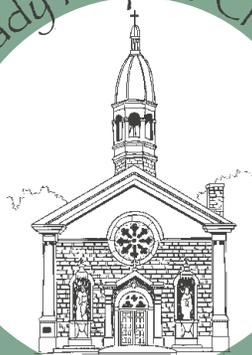


Our Lady Help of Christians



4125 Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York 14225

January 20, 2013

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM (chapel); 9:00 & 11:00 AM (church); 1:30 PM (chapel) - Tridentine Mass
Daily: 8:15 AM (chapel)

HOLIDAYS:

Holyday Vigil: 4:00 PM in the new church; 7:00 PM (Tridentine Mass) in the chapel
Holyday: 8:15 AM, 12:00 PM; 7:00 PM (chapel)

NOVENA in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Our Lady Help of Christians every Wednesday at the 8:15 AM Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Infant baptisms are administered on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM, and on the fourth Sunday of the month at the 11:00 AM Mass. Pre-baptismal Class for expectant parents is given on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, in the rectory. Please call the rectory for reservations.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Chapel): Wednesdays at 7:30 AM; and Saturdays at 2:30 PM; as well as anytime upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements to be made in person no less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Attendance at Pre-Cana is a requirement.

CARE/ANointing OF THE SICK:

The family or friends of anyone going to the hospital or nursing home, or confined to home, are asked to call the rectory. Bringing the sacraments to the home can easily be arranged. Anointing of the sick will also take place during Mass on the first Wednesday of the month.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

New members are most welcome. Registration is arranged by a personal visit to the rectory office, or by telephoning the rectory.
Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY:

All buildings are handicap accessible.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES and SERVICES

“Adore the Lord in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth.” (Psalm 96:9)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - January 20, 2013

4:00 pm, + Marie Weinholtz - req. by Patti Coyle

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7:00 am, + Margaret Smith - req. by Tom & Joan Lillis

9:00 am, + Ronald Ritter - req. by O.L.H.C. Choir

11:00 am, + Donald Smith and + Flory Marinaccio - req. by Rosemarie Angelo & Family; and Josephine Bodami

1:30 pm, + Dorothy (Dorrie) M. Greco - req. by Richard & Maria Greco

Monday, Jan. 21st - St. Agnes

8:15 am, + Daniel Santana - req. by Marie Hyla

Tuesday, Jan. 22nd - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:15 am, + Robert and Clara Matthews; + Mary Maroone - from the Estate

Wednesday, Jan. 23rd - St. Vincent, Deacon

7:30 am, Confessions

8:15 am, + Grace Roehling - req. by Bill & Joan Reger and Family

8:45 am, Novenas: Miraculous Medal; O.L. Help of Christians

Thursday, Jan. 24th - St. Francis deSales

8:15 am, + Kathy Siergiej - req. by Gnacinski Family

Friday, Jan. 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:15 am, + Emil J. Grabianowski - req. by Family

Saturday, Jan. 26th - Sts. Timothy and Titus

8:15 am, + Charlotte Smith - req. by Florence Setlock

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4:00 pm, + Daniel Maciejewski - req. by Carol Fix

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 27th

7:00 am, + Leroy Williams - req. by Two Ladies at the 7:00 am Mass

9:00 am, + Robert Klinshaw - req. by Rose Nowak

11:00 am, Special Intention of Theresa Pacholski

1:30 pm, + Dr. Pasquale A. Greco - req. by Richard & Maria Greco

If the Mass is being offered for your loved one, or for your intention, and you would like to carry the Offertory Gifts, please tell an Usher before Mass.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS please remember the peaceful repose of the soul of + Craig Rath whose funeral was celebrated recently. May he rest in peace... Our sympathy to those who suffer this loss.

