

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 23, 2022

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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 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

## Monday, January 24—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Josephine Frantz by Sister Joanne Suranni  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) Lacie Dombkiewicz by Harrison & Penny Stump

## Tuesday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul

8:30AM (P-CH) Donald M. DeFazio by Society of SVDP  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Mother's Living and Deceased

## Wednesday, January 26—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Ralph Meranto by McDonell Family  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Mother's Living and Deceased

## Thursday, January 27—St. Angela Merici

8:30AM (P-CH) Birthday Remembrance for Ralph Meranto by Theresa and Family  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Soul's Intentions

## Friday, January 28—Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) All Soul's Intentions  
 12:15PM (CHAPEL) All Soul's Intentions

## Saturday, January 29—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (LEO) Frank Piccirillo by Angelo D'Aloise, Jr.  
 5:30 PM (POP) Elisa DeSimone (9th Anniv) by Lisa and Family

## Sunday, January 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM (LEO) Antonio Catanzariti by Niece Rosa and Family  
 11:30 AM (POP) Frances Diletti by Barb and Larry Chiarenza

## PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

### Saturday, January 22

7:00pm Saturday Bingo—(L)  
 Progressive: #50  
 Queen of Hearts: \$200.00

### Tuesday, January 25

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

### Wednesday, January 26

10:30am AI-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6

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 CREEP DOWN INTO  
 THE HEART OF JESUS.  
 HE ALONE CAN  
 COMFORT YOU IN  
 YOUR SUPREME  
 HOUR OF SORROW.  
 ”

St. Marianne Cope

## THIS WEEK'S TABERACLE CANDLES BURN FOR

**POP Church Candle:**  
 SVDP PARISH FAMILY

**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**

**January 23, 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPI



**GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING**

Coping with loss and grief does not go away. Join our next support group on **Friday, February 11th** at 2:30pm at our St. Leo's Church. Call Maria with questions at 297-1816.

**BLESSING OF THROATS: Feast of Saint Blaise:** Will be held at the end of Masses for all on the weekend of January 29/30 and after Mass for those who wish a general blessing. (Also on the feast day of Saint Blaise, February 3rd, at the 8:30am and 12:15pm Masses.)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



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)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Will be held on **Friday, February 4th**, from 9am-12 Noon in our Prince of Peace Church. Please stop by and spend some time with our Lord.

**Permanent Diaconate**

Do you feel you are called to serve Christ in a deeper way? Do you want to know something about the **Permanent Diaconate**? If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 55 and have asked yourself this question, please join us on **Saturday February 12 from 9am – 12 noon** to talk, pray, and discover more about the Permanent Diaconate with no commitment.

We will gather at St. Rose Retreat Center, [217 Winston Rd. Buffalo, NY 14214](#) - Please RSVP to Deacon Howard Morgan at [hmorgan@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:hmorgan@buffalodiocese.org) and let him know you are coming. God is calling you, will you follow? **Please feel free to chat with Deacon Dave or Deacon Chris about their Formation Journey!**

**St. Francis of Assisi** Invites you to

Adoration every Tuesday from 7:30/8:30 pm in the Chapel, located on Adam Street, Tonawanda.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Plant Your Works in the Word**—One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it’s at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word. So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*— ©LPi

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION; NEXT WEEKS SECOND COLLECTION**—Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal **Christ’s Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



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**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
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- † 50/50 and Door Prizes



**St. Leo Site**  
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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.  
\*\*Winners need not be present to win\*\*

**PARENTS OF CAONF STUDENTS...**  
Bingo workers are needed. Consider working our Saturday night Bingo program at our St. Leo's church site. Bingo floor and kitchen workers are needed. Tuition assistance is available to parents of CAONF students who are registered members of SVDP Parish.  
Work 12 weeks: Receive \$300 credit to tuition. After these first 12, receive \$20 credit per bingo worked. Please call Maxine at 807-7870.

**Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls**  
**Open House**  
**Tuesday, January 25th**  
9am to 7pm  
By appointment only  
Contact Mrs. Kline at 716-283-1455 x 201

***Pot of Gold Fundraiser*** now going! Tickets are only \$25 and you could win up to \$2,000 on St. Patrick's Day. Contact Jamie at Catholic Academy school office 716.283.1455 x 200 to purchase your winning ticket!!

**NT Seniors** are having a day trip to the Southern Tier to celebrate spring and the maple syrup season on March 2, 2022. Enjoy breakfast and time to browse in the gift shop at Sprague's Maple Farms. Then it's off to Fannie Bartlett Center for a wonderful tour back in time in the Queen Anne style house with a Tiffany hall window.  
Shop at Cuba Cheese before coming home. The cost is \$70.00 and due by February 9, 2022. Choice of A. pancakes with bacon, ham or sausage, or B. pancakes, eggs & bacon, ham or sausage or C. French toast with bacon, ham or sausage. Call Jean if interested in going on this great trip 694-5567.

**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-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Lifelong Faith Formation



### Faith Formation Schedule

All Faith Formation Classes and Sessions will be meeting this week: January 23, 24 and 27. All Classes are also in session the following week on January 30, 31 and February 4.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our 31 young Catholics who will be receiving their First Reconciliation this spring. Their enrollment Masses for the Sacrament are being held at the 4:00 PM and 11:30 AM Masses. May our faith community help these young people to stay close to Jesus!

### Enrollment Masses – First Eucharist

Our First Eucharist students will be formally enrolled in sacramental preparation during the following Masses and times:

Saturday, February 12 at 4:00 PM at the St. Leo Worship Site

Sunday, February 13 at 11:30 AM at the Prince of Peace Worship Site

Please pray for these children and their families.

### 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 have begun assembling baskets. 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.

### 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.

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