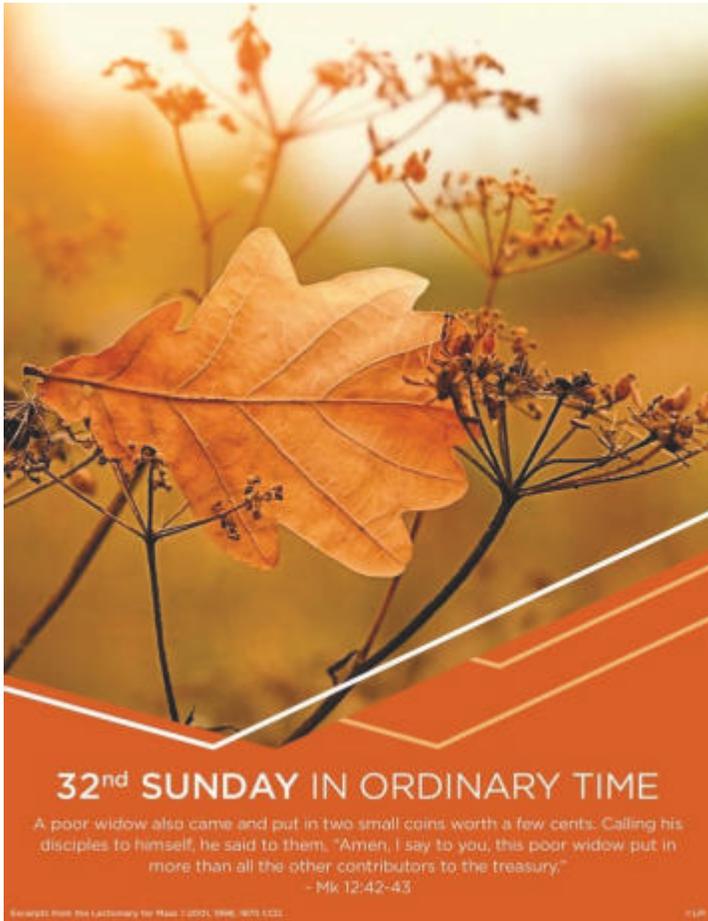


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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 7, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

WEEKDAY:
7:00am M-F

CONFESSION:
Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday -Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Other times by appointment.

Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Zapfel, S.T.D.

Parish Mission Statement:

Saint Benedict Parish: An environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, and celebration.

BAPTISMS: Are celebrated at most weekend Masses. Please contact Andrew Pitisi, 836-6444, to schedule an appointment, answer questions and preparations.

MARRIAGES: Registered parishioners who have been members of our Saturday / Sunday worshipping community for at least 3 months are asked to notify the rectory at least 6 months prior to planned wedding day. A marriage preparation course is required for all couples.

SICK CALLS: Anytime. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome all who wish to join our parish. Please speak with Andrew Pitisi before or after a weekend mass to register. If you have questions, please call the rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: We gladly issue letters of recommendation for registered parishioners who have been asked to be sponsors at Baptism or Confirmation, provided they meet the following criteria:

- Attend Mass regularly.
- Have been confirmed.
- If married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.
- Are sending their children to Catholic school or religious instructions.

Welcome!

You are a stranger but once. You are a child of God, redeemed by Our Savior, Jesus Christ. In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving and worshipping community. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish community or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office (834-1041).
If you are returning after being away... welcome home!

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If someone is having surgery and would like the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the rectory to make arrangements with one of the priests. **In an emergency please do not hesitate to call the rectory day or night.**

CALL TO HOLINESS



DO LITTLE THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE

How many of us get caught up in the overwhelming “big” things in life. At times it almost seems impossible to accomplish all that is needed to be done - let alone have time for our spiritual lives. Mother Teresa aimed at “profiting by all the smallest things, and doing them through love.”

