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January 16, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesday Mass: 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm, Wednesdays at 5:45pm and by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 8:30 am - Thursday 9:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Martin F. Gallagher	Ext. 415
Pastor Emeritus	Msgr. Robert K. Golombek	
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Celebrated upon appointment through the parish office. A baptismal class is required before an infant's baptism is scheduled. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples need to meet with a priest before a Wedding date is set.

ANOINTING: Communal anointing offered twice a year, any time by appointment.

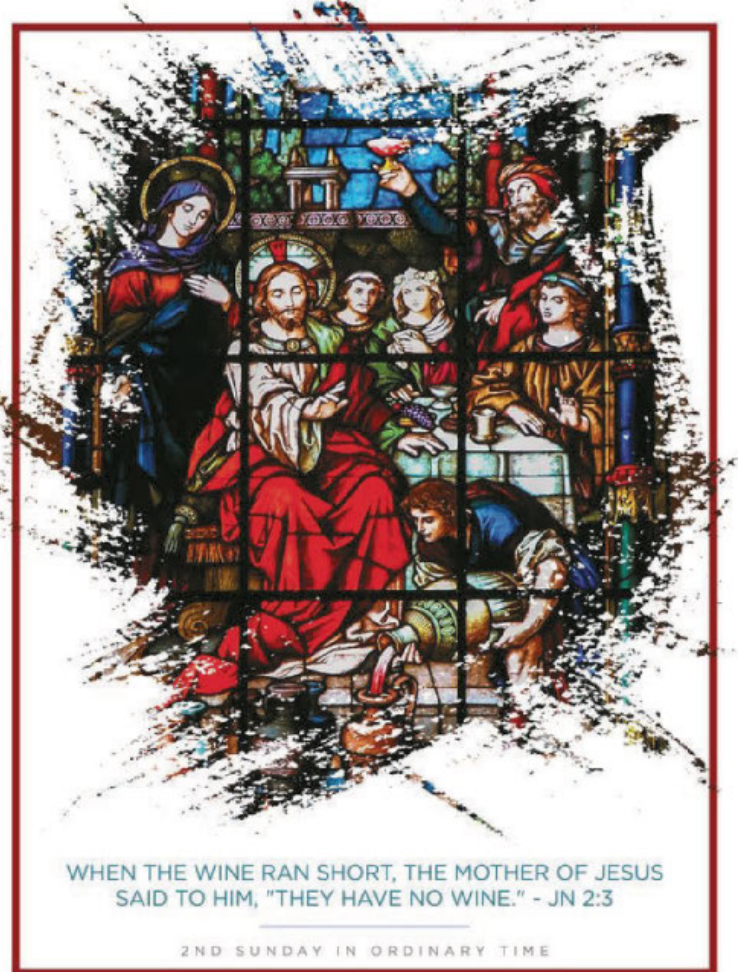
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: By appointment with a priest. Frequent Spiritual Communion is strongly encouraged.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

To be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, individuals must fulfill the responsibilities and obligations that Church Canon Law requires:

- 1) Have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- 2) If married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.
- 3) Attend Mass and receive communion regularly.
- 4) Be an active parishioner for at least the past three months.

NOTE: An active parishioner is one who is enrolled on the parish census files and supports the Sunday offertory.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCB, -LFI)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS in Father Cotter Hall

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm & 12:30 pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION Office 834 - 4282

ST. FAUSTINA'S GATE - FOOD PANTRY

Open - Tues. & Thur. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 837-2544

NON - PARISH GROUPS:

Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club (BSAC): 871-0595

Kids' Kampus Child Care Center: 831- 9900

Ponderings & Pontifications of the Pastor

Hello friends!

As we move into a brand-new year, we continue to do the best we can to cope with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We are now moving into another year of this terrible disease and its ongoing effects on all aspects of life, both here in the USA and abroad. Although many of us are dealing with pandemic fatigue, we must still take the necessary steps to remain healthy and to keep others safe as well. I want to express my gratitude to all of you for being mindful of the mask mandate, both from the county and the diocese. Also, since we are now in the midst of winter, it is also cold and flu season. We do ask that if you are feeling unwell for any reason, with headaches, cough, sore throat, or any physical illness, it is best to err on the side of caution and not come to Mass or other events at the parish.

