Church of the ANNUNCIATION

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 | 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOCATION

7580 Clinton Street
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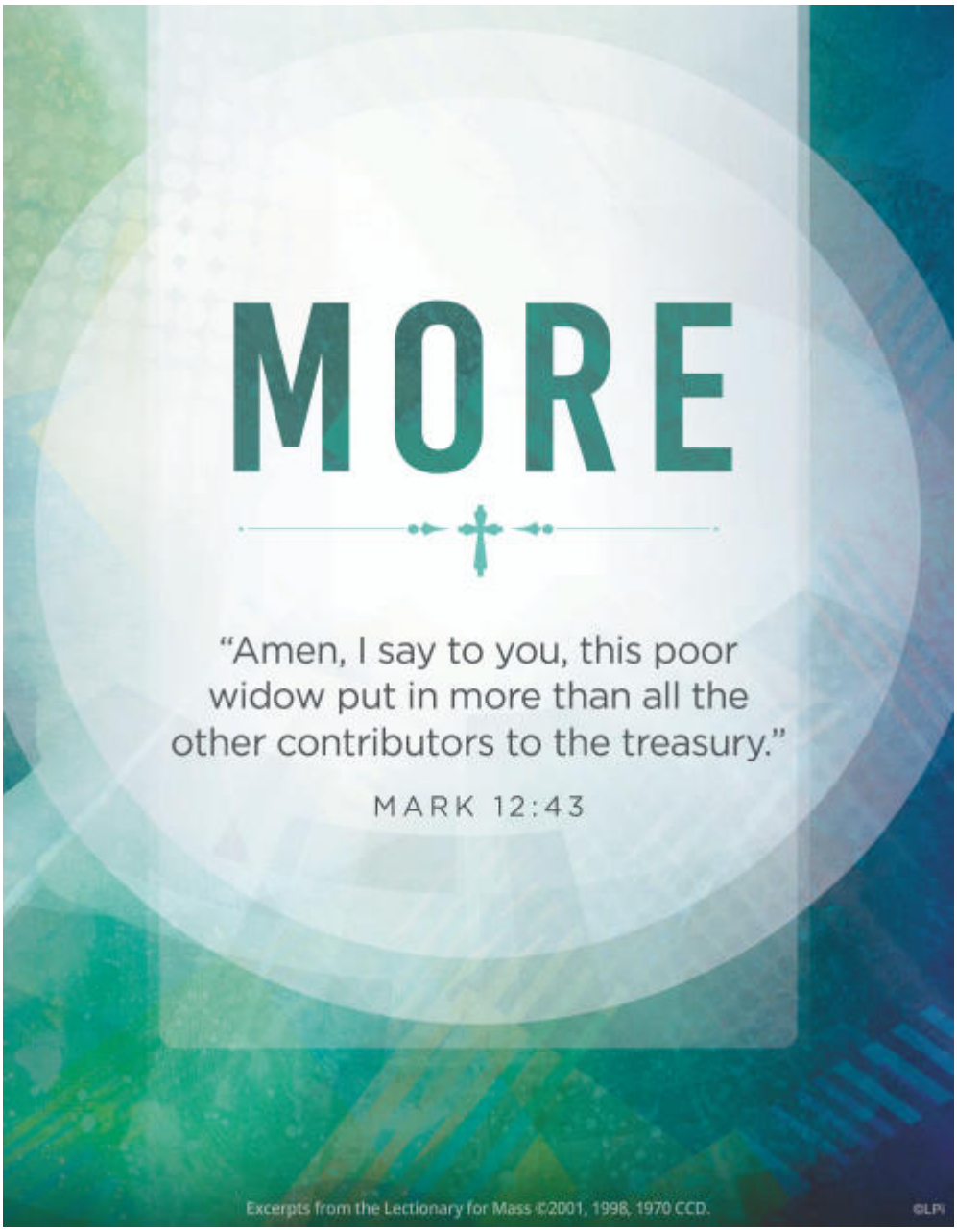
Faith Formation: 683-5515
Strong Start Pre-K: 681-1327

MASSES

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00am
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm
Holy Day of Obligation
check bulletin for times

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard each Saturday at 4:00pm or by appointment.