“To the good God, nothing is little because He is so great and we are so small - that is why He stoops down and takes the trouble to make those little things for us - to give us a chance to prove our love for Him. Because He makes them, they are very great. He cannot make anything small: they are infinite. Yes my dear children, be faithful in little practices of love, of little sacrifices – of the little interior mortification – of little fidelities to one another, which will build in you the life of holiness – make you Christ-like.”

(Taken from: *Mother Teresa: Come be My Light.*)

CONFIRMATION MEETING

For all who have not received or are planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the next meeting will be on November 21, at 6:30pm in St. Benedict’s Church.

PRE CANA

Any married couples interested in helping or learning more about our new Pre Cana group, Our next meeting is on November 10 at 6:30pm at St. Leo the Great.

RCIA

We all know someone who is searching; maybe the RCIA process will bring them direction for their spiritual journey. Our RCIA Group will meet on November 16 at 6:30pm at St. Leo the Great. If we all accept our responsibility to become disciples of invitation, the Lord will bless us with renewed faith and animate our parish community!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Generations of Faith is our Religious Education Program. We meet 9:00am in the school cafeteria once a month on Sundays and a few extra times throughout the year. It is an inter-generational gathering. (Our next meeting Nov, 14) Anyone in the parish, young families, those with special needs, all who want to receive the sacraments or attend faith formation, please contact Andrew Pitisi.

- ◆ Any questions regarding the religious ed programs, please email Andrew at apitisi@saintbenedicts.com.

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP

We would like to extend an invitation for all men of our parish to consider being part of our newly formed Men’s Prayer Group. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at St. Benedict’s Rectory. Our next meeting is November 11.

CHURCH MUSICIANS GUILD

All are welcome to a **free** concert right here at St. Benedict's on Sunday, November 7, at 7pm! The Church Musicians Guild is an organization of musicians from all over the Diocese of Buffalo. Performances will feature our beautiful Schlicker organ, as well as works for piano, flute, voice, and more!



NOVEMBER 11—VETERANS' DAY

Remember to thank a veteran for his or her service in keeping Americans safe and defending our great country and for the protection of those around the world!

When in conversation with past or present military personnel, you may hear phrases such as:

Military service is about commitment, duty, selfless service, honor.

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It's a commitment of an entire family.

Consider the depth of what each of these means to a veteran and kindly place those who have served and continue to serve in your prayers.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting will be Mon., November 8, starting with the Rosary at 6:45pm, followed by the society's business meeting. December's Christmas event will be the focus of the discussion. The highlight will be our guest speaker, Father Joe Gatto. Refreshments and delicious desserts will conclude this delightful evening. All men and ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meet new friends and gain a sense of belonging to St. Benedict's!

SUPPORT ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL

- ♦ Meat Raffle \$10, at St. Leo the Great, November 20.
- ♦ Gift wrap purchase through December 3.
- ♦ Dare to Dream Poinsettia sale.
- ♦ Please see enclosed flyer for information regarding these St. Benedict's upcoming fund raisers.

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED

REAGAN MARIE PIETRANGELI



ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

Advent Pilgrimage, Friday, December 3 to Our Lady of Fatima in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth! Hosted by the Rosary Altar & Holy Name Societies. Trip is open to all St. Leo's & St. Benedict's parishioners! Please be sure to bring a mask!

Engage your *senses*:

- * We will attend Mass at 4:00pm, preparing us for the gift of Grace through the Holy Eucharist.
- * Following Mass, we will *see* the sky and shrine lit up by the glow of the stars and holiday lights.
- * For your *tasting* pleasure, a fish fry will be available (\$10.25) in the cafeteria, as well as other entrees.
- * Oh, the *smell* of homemade treats offered at the Shrine's holiday bake sale!
- * Fr. Roy Herberger's 600 Nativity sets from around the world – praises of admiration will be *heard*!
- * Our sense of *touch* will be engaged as we travel comfortably in a modern travel coach with a bathroom.

