

A Catholic Family



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



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ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had
pity on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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AT A GLANCE

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TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 6:30 PM

SACRED HEART OF JESUS, BOWMANSVILLE

VIEWINGS & DISCUSSION OF *THE CHOSEN* Pg. 5

SUNDAY OR MONDAY MORNINGS BEGINNING THIS WEEK

ST. MARY’S, SWORMVILLE

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY Pg. 5

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SACRED HEART OF JESUS SHRINE, BOWMANSVILLE

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 6:30 PM

ST. MARY’S, SWORMVILLE

TODAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30–28:7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
*The Lord is kind and merciful, slow
to anger, and rich in compassion.*

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we come to the close of reading Paul's letter to the Romans. We conclude the Letter to the Romans in the Lectionary with Paul telling us that no one lives for oneself or dies for oneself, but that we live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

This passage from Paul is very striking. It begs the question: What point is Paul trying to make? I suggest that Paul is urging the Roman Christian community to remain united. This is a message we all very much need to hear today.

Life in the Lord urges us to think beyond our personal wants and concerns. When Paul speaks about how we are one body made of many parts, he is reminding us that believers are the body of Christ, individual parts of one another. We must remain united in Christ and, thus, united with each other.

In today's passage, Paul draws out the implications of that unity by saying that Christians have a responsibility to serve one another, and to act in the best interest of their brothers and sisters.

Just as importantly, we, as disciples, are called to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Through all stages of our lives, we are the Lord's. We must give ourselves to Him. Paul urges each of us to be servants of the Lord's will, rather than servants of our own will.

Next, Paul explains why we belong to the Lord. "Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living." Because of His willingness to die for you and me while we were still sinners, and because of His Resurrection, which destroyed death, Jesus must be the Lord of every moment in our lives.

We live in very polarizing times. Everything and every institution is divided from without and from within. The Diocese of Buffalo is not immune to this polarization. We are living in very divisive times for our Catholic community. But St. Paul reminds us that the Diocese of Buffalo is not some entity outside of us. We, you and I, are the Diocese of Buffalo.

I do not know the best path forward, nor do I have answers as to how we should proceed. However, I would like to suggest two things: First, don't assume every decision a leader makes is made with malicious intent. Second, each of us should focus on whether our words and actions build unity or cause division.

St. Paul was never afraid to criticize, but he always did so with the goal of creating unity, not strife. Do our words build up or tear down?

AMDG,
Fr. Tom



***None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then,
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the
dead and the living.***

Romans 14:7-9

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL, SATURDAY EVENING

4:00 PM | St. Mary's & Sacred Heart of Jesus

4:30 PM | Nativity BVM

SUNDAY MORNING

7:30 AM | St. Mary's

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM

8:30 AM | Sacred Heart of Jesus (9:00 AM beginning October 4)

9:00 AM | St. Mary's

10:00 AM | Nativity BVM

11:00 AM | St. Mary's

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE*

MONDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 AM | St. Mary's

TUESDAY

8:00 AM | Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 AM | Nativity BVM & St. Mary's

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 AM | St. Mary's

THURSDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 AM | St. Mary's

FRIDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 AM | St. Mary's

SATURDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus (First Saturday Only)

9:00 AM | St. Mary's

*Our regular Mass schedule is subject to change for Holy Days and Holidays; please check each parish page for such adjustments, including additional Mass offerings during Advent & Lent, etc.



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PRAYERS FOR OUR PEOPLE

DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

CONFESSION

- **St. Mary's** | Every Saturday 2:30–3:30 PM; First Saturdays after 9 AM Mass
- **Nativity BVM** | Every Saturday 3:00–4:00 PM
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus** | Every Saturday 3:00–3:45 PM

ROSARY

- **St. Mary's** | Monday–Saturday 8:30 AM; & Wednesday 7 PM in the Chapel
- **Nativity BVM** | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday after 8 AM Mass; Tuesday after 9 AM Mass
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus** | Monday–Friday after 8 AM Mass; First Fridays Devotion after 8 AM Mass; First Saturdays Devotion after 8 AM Mass

ADORATION

- **Nativity BVM** | Wednesdays 7:30–8:30 PM with Divine Mercy Chaplet
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus** | First Friday after 8 AM Mass, with Closing Benediction at 4 PM

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY – COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners can request to receive the Holy Eucharist at home. Contact your Parish Office for details and to be added to the visitation list.

