

# Church of the ANNUNCIATION



JANUARY 16, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## LOCATION

7580 Clinton Street  
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## 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.

*2nd Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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

### Pastoral Associate - Administration

Deacon James J. Jaworski

### Pastoral Associate - Ministry

Deborah A. Keenan, MDiv

### Assisting Clergy

Deacon Dennis W. Kapsiak

Deacon Joseph P. Mercurio

Fr. Gabriel Scarfia, OFM

### Parish Secretary

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### Parish Trustees

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### Finance Committee

Lawrence Zielinski, Chair

### Pastoral Council

Wayne Drzymala, President

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

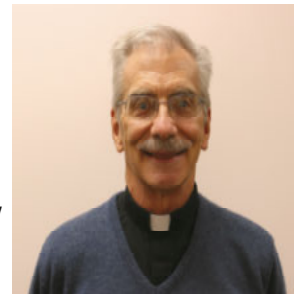
Pre-K 3 is a two or three-day program, offered on Tuesday/Thursday or Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday in the morning; Pre-K 4 is Monday-Friday mornings. For more information, contact [cdattilio.annunciation@gmail.com](mailto:cdattilio.annunciation@gmail.com)

## LITURGICAL LIFE

### PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ:

Our Gospel today is from St. John – the **wedding feast at Cana in Galilee**. The mother of Jesus is present and, on the third day of the celebration, she brings the concern, "They have no wine" to her son Jesus. Jesus replies, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Mary does not reply directly to Jesus but says to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary's role in the Church is the same. She brings our concerns to Jesus and reminds us to do whatever he tells us. But before we can do what Jesus tells us to do we must listen to Jesus! Listening is key.



The Catholic Church is planning for a **Synod at the Vatican**. Pope Francis has made "synodality" the topic of the Synod. For many Catholics, synods are for Bishops and Cardinals like what happened at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." "Synodality" means "common road." We are all travelers. The Church, by reflecting on our journey, will be able to learn through Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition and our shared experiences, the path forward to live communion, to achieve participation, and to open ourselves to mission.

Our **Pastoral Council** is a key consultative body where we listen together. At every meeting we take time to break open the Word and be nourished by the Sunday Gospel and to pray together for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This "listening" to Jesus has enabled us to focus our attention on the vision and mission of our parish. The fruit of our discussion will be apparent in two upcoming events. **During the month of February, one Mass each weekend, there will be a narration.** People are desiring to know the meaning of different parts of the Mass to better understand the Eucharist. Later in the spring we are planning a **Safety Sunday** to keep our parishioners and visitors informed on health and safety measures in place to ensure our wellbeing when we assemble for worship, faith formation and social gatherings.

All parishes are embarking on the **Road to Renewal and establishing Families of Parishes**. The first or "pilot" phase includes five parishes in our Eastern Erie Vicariate: St. Mary on the Hill, Our Lady of Pompeii, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, St. Philip the Apostle and Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will hear soon enough the challenges they are facing and their success drawing closer as a Family. Parishes are not islands unto themselves. Our sense of Church must be wider than narrow parochial boundaries and interests.

We continue living with the omicron variant of Covid 19. **Bishop Mike Fisher asks us to continue to wear masks at Mass for our safety and the safety of others.** I received a Christmas card from a couple I met years ago on vacation. Sandy and Paul were young and recently married. Now they are grandparents. Sandy is in the second year of her remission from cancer. Both are vaccinated and they choose to go to weekend Masses that are less attended and avoid any public gathering where people are not wearing face masks. Thank you for wearing a face mask for your own sake and for the wellbeing of others with compromising health issues. We are weary of the pandemic. We choose to wear a face mask, not as a political statement or following the science that can be confusing, but for our genuine concern for all members of the Body of Christ.