Bus is limited to 56 people. **Please make reservations by November 17. Cost is \$30 per person** (includes driver's tip). Call Mary & Alan Long 716-837-8940. All checks made payable to St. Benedict, in the memo write: Advent Pilgrimage. Bus will leave promptly at 3:00 pm from St. Benedict's.

BELLS RING OUT

Have you heard our new bells? We recently upgraded to a brand new electronic carillon bell system! The sound of the bells is very bright and crisp, and makes our presence known in the neighborhood! The new bells ring on the hour and half-hour between 8am to 8pm. They will also ring specially as a reminder to pray at 12pm and 6pm, the time the Church traditionally prays the *Angelus*. To see what the bells look & sound like, check out our video tour of the bells on our Youtube Channel & Facebook page!

O'HARA "HAWKTION" EVENT

Help celebrate Cardinal O'Hara High School's 60th birthday! Friday, November 12, featuring silent and live auctions, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, & sit-down dinner. Tickets can be ordered online at ww.cardinalohara.com or contact Renee Orr at 716-695-2600. The school is located at 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to offer assistance to those who need help due to a loss of job, illness, or some other situation. Please contact Jim Byron at 833-8030.

On the second Thursday of each month, (Nov. 11) we sort clothes at the St. Vincent de Paul center. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Jan and Bob Halt at 834-9968. All are welcome!

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference meets on the third Tuesday—November 16th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to join us!



TIGER'S DEN FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous donations every month.

Highlighted items for November are **cooking oil, canned yams/sweet potatoes, and paper towels**.

Boxes are placed at the entries to the church and donations can be placed there or dropped off at the rectory.

The staff at the pantry are most grateful, and have said, "St. Ben's folks are magnificent!!!" ♥

SAINT OF THE DAY

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, November 13

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy.

In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her...at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there...When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage and she did. In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

Reflection

The compassion and dedication of Mother Cabrini is still seen in hundreds of thousands of her fellow citizens who care for the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and state institutions. We complain of increased medical costs in an affluent society, news shows us millions who have little or no medical care, and who are calling for new Mother Cabrinis to become citizen-servants of their land.

Patron Saint of: Hospital Administrators and Immigrants
Taken from Fransiscan Media; edited for space.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

www.facebook.com/StBenedictsAmherst. Take a tour of St. Benedict Parish. Visit behind the scenes with Maria and Andrew; catch up on current church events or join in prayer with friends who visit our page.

RENEWAL LEADERS NEEDED

Looking for parishioners to participate in the renewal of our diocese; please contact us at: Renewal@buffalodiocese.org or mail to: Office of Renewal, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203

VIRTUAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Charities' (OKPEAP) Parent Education and Awareness Program is available to parents or caregivers who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; child development, family law, as it affects custody and visitation; conflict management and problem solving. Groups are held virtually & available to individuals throughout WNY. Call 716-896-6390 for information.

PRAYER TO OPEN OURSELVES UP TO THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

Lord, help me to authentically love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength.

Help me to have such an honest love for You that it also overflows into my love for others.

May Your precious gift of holiness permeate my life and enable me to love You and others in a total way.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Taken from LPi, Rev. Mark Suslenko,

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have, deliver me, Jesus.

— from "The Litany of Trust" by [the Sisters of Life](#)

SHOE DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETS

The Buffalo VA Hospital is in desperate need of shoes and boots. All Sizes, Men and Women's—but mostly men's! They are accepting new and gently used footwear.



They have clothes but no shoes or boots for vets who come looking for help. Winter is coming!

Let's help keep their feet warm!

Donations can be dropped off at :

VA Medical Center, 3495 Bailey, Buffalo

Vinal & Vinal, 139 Delaware Ave., Buffalo

Jeanne Vinal's District Office, 13 Lincoln Rd., Amherst

If you choose to buy new, we are being asked to place the receipt in the box; so, if it's not a size they can use, the social worker can exchange it for a needed size.