OUR PARISH NAME IS OUR MISSION!

With Mary, we joyfully announce: "God with us" in Jesus Christ.
Moved by the Holy Spirit, we strive to create a faith community of love and hope, of prayer, welcome and service where others will discover in and with us that Christ is Life!

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Eugene P. Ulrich
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Deacon James J. Jaworski
Pastoral Associate - Ministry
Deborah A. Keenan, MDiv
Assisting Clergy
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Pastoral Council
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Allison Smerka, Vice-President

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
Newcomers are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. Adult children need to be registered on their own.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Letters of Recommendation are issued to members of our parish who are registered at least three months, regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments.

SACRAMENTS
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to arrange to take part in the Baptism Preparation Program.
Marriage: Couples who are planning to marry need to contact the Pastor at least one year in advance of their wedding date.
Anointing of the Sick: The sacrament is administered after the 5:00pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Persons who are homebound, in the hospital, or in nursing homes please contact the Parish Office for the Sacrament of Anointing.
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Anyone who wishes to enter the Church or complete their sacraments please contact the Parish Office.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation are available for students in Kindergarten through Grade 10.

ANNUNCIATION STRONG START PRE-K
Pre-K 3 is a two or three-day program, offered on Tuesday/Thursday or Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday in the morning; Pre-K 4 is Monday-Friday mornings. For more information , contact cdattilio.annunciation@gmail.com

LITURGICAL LIFE

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ:

In response to our parish survey back in February 2020, the Pastoral Council created four ad hoc committees or focus groups on Social Media, Social Issues, Children/Teen Formation and Safety & Security. The **Safety & Security Committee** has been meeting regularly even during the pandemic as we recognize external threats can include a contagious virus. The Safety & Security Committee is tasked with creating a response plan for various medical and safety emergencies and with keeping parishioners informed.

The Safety & Security Committee sees a value in identifying parishioners who have knowledge, skill, and experience in various safety and health related fields that include general training in first aid, medical emergency, safety, law enforcement, security and tactical response. The Safety & Security Committee is also interested in identifying parishioners with building, maintenance and trade skills who could advise or assist in case of an electrical outage, a gas leak or burst water pipe. This information will give the committee and parish leadership a better picture of the level of experience and potential readiness for various emergencies or situations that may occur.

If you have training or experience in any of these areas and are comfortable disclosing it, please contact our Safety & Health Committee Chairperson, Allison Smerka, at allisonsmerka@gmail.com or you can call me 716-683-5254 or eug.annunciation@gmail.com. All responses will be kept confidential. There is no obligation to respond in an actual emergency.

We appreciates your input and happily accept any suggestions or questions you may have regarding our planning and preparedness. In our society, safety and security are issues of concern – a responsibility we all share together.

Fr. Gene Ulrich

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:30am Ist Reconciliation Class (Community Room)

5:00pm Anointing of the Sick (Church)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00am Family Faith Formation (Church)

MONDAY, NOVMBER 8

9:30am Respect Life Rosary (Chapel)
The Ladies of Annunciation (Selbert Hall)

12:30pm Pinochle Club (Community Room)

6:30pm Y-Disciples A (Art Room/Stage, Community Room, Langley Hall, School Room #104)
Cub Scout Pack 325 (Gym)
Safety/Health Committee Meeting (Selbert Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:00pm Holy Name Pickle Ball (Gym)

7:00pm B.O.W. (Community Room)
Holy Name Member Meeting (Society Room)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30am Bible Study - Romans (Selbert Hall)

6:00pm Boy Scout 325 (Gym)

6:30pm Y-Disciples B (Art Room/Stage, Community Room, Langley Hall, School Room #104)

7:00pm Pastoral Council (Meeting Room)
Audit Committee (Selbert Hall)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00am St. Joseph Workers (Langley Hall)

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Meeting Room)

7:00pm Baptism Liturgy Preparation (Meeting Room)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30am Ist Reconciliation Class (Community Room)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00am Holy Name Society Breakfast (Selbert Hall)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 6
5:00pm Margaret Streicher
by Husband & Family

Sunday, November 7
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Leonard Jakubczak
by Al & Deb Jakubczak
11:00am Lorraine Kurdziel
by Paul & Lynn Baker
5:00pm Scott Pytlak
by Family