Fr. Gene Ulrich

# THIS WEEK

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00am Eucharistic Minister Training (Church)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

12:00pm Dress A Girl (School Room 201)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30am Respect Life Rosary (Chapel)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00pm Holy Name Pickle Ball (Gym)  
Marriage Prep (Selbert Hall)  
7:00pm Holy Name Board Meeting (Society Room)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:00pm Boy Scout Troop 325 (Gym)  
7:00pm Men's Faith Sharing (Society Room)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00am St. Joseph Workers (Langley Hall)  
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Meeting Room)  
Ladies Faith Sharing (Church Library)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30am Adoration (Chapel)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

4:00pm Boy Scout Troop Court of Honor (Selbert Hall)

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, January 15

5:00pm Robert Lucas  
by Family

## Sunday, January 16

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Great Aunt Mary Wieler  
by Allison Smerka  
11:00am Betty Wood  
by Len & Rose Ciesla  
5:00pm Stanley & Florence  
Hojnacki  
by Family

## Monday, January 17

### St. Anthony

9:00am Intentions of Annunciation  
Parishioners

## Tuesday, January 18

9:00am Keith Hillestad  
by Bill & Fran Suszka

## Wednesday, January 19

9:00am Don King  
by Judy

## Thursday, January 20

### St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

9:00am All Souls Intentions

## Friday, January 21

### St. Agnes

9:00am Marie O'Mara  
by Len & Rose Ciesla

## Saturday, January 22

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

5:00pm Ralph Scarfia  
by Deb Keenan

## Sunday, January 23

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Regina Radecki  
by Kazmierczak Family  
11:00am Robert Balcerak  
by Mary Lou  
5:00pm Michael Ziolkowski  
by Wife Pat





## STEWARDSHIP

| DATE              | 1.9.22           |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Collection        | 7,746.00         |
| Electronic Giving | 6,372.00         |
| Preservation Fund | 425.00           |
| Picnic            | 3,470.00         |
| Memorial Fund     | 250.00           |
| Bequests/Wills    | 0.00             |
| Youth Big Board   | 650.00           |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>18,913.00</b> |

“As the family goes,  
so goes the nation,  
and so goes the  
whole world  
in which  
we live.”  
ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer  
for the Legal  
Protection of  
Unborn Children

## IN OUR PRAYERS ...

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

## FAITH FORMATION

### FAMILY CONNECTION

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

##### It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint. But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom. Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers – do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word? Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 7PM TO 9PM  
JAN. 20, 27, FEB. 3, 10 AND 17

Please detach form here - save the dates for your refrigerator!

#### NO GREATER LOVE Study Program Registration

One half of the cost of this program is underwritten by the parish for parishioners  
Please complete this form and return it to the Parish Offices (by mail or in the collection basket)  
along with your check.

**Parishioner rate - \$12.50 registration fee Non-Parishioner rate - \$25.00**  
**Register by Jan. 13, 2022 - Please register early so that materials will be ready for you.**

I wish to register for (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE): **WEDNESDAY MORNING** or **THURSDAY EVENING**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish ID Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 5 from 9 - 11 AM at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skiddersville 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 of BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

### NARRATED MASSES

The meaning of the word "liturgy" is "public worship" and it is also sometimes called the work of the people. Under this heading we will find the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These two parts make up the central prayer of the Catholic Church, the Mass. Our Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee has asked for a renewal of our understanding of the Mass as a parish. During Ordinary Time in February, Fr. Gene will offer one narrated Mass each weekend, describing the meaning and action of the prayers. The dates and time are as follows: **February 5 at 5 PM, February 13 at 8 AM, February 20 at 11 AM and February 27 at 5 PM.** Also, at each of the narrated Masses you will be able to pick up a small pamphlet called *Understanding the Mass* which will remind you of the teaching you have received. The Second Vatican Council brought a renewed emphasis on the role of the assembly in worship and asked the Church to pray in the Mass with full and active participation. Through this narrated Mass we hope to impart a deeper understanding of our relationship to each other and with the Divine.

### HEALING MASS

St. Gabriel Church, 5271 Clinton Street, Elma, NY 14059 is having a Healing Mass with Fr. Walter Gabrowski, Pastor and Fr. Richard DiGiulio, Director of Charismatic Renewal at 7 PM on January 26, 2022. Please come and bring a friend.

### FISH OF EAST AURORA

In **JANUARY** our gift is **Baked Beans**. Please be mindful of expiration dates.



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