A MOMENT WITH MARY: "Those who have great devotion to Mary not only will be saved but also will, through her intercession, become great Saints. Furthermore, their holiness will grow from day to day." (St. Vincent Palotti)

HEALING PRAYERS: Historians tell us that around the years 1000 to 1300 Catholics would often go to shrines for healing, and they would even sleep there petitioning for an answer to prayer. Over the years many, too, have come to this Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians asking for healing for various needs. Frequently they would receive what they asked for. May we open our hearts in prayer for the healings we need as we gather in this very special shrine dedicated to Mary...*Father, I am Your child and You want to bless me in a might way. Increase my faith so that I may be more open to you.*

Week 1. Barbara Bargnesi, Mary Beth Cartwright, Marilyn Cruz, Albert Dorer, Douglas Fox, Jane Funk, Margaret Harris, Dawn Seifert Hough, Steve Kolis, Don & Annette McElligott, Anna Miller, Mary Jane Mueller, Lee Nowak, Paul Plekan, Carmen Queeno, Gary Roncone, Mary Shincarick, Richard Schuler, Shear Lee Streicher, Esther Stuber, Nicholas Tomasello, Lil Tursi, Chris Wilczewski, Alyssa Lily Wolf.

Week 2. Nina Amoroso, Charlie & Gert Anderson, Daniel Badzinski, Leonard Busshart, Lisa Cooper, James Gottstein, Louis Juliano, Michael Kolis, Claude Lemley, Eunice Linsler, Samantha Lunz, Marcy & Tom Mateczun, Louise Olivieri, Dalen Shepard, Mildred Sikinoff, Margaret Slavik, Fred Wiczorek, Marie Williams, Helen Zgoda, Alice Zych.

Week 3. Alfreda Gillmeister, Anthony Guadagna, Betty Hymers, Bethany Krupski, Monica Mietus, Ruth Molvarec, Edward Nowicki, Alice Pacer, Rose Roll, Kathleen White.

Week 4. (This is the final week for this listing. If you wish to continue the listing, or if you wish to add someone to the

listing, please notify the rectory office. Thank you for keeping us updated.)... Albert & Paul Buckenmeyer, Lorey Kubera, Alice Kwandras, Bob Lawrence, Judith Perrino, Cece Seifert, Daniel & Sharon Stachelski...and all those whose situation is not known to us.

PLEASE NOTE that on the cover of our bulletin, for the past several years, there is a heading entitled "Care/Anointing Of the Sick", which states that "The family and friends of anyone...confined to home, are asked to call the rectory. Bringing the sacraments to the home can easily be arranged." The "sacraments" alluded to are the anointing of the sick, reconciliation (as may be necessary) and the Eucharist. If continued visits to the home are warranted, an *Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist* may then be delegated to do so. Thank you for following this procedure.

GOSPEL REFLECTION (a family perspective): At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her Son would make the best decision.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY: Blessed Frederic Ozanam was the founder of the St. Vincent dePaul Society (and this year's Catholic Charities Appeal Patron), an organization that today still continues his mission of serving those who are poor through personalized involvement and humility. He was not only dedicated to assisting those less fortunate during their time of need, but worked to permanently transform their lives through charity. He said, "Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future, because the number of its past works is still very small and the present and future miseries that it must alleviate are infinite." By your kind contributions to the Poor Boxes in the church and the chapel you are helping to change the life of a neighbor in need, just as Blessed Frederic Ozanam did.

However... these gifts can serve no purpose if there are not parishioner members of the St. Vincent dePaul Society to be the hands reaching out to offer that help. And the reality of the situation is that over time the number of these dedicated men and women has drastically diminished

due to deaths, sickness or infirmity. And presently there are only six members who do their very best to carry on this ministry, and who themselves are facing challenging or physical limitations.

So, at this time we are making an appeal to the parish at large for your serious and prayerful consideration for involving yourselves in this ministry of reaching out to neighborhood households who turn to us for assistance (especially food assistance), and who once a month visit the residents of the Erie County Home (on a rotating basis). To learn more about the St. Vincent dePaul Society, please come to one of their Monday afternoon meetings (as noted under the heading "Societies...Meetings...Gatherings"). Without your personal involvement, the future of this Society at Our Lady Help of Christians stands in peril of disappearing... And please refer to the Gospel of St. Matthew (chapter 25, verses 35 and 36) when considering how you might help save the day for our St. Vincent dePaul Society and its service to the neighborhood community. Thank you.