AFTER HOURS SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY: CALL (716) 688-9380 x 5

Leave a message with your contact information. A priest will reach out to you for further information about Anointing of the Sick. *During office hours, call your parish directly.*

WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Phlippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a
Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
John 19:25-27

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13
Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22
Luke 7:31-35

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Luke 7:36-50

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Luke 8:1-3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

1 Corinthians 15:35-27, 42-49
Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14
Luke 8:4-15

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nativity BVM

Nancy & Paul Alden
Bruce Babiarz
Beth C.
Caden
Darrell Coffield
Eric Coffield
Anna Daigler
Tom Downing
AnnMarie G.
Timothy Gallivan
Dick Gehring
Judy Gehring
Joyce Habermehl
Michael Hartman
Deanne Hutchinson Pinto
Roseann M.
Mary Alice Marx
Tom McGovern
Arlene Mendrysa
Barbara Mullins

Nativity (cont.)

Ken P.
Diane Petroff
Timothy Pollack
James Powers
Susan Rogers
John & Karen Schaller
Silas Schneider
Sally Suchyna
William & Maria Tupay
Christian Vinci
Gerry & Eileen Walsh
Joanne Welchoff
Matthew Whiteman
Teresa Workman
Robert Zak

St. Mary's

Rick Bean
Yvonne Bullard
Rosario Castiglia
Janelle Coker

St. Mary's (cont.)

Bill Conwall
Don & Patricia Cummings
Tim D.
Bob Ensminger
Adrienne Graber
Doris H.
Joanne Harmon
Reed Hausrath
James Ingham
Jeff
Kathy Kent
Elizabeth Lafferty
Debbie Lentini
Franco Licata
Michael Lort
Matthew Lyskawa
Rita & Don Manno
Stephanie Miller
Elizabeth Moleski
Diane Monnat

St. Mary's (cont.)

Richard Nella
Kristen O'Sullivan
Kathy Pease
Bethann Roehling Flynn
Charlie Roessler
Deborah Roill
Art Stroh
Majorie A. Stroke
Dominic Trigilio
Allie Urbanski
Charlie Walls
Deacon Ed Zablocki
Michael Ziegler
Joyce Zoerb

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Katie Brooks
Marianne Hereth
Brian Holmes
Majorie Lukas
Cliff Saxer

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Monthly Mass & Rosary Procession at the Shrine

TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

What did Mary tell the children at Fatima when she appeared the 5th time?

5th APPARITION MESSAGE

**Sunday,
September 13th @
6:30 PM**

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**Final Apparition
Tuesday, October 13,
6:30 PM**

Candlelight Mass for Final Apparition with reception immediately following.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Diocesan Shrine

5337 Genesee St, Bowmansville, NY 14026 | 716-683-2375



Please Note:

Mass Time Change at Sacred Heart

Beginning **Sunday, October 4**, Sacred Heart of Jesus will celebrate Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM. Rosary will be recited at 8:30 AM. Sacred Heart's Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 PM will remain the same.

SEPTEMBER

Month of the

SEVEN SORROWS

of

MARY



WATCH, REFLECT, PRAY

The Chosen - a series that helps bring the Gospels to life! Each week, view an episode together and then share a faith-filled conversation. Come as you are and bring a friend!

**Beginning September 13
@ St. Mary's Swormville:
Sundays at 10:15 AM,
or Mondays at 10 AM.**



← Scan to register, or visit:
tinyurl.com/TheChosen2026

Questions? Contact Dick M.
wynrich@gmail.com
or 716-221-0046 (voice/text).



Please join the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Altar & Rosary Society for the recitation of the **Patriotic Rosary**



Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 PM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine
(in church, dependent on weather)

This is a unique opportunity to pray the rosary for the protection of the United States on the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, during the country's 250th anniversary!

Including patriotic readings for each mystery, prayers for all levels of government, patriotic hymns after each mystery, and a Hail Mary prayed for each of the 50 states.

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS



Adoration, Pizza, & Group Meeting *Night*



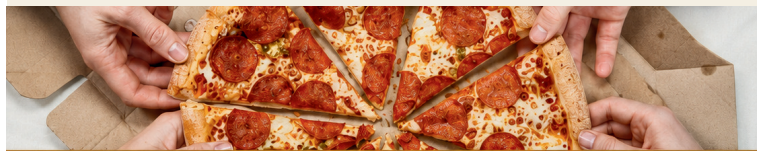
- Thursday, September 17
- 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- St. Mary's in Swormville
- Meet in the church



Join our
GroupMe chat!