In regards to the Sunday Mass obligation, if a person is seriously ill, or a caregiver to a seriously ill individual, you are excused from your obligation to attend Mass. So, if you are sick, or looking after someone who is sick, don't worry about having to miss Mass on the weekend. It is far better to stay at home, get the needed rest, and watch Mass online (either from Blessed Sacrament or somewhere else, like EWTN) and do something else to keep in mind the holiness of Sunday. Even if you need to stay home, make sure to keep in mind the sanctity of the Lord's Day; try spending time reading the Bible, or praying the rosary, or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Along with the new year (and being half way done with January) we have a very important commemoration to make on **Saturday, January 22nd**. Each year in late January, and by special decree of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, January 22nd is taken as a **"day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."** This day of prayer, held on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* (1973), serves as a reminder for Catholics to work in the public square for an end to this terrible practice of abortion, both here in the United States and throughout the world. The Church has long upheld the right to life for the unborn as absolutely sacrosanct, meaning that abortion is considered a very grave moral evil, and it must be opposed at all times.

There are many events to help remind us of our duty and our obligation to work for an end to this practice. In Washington, D.C. each year, the annual **March for Life** takes place as a powerful reminder of how important this work is. This year however, because of COVID, the diocese is not sending a formal pilgrimage group, but they are encouraging parishes to remind people of this important day. One of the events the diocese is hosting is a special **Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Williamsville**. This Mass starts at **5:30 PM** and should be a wonderful opportunity to gather with others from around our diocese, and to offer our prayers for the sanctity of life. I strongly encourage everyone to consider going to this Mass and show your support for the cause of life. Also, please support the efforts of our own parish Pro-Life Ministry, under the leadership of Mary Fick. Together, let us make this parish of Blessed Sacrament a place where all life is upheld as sacred, and especially a place where the right to life of the unborn is treasured, promoted, and advanced.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn...pray for us!

~Fr. Martin Gallagher



The Net Profit for the calendars that were sold for July-December 20210 is a whopping \$3,500.00. We sold 236 calendars and gave out \$1,200.00 in winnings. Thank you for your support.

Masks are Required!

Daily Mass is at 8:00 am. Eucharistic Adoration begins on Wednesday at 8:30 am through Thursday at 9:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15

8:00am Ceil Daniel (Anniversary of Death) by Family

4:00pm David Squitieri by Przepasniak Family

Sunday, January 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Jean Devereau by Marion Schultz

11:00am Felix & Mary Raimondo by Carol Raimondo

Monday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbott

8:00am Jerome Glose (Anniversary of Death) by Przepasniak Family

Tuesday, January 18

8:00am Richard V. Siegel by Siegel Family

Wednesday, January 19

8:00am For the People of the Parish

6:30pm For the Intentions of Fr. Matt Nycz by Mary's Cenacle of Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 20

8:00am Patricia Reddish by John & Mary Rozak

Friday, January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am Charlotte V. Siegel by Diane Scirri

Saturday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00am William Shaffer by Kris Shaffer-Noworyta

4:00pm David Squitieri by Stephen & Annette Fabbiano

Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Trudi Chrymko by Family

11:00am Pat Weatherford by Estate

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from January 16 -22 In Memory of Robert Winkelman by Wife, Rosalin

Please pray for the sick: Lisa Abbott, Joseph Agnello, Jeanne Barrett, Hannah Becker, Joan Boone, Joseph Brancato, Lisa Brancato, Theodora Brown, Caren Busch, Carol Carroll, John Carroll, Kathleen Collette, Catherine Derrick, Renee Dzierzak, Magdalen Dukarm, Paul Dukarm, Elizabeth Easton, Thomas Fischer, Mary Frank, Pauline Gagnon, Joan Goetz, Joyce Goodell, Dawn Hanavan, Mary E. Hayes, Margaret Haywood, Pat Hedges, Jamie Herman, Becky Hinds, Mary Huffnagle, Marcy Kaminski, Virginia Kaprel, Keith Kolodziejczyk, Sue Mason, Msgr. Leo McCarthy, Joanne Menchetti, Betty Moran, Bridget O'Brien, Darlene O'Keeffe, Debra Pollina, Lorraine Pfohl, Darlene Rajczak, Dennis Rineli, Sylvia Rineli, Kristine Roper, Joseph Rumschik, Florian Rzepka, Carol Sajda, Pat Salemi, John Scime, Lucy Stanton, Peter Stawasz, Debbie Stearing, Judy Trometer, JoAnne Varney, John Washington.