SOCIETIES... MEETINGS... GATHERINGS

- Sunday, Jan. 20th**
12:15 pmPrayer Shawl Ministry (parish hall)
- Monday, Jan. 21st**
3:00 pm St. Vincent dePaul Society (chapel sacristy)
7:00 pmParish Council (room 103)
- Tuesday, Jan. 22nd**
6:30 pm Scouts (parish hall)
- Wednesday, Jan. 23rd**
7:00 pmChoir Rehearsal (main church)
7:00 pm S.G.T.V. Edelweiss (upper parish hall)
- Thursday, Jan. 24th**
1:00 pm Chapel Seniors (parish hall)

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFICE is open to assist you when classes are in session Monday's from 6:00 'til 8:30 pm; Saturday's from 9:00 am 'til 12:30 pm; and Sunday's from 12:00 noon 'til 2:00 pm...This week:
Mon., Jan. 21stNo Class
Sat., Jan. 26thRegular Class

Sub Sale: All orders for the "Sub/Wrap Sale" to benefit the Alden Pregnancy Information Center, must be submitted by Friday of this week (Jan. 25th). Please mail them to the Religious Education Office (c/o the rectory), or drop them off at the rectory. But, again, Friday of this week is the deadline for placing your order.

PARISH NURSE NEWS: The Influenza Virus causing illness appears to have arrived with a vengeance. The best protection is to receive the flu vaccine (flu shot). But there are also other simple actions that you can take to keep the virus from spreading. 1.) Wash your hands frequently. When soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer. 2.) If you have "cold symptoms" stay at home and rest, and also help prevent the spreading of the virus. 3.) Wash your hands as soon as possible after shaking hands with someone. 4.) Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough. If a tissue is not available cough into the bend of your elbow, not into your hand.

If you become sick with a "cold-like illness" which is causing a fever, a medical provider needs to be contacted, especially if it does not begin to subside in 2 to 3 days. But see one sooner if you have any pre-existing health conditions (e.g., COPD, heart problems, diabetes, cancer or any other chronic illness)... Also, avoiding crowds is a means by which one can avoid becoming infected with the flu virus. But since this is almost impossible, the use of good common sense can be a way to protect yourself and others.

Not shaking hands at the "Sign of Peace" during Mass is also a common sense way to avoid becoming infected or passing on the flu virus. Words of peace can easily be exchanged without any health risks to your well-being.

HARD TO BELIEVE, but in just three and one-half short weeks we will be observing Ash Wednesday. And, as has been our custom for the last several years, the Palm-burning Ceremony will take place at an evening service on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 12th. So, it's now time to bring in last year's palms for this ceremony. Please bring them in "before" the ceremony (not afterwards), and place them in the bins located near the exits of the church and the chapel. Thank you.

STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS are not automatically mailed. If you have need of a statement of your contributions to Our Lady Help of Christians during 2012, **please write that on the face of your Sunday Offering envelope**, and it will be mailed to you. (If you make that notation on the back of your envelope it may not be noticed, so please, again, write that on the face of your envelope. Thank you.)

REPORT OF INCOME (1/13/13): Sunday Offering, \$7,977.50 (envelopes, \$6,952.50; loose, \$1,025.00); Monthly (addt'l.), \$122.00; Votive Candles, \$178.74; Christmas (addt'l.), \$86.00; Solemnity of Mary (addt'l.), \$78.00; Misc. Holy Day and Special Offerings, \$22.00 (Envelopes: 1,198 issued; 464 used, or 39%)...**Tridentine Mass:** Sunday Offering, \$330.00 (net); Christmas (addt'l.), \$5.00; Solemnity of Mary (addt'l.), \$5.00.

We also gratefully acknowledge gifts to the Chapel Preservation Fund: In loving memory of + John and Rose Huntz, from their son, John, Jr. (\$150.00); and in loving memory of + Jerry and Sandy Young, and + Frank Cappella, from June Young (\$100.00)

CHAPEL BINGO GAMES

Friday-7:30 PM
Sunday-7:00 PM

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PLEASE NOTE: On Superbowl Sunday, there will be no evening Bingo. Bingo will be played instead in the afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. The doors will be open at 12:00 noon. Thank you for your patronage.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR "CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES" will be taken up next weekend. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and

support to displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless. This Collection also sees Jesus in victims of human trafficking, those who seek to change unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe in times of disasters. Thank you for your kind response to this appeal.

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be served next Sunday, Jan. 27th, from 9:00 am 'til 1:30 pm, in Sts. Peter & Paul Auditorium (129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster), sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 129. \$6.00 at the door; \$20.00 / family. Includes pancakes, sausage, toppings, beverage, orange juice. 50/50 Raffle, and Raffle for an Apple iPod Touch, and an American Girl Kit Doll.

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