New Members Welcome!

*Come and pray, celebrate our first year,
and help shape what comes next in year 2!*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION • PIZZA • FELLOWSHIP



Youth Group – Grades 6-12

FUELING THE FIRE OF FAITH!

Friday, Sept. 18 | 6:30 – 8 PM | St. Mary's Gym

Signup: www.tinyurl.com/TICbreakthrough



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 27

8:30 – 11 AM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center

Sponsored by the Sacred Heart of Jesus Hands of Christ Ministry and benefiting Sacred Heart projects.

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, and beverages. Join us for breakfast!

Adults \$9 / Kids 5-12 \$5 / 4 & under Free!

Nativity BUM Handmaids of the Lord

Join us for **MASS** and a **TOUR** of
**OUR LADY OF VICTORY
NATIONAL SHRINE
& BASILICA**

767 Ridge Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218



Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026

**Celebrate the
Feast of the Archangels
with a Pilgrimage to the
breathtaking OLV Basilica!**



Mass – 12:10 PM

Tour – 12:45 PM (following Mass, meet at the front entrance)

Join us for a guided tour of the beautiful interior of the Basilica, including the Main Altar, and the Grotto Shrine, Father Baker's tomb, the baptistry, the Father Baker Museum, and more!

Tours are free of charge. Donations gratefully accepted to support the Shrine.

Meet us at the OLV Basilica OR contact Catherine Friedman by 9/25 to carpool from the Nativity parking lot, departing at 11:15 AM: (716) 908-4665.

We welcome unbaptized or baptized non-Catholic adults interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church, and Catholic adults seeking to complete their sacraments.



It's never too late to take the first or next step on your faith journey. Let us walk with you.

Call our Sacrament Office at (716) 632-8838 ext. 405, or visit the **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** page at www.TogetherInChristFamily.org.

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS



Adaptive Family Faith Formation

Our Family of Parishes is pleased to offer a Formation option for families who benefit from small group learning.

Two Sundays per month,
September 27, 2026 - March 2027.
Saint Mary's Parish Center, Room 108
10:00 - 10:45 am.

Your whole family,
including all children
in Grades 1-5, attends
together!



To participate,
your family must:
(1) Be currently enrolled
in Faith Formation at your
Together in Christ parish;
and (2) Sign-up!

Scan to learn more! tinyurl.com/AdaptiveFFF



"Mommy & Me" style class for infants to 4-year-olds & their parents, grandparents, or caregivers. A no-cost time for music, Bible stories, rhythm instruments, socialization, and fun!

Monday mornings **beginning September 21** and running through May (excluding school holidays),
10:00 - 11:00 am.

St. Mary's Parish Center, Enter at Door B1 (parish center entrance). All adults attending, please bring an ID.

No sign-up necessary; please join us! Contact the Catholic Education Office with questions:
catholiceducation@togetherinchristfamily.org
or (716) 688-0599



Altar Server Training

Training for 2026-27 is **Tuesday, September 22, from 5 to 6 PM at St. Mary's church.** Boys and girls in Grade 4 and up who have received their First Communion are eligible to participate. *Limited number of spaces available.* Please contact Janice O'Brien with questions:

(716) 688-9380 ext. 127 or
liturgy@togetherinchristfamily.org

To sign up, scan the QR code or visit:
tinyurl.com/TrainingAltarServers



Catholic Scripture Study

at Nativity BVM



Our study on the Gospel of John will recommence on **Wednesday, October 14**, with John chapter 12. All are welcome to join. We meet most 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in the **Msrgr. Paa Room at Nativity, 7 - 9 PM.** Scan the QR code to find our meetings on the Nativity calendar. No prior Bible knowledge required, just a thirst to learn more about Jesus. For questions or more info, contact Dave or Loretta Schabel at (716) 440-3020. You are welcome to just show up at our next gathering!

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

VOCATION VIEW – FOR SEPT. 13, 2026

St. Paul writes that “None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself . . . we live for the Lord.” Our self-absorbed culture has forgotten this. You can be a reminder by turning away from your own desires to serve Christ. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

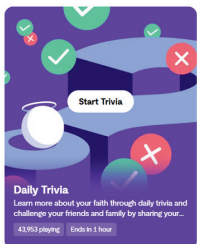
“If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a saint.”