HOLY LAND HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, November 22 at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish, Fr. Dave Richards & friends invite you to attend their free monthly faith enrichment series from 7-8pm. This month the Holy Land will be presented as a way to help deepen your faith. Mass will be at 6:30pm followed by the presentation. The Parish is located at 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CORNER

Avoiding Slips and Falls



Autumn is a very beautiful season but... the changing weather can create safety hazards for older adults.



SO...~Be aware of slippery surfaces. Make sure walkways are cleared of fallen leaves that become slippery when wet.

~Wear the right foot wear. Shoes, sneakers or boots with non-slip rubber or grooved soles give extra traction.

~Pay attention to walking—Go slow- take the extra time to navigate walkways.

~Light up your walkway and stair space by adding lights, since days are shorter and nights are longer; for the indoors use nightlights; solar lights can be helpful for lighting outdoor walkways.

Be safe!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SATURDAY November 6

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

Following 5:00 Mass—Anointing of the Sick

SUNDAY November 7

8:00am Mass—Memorial Mass

10:00am Mass

8:00-11:00am Pancake Breakfast at St. Leo the Great

7:00pm Church Musicians Guild—Free Concert

St. Benedict's Church

MONDAY November 8

7:00am Mass

6:45pm Rosary Altar Society Meeting—Cafeteria

TUESDAY November 9

7:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY November 10

7:00am Mass

THURSDAY November 11

7:00am Mass

Veteran's Day

Rectory is closed

FRIDAY November 12

7:00am Mass

SATURDAY November 13

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY November 14

8:00am Mass

9:00am Generations of Faith—Cafeteria

10:00am Mass

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of: Russell Alessi Sr.

Req.: Alessi Family

Parishioners can request that the Sanctuary Candle be lit for the deceased "in memory of" or for the living "for the intentions of". The donation is \$15.00. Please stop in the parish office or call 834-1041 to check date availability. We are only able to take donations via mail or hand delivery. Thank you for your understanding

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass intentions are a wonderful way for us to remember our beloved deceased and keep them in our prayers. Masses available throughout the year. Each Mass/Mass card is \$15. Stop by the rectory during normal business hours, 9:00am-3:00pm to schedule a mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 6

5:00pm Earl W. Brydges Jr.

Weekday
req.: Grace & Carl
Post Jr.

Living & Deceased Fathers

Sunday, November 7

8:00am Memorial Mass

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
req.: Bereavement
Committee

All Souls

10:00am Karen Kovach

req.: Jackie McLaughlin

Living & Deceased Mothers

Monday, November 8

7:00am John & Shirley Allen

Weekday
req.: Fred & Kitty
Siegel

Tuesday, November 9

7:00am Francis X. Schwab

St. Denis & Companions
req.: Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Murphy

Wednesday, November 10

7:00am Josephine & Michael
Ervolina

**St. Leo the Great,
Pope, Dr. of the Church**
req.: Family

Thursday, November 11

7:00am Alice Slammon

St. Martin of Tours
req.: Jim & Dolores
Byron

Friday, November 12

7:00am Irene Marcinkewicz

**St. Josaphat, Bishop
& Martyr**
req.: Debbie & Mark
Piscitello

Saturday, November 13

5:00pm Francis X. Schwab

**St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini**
req.: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Schwab

Living & Deceased Fathers

Sunday, November 14

8:00am Rosary Altar & Holy Name
Societies

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Marlene & Lisa Spacone
Gail Ventresca, Joe Bianco
Mary, Kenneth, Kenneth Jr. Hughes

req.: Emilio &
Sharon Bianco

Living & Deceased Mothers

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the sick & homebound members of our community. Please call the rectory with special requests 716-834-1041.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Weekend of October 31 - Weekly Offertory - \$9,287.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**The Rectory will be closed November 11
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