

Church of the ANNUNCIATION



JANUARY 30, 2022 | 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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

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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

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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

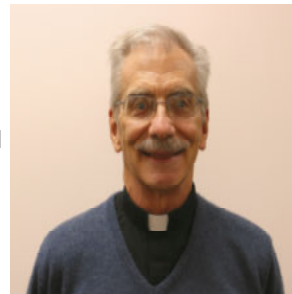
Pre-K 3 is a two or three-day program, offered on Tuesday/Thursday or Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday in the morning; Pre-K 4 is Monday-Friday mornings. For more information, contact cdattilio.annunciation@gmail.com

LITURGICAL LIFE

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ:

January 30 to February 5, 2022 is **Catholic Schools Week**. We recognize the contribution and success of Catholic Schools in providing safe, in-person, quality education and faith formation. It will be a week of school Masses, open houses, and special events for students, teachers, administration, staff, families, parishioners and community. Check out www.wnycatholicsschools.org for more information and the **Bison Children's Scholarship Fund** at bisonfund.com for financial assistance. **Annunciation Church** provides tuition assistance to neighboring Catholic Elementary Schools for students whose families are active in our parish.



Wednesday, February 2, 2022 is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas Day** commemorating Mary and Joseph coming to the Temple for Mary's purification. She offers two turtle doves. Jesus is presented or consecrated to the Lord like Hannah did with her son Samuel (1 Samuel 1:24-28) during a sanctuary service at Shiloh. Simeon and Anna are inspired at the temple and foresee Jesus as the hope and salvation of Israel (Luke 2:25-38). Simeon's prayer becomes Compline, Night Prayer, in the Liturgy of the Hours. "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Candles will be blessed during the 9 AM Mass. Wednesday, 2/2/2022 is also **World Day for Consecrated Life**. According to St. Pope John Paul II, its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering themselves to the Lord." Many people are living consecrated lives without knowing the name and without recognition. They offer their day, its joys, sorrows and sacrifices, to God and pray for God's grace and strength to sustain them.

Thursday, February 3, 2022 is the **feast of Saint Blaise**, Bishop and Martyr, early in the 4th century. He is associated with healing of ailments of the throat. Throats will be blessed during morning Mass. **"Blessing of Throats"** is a sacramental. According to the Catechism of the Church sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare one to receive grace and dispose a person to cooperate with it. For the faithful, Sacraments and sacramentals sanctify almost every event of their lives with the divine grace which flows from the Paschal mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. From this source all Sacraments and sacramentals draw their power. Blessing of throats and prayers for healing are appropriate at this time of care and concern.

I received an invitation and announcement from Deacon Tim Chriswell, Director of Deacons, regarding **interest in becoming a Permanent Deacon**. "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 9 AM - 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 and let him know you are coming. God is calling you, will you follow?" -Fr. Gene Ulrich



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00am Family Faith Formation (Community Room, Gym, Langley Hall, School)

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30am Respect Life Rosary (Chapel)

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)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:00pm Pickle Ball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 325 Committee Meeting (Community Room)
Boy Scout Troop 325 PLC Meeting (Community Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Meeting Room)
Ladies Faith Sharing (Church Library)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12:01 am Nocturnal Adoration (Chapel)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30am First Eucharist (Community Room)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00am Health & Safety Committee Meeting (Selbert Hall/, Meeting Room)

1:00pm Cub Scout Pack 325 (Selbert Hall)



**The Sanctuary Vigil Candle is lit this week
in Memory of Tom Harnisch
by Sister**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29

5:00pm Helen McKean
by Julia Lowrey

Sunday, January 30

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am William Hatrick
by Rauch Family
11:00am Thad Woronowicz
by Rita Ciszak
5:00pm Intentions of Mike
Justinger
by Mary Kay Schaub &
Family

Monday, January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

9:00am The Lewandowski Family
by the Family

Tuesday, February 1

9:00am Stanley & Florence Hojnacki
by Family

Wednesday, February 2

World Day for Consecrated Life

9:00am Deacon Frank Zwack
Tom & Mary Zwack

Thursday, February 3

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

9:00am Intentions of Annunciation
Parishioners

Friday, February 4

9:00am Lola Paravalos
by Emily Klinski & Family

Saturday, February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

5:00pm Barbara (Ciszak) Schmidt
by Mom

Sunday, February 6

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Grandma Jochum
by Allison Smerka
11:00am Louis Monopolopolus
by Children
5:00pm Herman & Patricia Gagnon
by Children

STEWARDSHIP

DATE		1.16.22
Collection		5,899.00
Electronic Giving		3,164.00
Preservation Fund		95.00
Picnic		60.00
Memorial Fund		0.00
Bequests/Wills		0.00
Youth Big Board		105.00
Total		9,323.00
DATE		1.23.22
Collection		6,089.00
Electronic Giving		2,407.00
Preservation Fund		115.00
Picnic		50.00
Memorial Fund		0.00
Bequests/Wills		0.00
Youth Big Board		45.00
Total		8,706.00

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 Forsys, Erica Frisicaró-Pawlowski, A.C. Furtney, Eric G., Irene Garvey, Lucas Gryzbowski, Aurelia Hartloff, Carol Hasselback, Jonathan Kibler, Marilyn Kinmartin, Patricia Kubiak, Daniel Kubik, Patricia O'Brien, Bella Pellittieri, Zygfryd & 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.**

REST IN PEACE

Barbara Komendat
Kathleen Burns

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST CORINTHIANS AND THE STEWARDSHIP OF SOCIAL MEDIA

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

I'VE HEARD PEOPLE CALL JESUS' CONCEPTION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING "IMMACULATELY CONCEIVED." IS THAT WHAT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS?

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

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NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Don't forget to like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annunciationelma to be updated on all the latest news and events associated with our Parish.

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.

EVER THINK ABOUT BECOMING A DEACON?

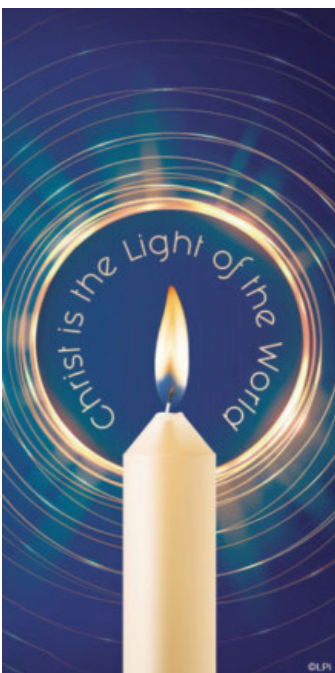
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SAVE THE DATE!

The Holy Name Society's Meat Raffle is back on April 22. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Lots of raffles. Door prizes, food and entertainment provided. Tickets available at the door. Reserve a table for 8 - call Greg at 716-870-7986.

FISH OF EAST AURORA

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



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Mardi Gras Party

Jazz Music and Potluck Dinner

February 26, 2022
6PM - 9PM in Selbert Hall

\$5 Ticket goes to pay for live music with the "The Barroom Buzzards" a Traditional Jazz ensemble performing New Orleans Jazz, Swing, Blues, Dixieland and Ragtime music.

Bring a dish to pass and your own adult beverage.

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