St. Ignatius of Loyola

KoC Council 13661 - Go to KofC.org to join.

Catholic + Trivia

What do you call the the systematic study of the doctrines of the Church?
(Answer on pg. 12)

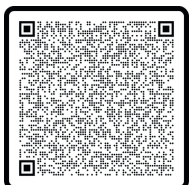


If you enjoy Catholic trivia, check out the free Daily Trivia game on the Hallow app!

hallow.com/trivia/

ONLINE GIVING

Only through your continued support can our Church thrive. Your gifts are vital in helping us maintain and expand our ministries, educational programs, and spiritual programs, and supporting day-to-day operations. Your parish depends on and deeply appreciates your support. Scan the QR code to visit your parish's online giving platform.



ST. MARY'S



NATIVITY BVM



SACRED HEART

Hope & Healing Connections Grief Support Group

Share. Listen. Connect.
You are not alone.

Experiencing loss: relationships, death of a loved one, divorce, miscarriage? All are welcome.

Monday, October 5 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM
St. Mary's Parish Center, Room 105



Prayer Shawls Available

Members of the Heart to Hands ministry of Sacred Heart of Jesus have handmade prayer shawls available for anyone who needs comfort, healing, or encouragement. These shawls are a gift for parishioners, friends, or family members going through a difficult time.

Please call the Sacred Heart of Jesus Office or stop in during business hours to pick one out. The shawls make a very thoughtful gift and can be seen as a symbolic hug from God. (See pg. 11 for Sacred Heart Office contact info & hours.)



HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE...

Come explore what it truly means to follow Jesus, grow in faith, and live as His joyful disciples! Whether you're new to the faith or have been following Jesus for years – learn, share, & be renewed. This is a 5-week study followed by a 6-week challenge – **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM or Thursdays at 10 AM @ St. Mary's.**

Questions: Dick Marchessault at wnyrich@gmail.com or 716-221-0046 (voice or text).

Register: Via QR Code or tinyurl.com/2026HeartOnFire





ST. MARY'S SWORMVILLE

www.stmaryswormville.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 9/12 – VIGIL

4:00 PM | Robert P. Daigler by Alice & Family
and Charles Sicurella by JoAnn Sicurella & Family

SUNDAY 9/13 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM | Theresa Y. Ferrino by the Ventura Family
9:00 AM | Thomas Heim by Mary Jane Sparks
11:00 AM | Jackson Cavagnaro by the Family

MONDAY 9/14 – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00 AM | Marie Maritato by the Family

TUESDAY 9/15 – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

9:00 AM | Dolores Shimo by the Family
and Barb Meinhold by St. Mary's Parish Office Staff

WEDNESDAY 9/16 – STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

9:00 AM | Ken Tramosch by the Hoffmann Family

THURSDAY 9/17

9:00 AM | Rosemary Priore by Debbie & James Rademaker

FRIDAY 9/18

9:00 AM | Betty Dolan Mauro by Husband, Ralph
and Teresa Donohue by the Family

SATURDAY 9/19

9:00 AM | Richard Stachura, Sr. by Deacon Rick & Alberta Stachura
1:30 PM | Wedding – Natalie Koons & William Koester

SATURDAY 9/19 – VIGIL

4:00 PM | Nancy Burkard by Gary & Mark Kay Fowler
and Deanna Donatelli by Family & Friends

SUNDAY 9/20 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM | Dan & Mary Ellen Leffler by Gene & Gail Jahreis
9:00 AM | Nancy Burkard by Duane & Pat Burkard
and Edwin Schumacher by Stacy Schumacher
11:00 AM | Frank Leitch by the Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE – CHAPEL

9/4 – 9/25 | In Memory of Barb Meinhold

SANCTUARY CANDLE – CHURCH

9/12 – 9/18 | Grandchildren Birthdays [Living] by Cristina Trinidad-Dabski
9/19 – 9/25 | Deceased Brother & Sisters by Cristina Trinidad-Dabski

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*Marriage
& Banns*
St. Mary's

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Natalie Koons & William Koester

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATES

St. Mary's Parish Council begins a new year with its **first meeting on Tuesday, September 15**. Parishioners are welcome to communicate with the Council using the new email address below, or simply chat with one of our 2026-27 council members: Marilyn Wido, AnneMarie Zelazo, Michaela Staskiewicz, Alan Chrzanowski, Glenn Gawronski, Patrick MacDiarmid, Denis Bastible, Stephen Sorrels, Michael Morrison, Bob Kaminska, Debbie Ramos, Joe Goergen, Polly Lougen, or Meghan Carver (Student Representative). **We look forward to hearing from you.** Council email: StMaryParishCouncil@TogetherInChristFamily.org

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and **Hope & Healing Support Group,** pg. 8.



