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THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 25/26, 2021

"I can't wait to get the new iPhone!"
"Amazon Prime promised free two-day shipping, and now it's a day late because of weather!"
"I'm working three jobs so I can afford a huge house for two people!"
"I'm spending a fortune to have work done so I look ten years younger!"

Sound familiar? On earth we cling to our possessions and vanities like a Vise-Grip. But here's the newsflash we often forget: When we die, NONE of that is coming with us. It'll just be our soul. We're not even allowed a carry-on bag! And don't forget: Our time on earth is temporary, whereas heaven is *eternal*. So, why do we tether ourselves to things of the earth instead of preparing our *souls* to meet our God?

In our second reading, James is addressing this very concept. He even goes on to describe how our concerns of living a life of 'luxury and pleasure' will pretty much come back to haunt us on our last day. And when you think about it, do you *really* think God gives two hoots about what smart phone we have or how many Facebook friends we have?

Going forward, let's try to put things in perspective about what really matters in our short time on earth: love, kindness, humility, gentleness, and generosity. Let's be excited about the **Lord** instead of a new gadget or face cream. Let's try to be the best version of ourselves for FREE. Because when all is said and done... God is all we have.

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FROM FR. STEVE...

Dear Family,

Do you believe that simply saying the name of Jesus has great power? Hopefully your answer is yes! We learn in our Gospel reading today that some outside the close followers of Jesus were able to expel demons using the name of Jesus. The disciples were concerned about this but Jesus had no problem with it at all. These people from outside the intimate circle of followers must have had great faith in the power of Jesus' name! In our First Reading today, we have related for us the coming of the Lord upon some chosen elders of the people giving them a share in the spirit that was on Moses. They were then called to prophesy and they did so with great effect. We baptized Christians are given that same Spirit of God. We are anointed at our Baptism to be prophets of the name of Jesus. How often do we answer that call? Do we trust in the power of the name Jesus? I often tell people who feel tempted by Satan to just say, 'Satan, I belong to Jesus. Get away from me.' Satan will run from the power of Jesus' name. He will come back and try to tempt us again, but we just keep repeating Jesus' name!

As we all know from the letter from Fr. Bryan that was in the bulletin last week that we are working with the leadership of the other parishes of South Buffalo to form a plan to provide ministry to all of our parishes now that Fr. Jim has retired and there is not an available priest to send in his place. There are some things, obviously, that only an ordained priest or deacon can do. However, we are all called to be prophets in our own way, as we heard in our readings this weekend. There are many ministries that can be and should be entrusted to the lay faithful! Each and every one of us has a role to play! How is God calling you? What ministry is He giving you to do? If we all answer God's call and offer up our time and talents in ministry, we can do incredible things here in South Buffalo and across our Diocese and world! Are we up for the challenge? Or are we going to sit back and do nothing and then complain about what is or is not happening in the parishes? Are we going to move the Kingdom of God forward as baptized prophets? God is depending upon us! I will be keeping you informed as the process moves forward. We are just beginning this new journey, but great things await for those who trust in Jesus!

Praised Be Jesus Christ...Now and Forever!!!

Father Steve

A Prayer For Vocations

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son,
Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear
our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DISCIPLES STAY ACTIVE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is still available!
Join us for the following upcoming events:

Faith Formation (Grades 1-8)
Monday, October 4th, 6:30pm
Holy Family basement hall

Sacramental Registration
Monday, November 15th, 6:00pm
St. Ambrose site

RCIA

Fr. Steve is in the process of forming a team to pass on our faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, known as RCIA. RCIA is the Church's evangelizing process to bring the Truths of our faith to those who are interested in learning about Catholicism and have a desire to potentially enter our Church family. If you are a faith filled, knowledgeable Catholic who is in good standing with the Church and are interested in being considered for a role on our RCIA team, please contact Fr. Steve at 716-822-5962 or via e-mail at fr.steve@olcp.org

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Our Lady of Charity Parish is in the process of planning our RCIA program for the next year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and journeying toward becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Steve at 716-822-5962 or via email at fr.steve@olcp.org. We are all called to be prophets and to lead people to Jesus. If you know someone who might be interested, please reach out to them and suggest that now is the time to inquire! Sessions will begin late summer 2021 and continue through and past the Easter Vigil 2022.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of September 18th & 19th

Collection: \$5,660.25

Renovation: \$562.00

Haiti: \$1,477.00

(-\$1,514.75 from previous week)

Thank you for financially supporting
Our Lady of Charity Parish!