Monday, November 8
9:00am Intentions of Annunciation
Parishioners

Tuesday, November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9:00am Laura Manfredi
by Harv

Wednesday, November 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
9:00am Tommy Molik
By Bob & Chris Gill

Thursday, November 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
9:00am For All Our Veterans

Friday, November 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
9:00am John H. Niziol
by Charlotte & Children

Saturday, November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
5:00pm John Niziol
by James & Donna Wieand

Sunday, November 14
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Deceased
Members of Holy Name Society
by Holy Name Society
11:00am Maria Taaffe
by Family
5:00pm Cass Ketten
by Randy & Cheryl Krolewicz

STEWARDSHIP

DATE	10.31.21
Collection	6,690.00
Electronic Giving	2,623.00
Preservation Fund	226.00
Picnic	455.00
Memorial Fund	500.00
Bequests/Wills	0.00
Youth Big Board	252.00
Total	**10,948.00**

Thank you to all who are currently electronically donating. Each week our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from givers who make an electronic commitment. To easily, safely and securely donate, please go to our website, www.annunciation.cc and click on Online Giving at the bottom of the page to make a recurring or one-time gift. You have the option on where to direct your donation. Please contact the Parish Office if you need help.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Susan Alessandra, Judy Augustyn, Betsy Brown, Dawn Marie Buono, Eugene Burry, Carol Bus, Ron Bus, Greg Chatham, Janea Clark, Rose Marie Courtney, Stella (Barb) Craig, Ken Drzymala, Lauren Forys, Erica Frisicaro-Pawlowski, A.C. Furtney, Eric G., Irene Garvey, Lucas Gryzbowski, Aurelia Hartloff, Carol Hasselback, Marilyn Kinmartin, Daniel Kubik, John Neidhart, Patricia O'Brien, Bella Pellittieri, Dave Pellittieri, Bob Pickup, Jeffrey Pieczynski, Judy Schaubel, Art Schmidt, Jim Schultz, Mark Skimmer, Donna Suidak, Helene & Theodore Urban, Avery VanNortwick, Rachelle & Edson Walker, Ron Wenzel, Lillian Williams, Gina Williams, Mark Williams, Thad Woronowicz, Shirley Ziegler, and Deacon Frank Zwack. **The safety of and quick return of those serving in the Armed Forces.**

REST IN PEACE

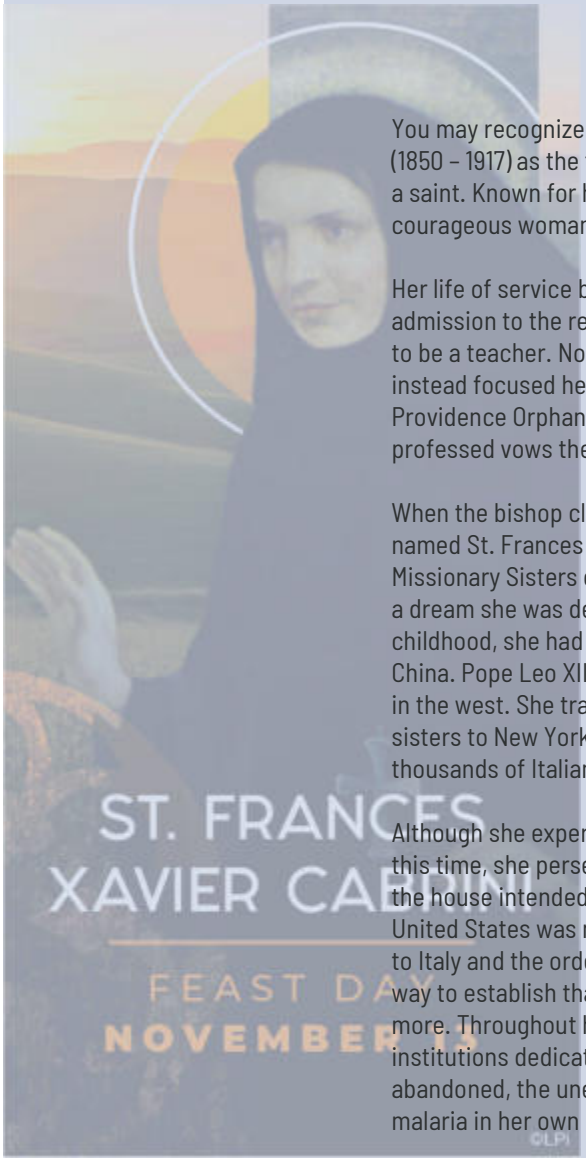
Daryl P. Sobczak
Donald King
Ronald W. Adamczak

FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel leads us to think about our family's financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organizations, and other charitable organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family's charitable giving are made without our children's knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organizations.

As you gather as a family, talk about your family's financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities. If your family supports other charitable organizations, you might talk about these as well. Talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organizations. Read today's Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organization. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which organization you will support with your contribution. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today's Gospel. Pray together the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.



You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

U.S. HISTORY BOOK CLUB

The U.S. History Book Club will hold it's next meeting on Wednesday, November 10 at 7 PM in the school building, classroom #106. The book to be discussed is *Soaring to Glory: A Tuskegee Airman's First Account of World War II* by Philip Handleman with Lt. Col Harry T. Stewart Jr. New members are always welcome. For any questions, call Vince or Jo Ann at 655-1167.

GIFT AND BOOK SALE

Start your Advent and Christmas shopping early! There will be an Advent and Christmas gift and book sale on the weekend of November 27-28 after the 5PM Saturday Mass and after the 8 AM & 11 AM Sunday Masses.

CHARLES DICKENS PRESENTS - A CHRISTMAS CAROL 2021

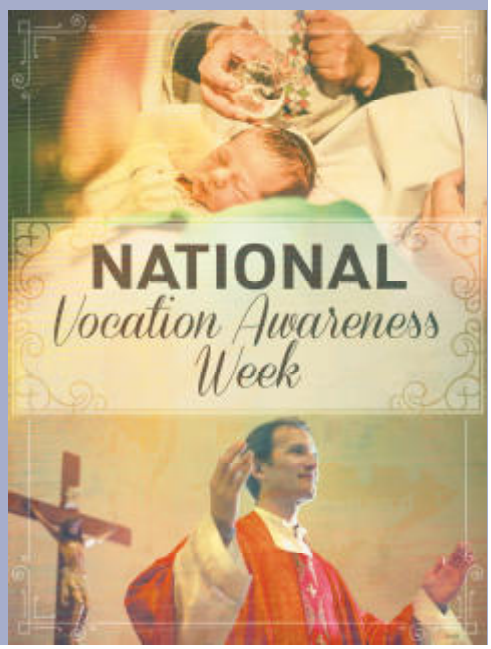
A holiday presentation by T.V. personality, Mike Randall will take place on November 28 at 2 PM at the Church of the Annunciation in Elma. Tickets *must be purchased in advance* by sending a check to Annunciation Parish Office, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma NY 14059 or by placing in an envelope and placing in the collection basket marked, "Charles Dickens Tickets." Cost for this presentation is $10 per person. Prepaid tickets will be available for pick up before the performance in Annunciation's Selbert Hall. Please be advised that the nature of a one-man show is difficult for very young children to process and enjoy.

OUR LADY OF POMPEII FREE MONTHLY ENRICHMENT SERIES

"Holy Land Highlights: Deepening Our Faith" (speakers Dave Richards and Friends) on Monday, November 22 from 7-8 PM. All our welcome! 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, N.Y. 14086. 716-683-6522. www.olpparish.com.

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?

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.



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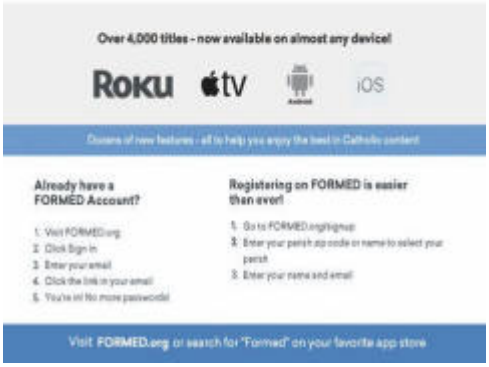

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