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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4:30 PM | Ralph Krau by Carolyn Nenni
and Alberano & Lucy Damiani by Family

SUNDAY 9/13 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Andrew & Blanche Rembowski by Granddaughter, Cheryl

10:00 AM | Nicola LoStracco by Barb & Jim Cercone & Family
and Mr. & Mrs. Sam & Mary Giansante by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Giansante & Family

MONDAY 9/14 – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00 AM | Arlene & Joe Rappa by Carolyn Dorigo
and Erin Sullivan by Tom & Linda Mary Hall

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9:00 AM | Mary Anne Switzer by Cindy Switzer

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8:00 AM | Katherine J. DiAddario by Estate
and Mary Sheehan by Loving Family

THURSDAY 9/17

8:00 AM | Charlene Kern by Loving Children
and Mr. Kenny Eigenmann by Cindy White

FRIDAY 9/18

8:00 AM | Ellen Levea by Dcn. Mike & Lauri Hahn
and Christine Lawler by Mary Krause

SATURDAY 9/19

8:00 AM | All Souls by Nativity Parishioners

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4:30 PM | Thomas Ryan by Carolyn Nenni
and Helen Trivisoni by Carolyn Nenni

SUNDAY 9/20 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Andrew & Santina Calisto by Annette & Wayne Cameron
and Orin & Alice Cameron by Annette & Wayne Cameron

10:00 AM | Robert & Loretta Dailey by Daughter, Barbara, & Family
and Margaret M. Smith by Estate

SANCTUARY CANDLE

9/11 - 9/17 | Special Intention of Requester

9/18 - 9/24 | Susan Gugliuzza – Special Intentions by Family

PARISH NEEDS CORNER

CHURCH LIGHTING PROJECT

Have you looked up? The ceiling lights in the main church are aglow with new fixtures & LED bulbs. The Paa Center ceiling lights have also been updated. The exterior lights at the church entrances will be upgraded to improve illumination and reduce maintenance. Please continue to keep this project's success in your prayers and, if possible, support it financially.



We have a collection of left-behind items (including a small inventory of black umbrellas)

hoping to be reunited with their owners. To claim an item, please check with a weekend Mass usher or the Rectory Office.





SACRED HEART OF JESUS

www.sacredheartshrine.org

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8:30 AM | Thomas Rogacki by Florence Rogacki & Family

6:30 PM | Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Fatima Mass, Rosary, & Procession

MONDAY 9/14 - EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00 AM | Mary Ann Frank by Son, John, & Family

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8:00 AM | Helen Malone by Valerie Anderson

THURSDAY 9/17

8:00 AM | John Hahn by Chesteron Academy

FRIDAY 9/18

8:00 AM | Edward Bastian Family by the Estate of Katherine J. DiAddario

SATURDAY 9/19 - VIGIL

4:00 PM | Rita Kotas by Mary Izydorczak

SUNDAY 9/20 - 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM | Living & Deceased Members of the Stahrr Family by Peter & Patricia

SANCTUARY LAMP

Sept. 18 | In Memory of Tony & Helen Marzua by James Zwack

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Annual September Baked Goods Sale

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After all Masses on **Sept. 19 & 20**, outside of the church (rain location: parish center vestibule). Proceeds will promote the ministries of the Altar & Rosary Society. Stop by for a sweet breakfast or dessert treat!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 27

8:30 - 11 AM | Parish Center

Sponsored by our Hands of Christ Ministry and benefiting Sacred Heart. **All you can eat** pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, and beverages.

Adults \$9 / Kids 5-12 \$5 / 4 & under Free!



HEART TO HANDS MINISTRY



Our next meeting is **Monday, September 28, at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center cafeteria**. New members are always welcome! We knit, crochet, and sew a variety of handmade items and donate them to over 12 community agencies.