And for All the sick, especially those with COVID-19

Please pray for the deceased: Joseph Fennell, Harold Gagnon, Carmella Grunzweig, all the Souls in Purgatory

RESPECT LIFE



The Respect Life Committee of St. John the Baptist in Kenmore, will hold their 37th Annual Novena for Life beginning on Friday, January 14, 2022 and closing on Saturday, January 22nd, the 48th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on abortion.

The novena consists of the Rosary and Mass that will be held in the St. John Neumann Chapel (Englewood and Belmont) beginning each evening at 7:00 p.m. Please note on the two Saturdays, January 15th and 22nd, the novena will take place in the Main Church. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Monday, January 17—Week of Christian Unity
 - Dr. Martin Luther King—Office Closed
- Tuesday, January 18
 - Choir Practice from 7 to 8 p.m.
 - Mary's Cenacle, 6:30 p.m. (Church)
- Wednesday, January 19
 - Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30am -Thurs. 9:00 pm
 - Sacrament of Penance 5:30, Mass at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 20
 - "Heal the Nation Holy Hour" 6 to 7 p.m. Chapel
 - Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 p.m.
 - Al-Anon and Alateen, 6:30 p.m. (FCH)
 - Legion of Mary 7:00 p.m. (Counting Room)
- Friday, January 21
- Saturday, January 22
 - Sacrament of Penance, 3:00 p.m.
 - Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 23
 - Masses at 9 & 11 a.m.
 - Faith Formation (Parish Center)

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY, CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL & ANY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Are you planning on attending College or a Catholic Elementary School or High School this year? Wondering how you are going to pay your tuition? The Harold J. Diebold & Marion A Diebold Scholarship Fund for Catholic elementary school students (K-8th grade), the Nancy A. Christiano Memorial Scholarship for a freshman entering Catholic High School and the Mary Masterson Memorial Scholarship for students (includes high school seniors going into college this Fall) who are practicing members of Blessed Sacrament Church may help to answer the tuition payment question. Don't wait. Applications must be submitted by April 15th. Applications are available in the Church entrances or the Parish Office in Father Cotter Hall.

Calendar Lottery Winners

Jan 1	560	Jan 5	192
Jan 2	734	Jan 6	310
Jan 3	028	Jan 7	652
Jan 4	653	Jan 8	429

Winners determined by the PA Lottery Pick - 3 Evening Drawing

STEWARDSHIP	Sunday January 9, 2022
Regular Sunday Envelopes.....	\$5,676
EFT &/or PayPal Electronic Donations.....	\$ 60
Holy Days.....	\$ 248
Christmas.....	\$ 345



Mass Book Opening

Reservations for Mass Intentions can be made for Masses for the entire 2022 year; please contact the Parish Office:

The following dates are still available.

March
12,17,20,
22,24,27,28

Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, to be fair to everyone. The Diocesan recommended stipend offering is \$15.

Readings for Sunday, January 16th

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

Gospel:

Jesus did this at the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)



Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina

Spiritual Counsel Given to St. Faustina by Fr. Andrzej, S.J. On another occasion, the instruction I received was this: "Act in such a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God; give, then, generously to others. They should take leave of you with their hearts filled with joy, even if they have no more than touched the hem of your garment. Keep well in mind the words I am telling you right now." (From Diary 55)

MY RESPONSE; Your wise counsel to St. Faustina, Father, is good advice for me, too. Pray for me, so that I may live this advice to the best of my ability.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" from St. Faustina's Gate

Due to the wonderful generosity of you, our parishioners, we were able to give 38 families Walgreen's Gift Cards at Christmas. A special thank you to the following community groups who made donations to the pantry during the holidays: Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troup #286, Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Church of the Nativity UCC and the Blessed Sacrament Altar and Rosary Society. It truly takes the whole community to care for those in need. A heartfelt thank you from all of us at St. Faustina's Gate.



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