wanted him to be. His whole self was sacrificed to Mary and Jesus. This is the role of every parent: We are to pour ourselves out to bring about God’s dreams and plans, and not our own. This is no small thing. God entrusted to Joseph the entire mystery of salvation. Is not that mystery far greater than any of our own human dreams?

That mystery penetrates all of us – God’s will and plan are not something any earthly parent can predict or control. Most of the time we can only look on in awe at what God does to those entrusted to us – how God makes them holy, sometimes in spite of ourselves. To be a good parent, all any of us can do is allow God his way and to give ourselves over completely to his will.

Coffee with Sr. Jacinta. Today is always the right day to grow and deepen your knowledge of your faith. Join Sr. Jacinta on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays** from 9:30-10 am, either through Zoom or live in the Our Lady of Czestochowa Ministry Building, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda, to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church, with insights and opportunities for questions and answers. If interested, contact Sr. Jacinta at olcparishevent@gmail.com.

Book Club will meet every **Wednesday** at 11 am in the Our Lady of Czestochowa Ministry Building, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda or through Zoom. Participants will read certain chapters each week and meet to discuss and share insights. If you are interested, email Sr. Jacinta at olcparishevent@gmail.com.



St. Vincent de Paul
Faith Formation
Presents the Inaugural



February Fair:
Dreaming of Summer

Sunday, February 6, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Basket draw begins at 3:30 p.m.

- † Basket Auction
- † Big Ticket Item Auction
- † Picnic Food Specials
- † Ice Cream Snacks
- † Photo Booth
- † 50/50 and Door Prizes



St. Leo Site
2748 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY

For more information or to make a donation, contact:
Sister Joanne Suranni, Director of Faith Formation
(716) 297-5010 ext. 202 or sisterjoanne@yahoo.com

All proceeds go directly to Faith Formation Program.
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Annulment Workshop on Saturday, February 5 from 9-11 am at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skinnersville 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.

Save the Date: WNY Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 26** at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. We welcome the attendance of priests, deacons, religious and seminarians and can use the help of priests for confessions. For more information, visit: <https://www.cmfofwny.org/>.

Catholic Men's Club

The Catholic men's Brotherhood will meet after the 9 am Mass at the St. Leo's Site, **Sunday, January 16**. Male parishioners 18 or over are invited to attend. We support the parish behind the scenes. Come and see what we're all about. The meetings typically end in under an hour. Coffee and pastries are provided.

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2022-23 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in K-8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28. The average scholarship is \$1,500 and the maximum award is \$2,500. For more information, call Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869, ext. 1.

Youth Rally, March & Mass for Life on Saturday, January 22 at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville; 3:30-4:15 pm Youth Rally in Ministry Center; 4:15-5:15 pm March for Life & Rosary on Maple Avenue; 5:30 pm Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher celebrating, followed by a reception in the Ministry Center. All are welcome; face coverings will be required. Please RSVP for seating purposes by January 15 at: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthMassforLife>. For more information and publicity resources, visit: <https://www.stgregs.org/youth-rally-march-mass-life/>.

Lifelong Faith Formation



Faith Formation Schedule

During the week of January 16, there are NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES for ALL sessions due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. Classes resume on Sunday, January 23 and are in session for the next 4 weeks with NO BREAK.

Enrollment Mass – Grade 2

First Reconciliation Enrollment Masses will be celebrated at the following times:
Saturday, January 22 at 4:00 PM at St. Leo Worship Site and Sunday, January 23 at 11:30 AM at the Prince of Peace Worship Site. At least one parent should accompany their candidate to one of these Masses during which a brief ceremony will be prayed.

We Need Donations

The time is drawing near for our Faith Formation February Fair to be held on **February 6, 2022** in the parish center. We began 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

Tissue Paper (perhaps left over from Christmas)

If you can donate something or know someone who owns a business and could ask them to donate, it will be greatly appreciated. **Donations letters** are available at the Faith formation office. 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. There is **NO ADMISSION FEE** for our event. Tickets will be \$5 per sheet and 5 sheets for \$20.

And now we have 12!

We've reported that we have 11 young people working with us, well now there are 12. Presently, there are **12 YOUNG people** who have made their Confirmation assisting us in various capacities at Faith Formation. This is a source of pride and joy for our parish. Please pray for the young and encourage them in any way you can. What JOY we experience by their presence! We have 12 young apostles among us.

Attention Confirmation Candidates

Sponsor/Candidate Forms are due no later than January 31 as well as your chosen saint name and paper. Please be prompt in handing in these important requirements.

Bags of Clothing

Bags of clothing should **NEVER be left in either of the churches**, please. While we appreciate your generosity in helping those in need, we respectfully ask you to place your donations in the bins at the St. Leo Site.

Save Time and Help a Worthy Cause!

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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