Donations of yarn and/or fabric (100% cotton) and other crafting/sewing supplies are always needed and appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the front vestibule of the church Sept. 26-27 & Oct. 3-4. Large donations (more than 5 boxes or bags) can be picked up; contact the Rectory to make arrangements.



Important Notice: Upcoming Mass Time Change

Beginning **Sunday, October 4, 2026**, our parish will celebrate **Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM**. Rosary will be recited at 8:30 AM.

This change allows priests more travel time between churches, and our young families to attend Faith Formation here at Sacred Heart following Mass.

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM will remain the same. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support. Please contact the Rectory with questions or pastoral concerns.

See also: **Fatima Mass & Patriotic Rosary**, pg. 5; **Prayer Shawls Available - Hearts to Hands**, pg. 8.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Our Lady of Sorrows

Did you know that the Church has dedicated each month of the year to a person or liturgical celebration?

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**. During September, we celebrate the *Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* on September 8, the *Most Holy Name of Mary* on September 12, and the *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows* on September 15. We can pray to Our Lady at all times.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that prayer is a lifting up of our hearts and minds to God. The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the “domestic Church” where God’s children learn to pray “as the Church” and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church’s living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit (CCC 2685).

HOW DO WE PRAY AS A FAMILY?

When we think of prayer, our first thoughts may turn to attending Sunday Mass, but what about the rest of the week? Here are a few suggestions:



- As a family, carve out a corner of a room for a small prayer table or bench. Cover it with a tablecloth and then place prayer-related items on it: a Children’s Bible, crucifix, holy water, rosary, a statue of Our Lady or the Sacred Heart, a flameless candle to remind us of God’s presence. Add seasonal decor, too!



- Pray the rosary (or just one decade of the rosary) near your prayer table each evening.



- Encourage your children to say a simple prayer each time they pass the prayer table. The prayer might be, “Jesus, I trust in You!” or “Jesus, thank you for this day!”



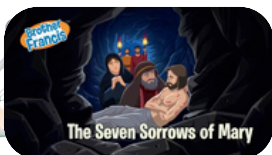
- Learn about Saints whose feast days fall in the current month. Create items or artwork that remind you of the saints and add them to your prayer table. Ask the saints to help you live the virtues they demonstrated in their own lives. Feast days for September can be found on USCCB.org > Prayer & Worship > Daily Readings Calendar.



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CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

This wonderful ministry begins again today: **Sunday, September 13**, during 9 AM Mass at St. Mary’s & 10 AM Mass at Nativity!

CLOW is a fun-filled time of formation for children up to Grade 5. Children leave the main church during the Scripture readings to hear and pray the same Scriptures presented in a child-friendly way!



It’s time to register your family for **FAITH FORMATION!**
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NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL

Welcome back, Nativity families!



Lord, guide us through the year ahead. May we celebrate our successes together, learn from our challenges, support one another, and remember that You are present in all that we do.

We place this new school year in Your hands and ask You to bless Nativity of Mary School and all who enter its doors.

Amen.



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HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Healing Mass

September 22, at 7:00 PM,

St. Timothy, 565 E. Park Dr, Tonawanda,
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Saturday, October 10, 6:30 PM

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Mass of Remembrance

Catholic Cemeteries of Buffalo - Mass of Remembrance on **Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery (Holy Family Mausoleum), Kenmore.** The monthly Mass of Remembrance is offered for our faithful departed. Fr. Michael Zuffoletto will preside as we remember our loved ones interred and cared for in these sacred grounds. Join us as we remember those who went before us.

Catholic Charities Can Help



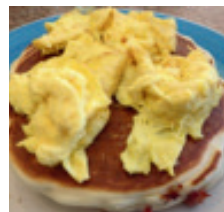
Expecting or have young children? Catholic Charities WIC program offers nutrition support, access to healthy food, breastfeeding support, and referrals for expectant mothers and families with infants and children under 5. Catholic Charities is a WIC administrator for Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua counties. To learn more, call (716) 218-1484 or visit www.ccwny.org.

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Shred-it Event at St. Gregory the Great. **Saturday, October 3, 11AM – 2PM.** Bring your personal documents. Shredding on site by Lincoln Archives. \$15 for a bag/box OR 3 for \$35. Maple Rd next to Millard Fillmore Suburban in Amherst. Call (716) 688-5678 for more info.

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