SOCIAL ACTION

Do you sleep on a bed at night? Did you know there are 10,000 children (ages 2-17) in WNY that have no bed to sleep on? Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national nonprofit with chapters across the country. SHP is a volunteer organization that builds beds for kids who are sleeping on the floor. They make bunk beds on Wednesday and Saturday at the Eastern Hills Mall. The box springs and mattresses are shipped to them from Texas. The referrals to receive a bunk bed come from non-profits, social services, and the Salvation Army.

October is Pro-Life Month. Therefore, we will be holding a collection on October 9th & 10th to aid this organization in completing a comfortable bed for a child. They are in need of: new twin mattress covers, new pillows, and new twin size comfortors.

Containers will be in the hallway at the St. Ambrose site and the back of the Holy Family site.

Thank you for all that you do. For additional info, contact Diane Heiss at 824-0688,

VOTER REGISTRATION

Are you registered to vote? NYS Voter Registration Forms and NYS Absentee Ballot Applications are available in the back of the church at both worship sites. Any questions regarding these forms can be directed to the Board of Elections at 858-8891. Last day to postmark application for general election is October 8th. It must also be received by the board of elections by October 13th.



SAVE THE DATE

• Blessing of Animals •

Monday, October 4th, 6:00pm - St. Ambrose Parking Lot

In commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis (Patron Saint of animals), bring your favorite non-human friend for a special blessing in the parking lot.



DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all Volunteers! We need volunteers to help with the Meat Raffle on October 9th. Please see our Parish Website for the Sign-Up Genius, or call/text Jennifer at 716-253-9846, jenniferkline70@hotmail.com or Jaye at 716-480-1007, jjaynie28@yahoo.com if you can help out! Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you love working with children and sharing your faith-we need you! We are currently working on our 2021-2022 Faith Formation program for grades 1-8.

We are in need of teachers, classroom aides, student check in staff etc. All volunteers must be Virtus trained and fill out a volunteer application. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Brown at mbrown7627@aol.com or 716-822-5225 for more information

POP, POP, POP

It's popcorn time! Boy Scout Troop #256 from Our Lady of Charity Parish will be selling popcorn after all Masses the weekend of October 2/3. Please support the Scouts with this fundraiser, which helps enhance their scouting experience.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to join us for a weekly devotion. Every Thursday after 8:00am Daily Mass, we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Church, watch an episode of 'the Chosen' in the conference room, and then have a lively discussion about the episode. All are invited!

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COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact the parish office at 822-5962 or Mary Anne at 822-1837. Thank you!

Sponsors for the coming weeks include:

October 1: Liturgy Committee
October 8: Social Action Committee
October 15: St. Vincent de Paul
October 22: Tim Callahan
October 29: Liturgy Committee

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Lincoln Mark Lewandowski**, baptized in our parish this weekend! May the Lord bless him as he begins his faith journey.

ATTIC TREASURES

The grand total is in! Our Attic Treasures brought in **\$1,933.00**. Thank you to all who donated your treasures and all who volunteered to help make this fundraiser a success. A special thanks to Jennifer Kline and Jaye Hasan for co-chairing.

MISSING KEYS

The Parish Office is missing SEVERAL keys for our two worship sites. PLEASE! If you or a family member has had a meeting, ran a community dinner, done work, or for any other reason been given a key... PLEASE look and see if you have one or two! If you do, please return it to the parish offices as soon as possible or call Diana at 822-5962 during normal business hours.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

Sunday

8:30am (Holy Family Site)
10:00am (St. Ambrose Site)
11:30am (Holy Family Site)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
(Office will be closed 12:00pm - 12:30pm for lunch)
Friday, closed

(716) 822-5962

Please consider remembering our parish community in your will.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been active in the South Buffalo area for many years “Bringing Charity to Life” by providing outreach to persons in need. We are indebted to our parishioners, families and friends for your many contributions of funds, in-kind donations and numerous hours of service.

The strength of any organization is dependent on its structure of governance in the areas of leadership and finances. Term limits of officers provide for the continuity of an organization and the continual influx of fresh ideas.

Our Lady of Charity Parish SVDP Conference has reached a crossroad this Summer. We have several dedicated members; however, we have no one to assume the leadership roles of our officers whose terms are expiring this month. We have been trying to recruit a few potential members to ensure the presence of the

Society of St. Vincent de Paul in South Buffalo for years to come. With much discussion and prayerful consideration, at our August 13th meeting, the decision has been made to **temporarily suspend activities for a period of 6 months. In April 2022 a decision whether to disband will be formally addressed.**

Our Diocesan Office for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been notified of this decision. We need to regroup with our Pastor, Deacons, the South Buffalo Community and the family of parishes to network and provide outreach to our neighbors in need.

Your support is still needed. Donations of clothing can be dropped off at the Blue SVDP Clothing Collection Bin behind the main garage at the Holy Family Worship site. Other donations can be dropped off at the SVDP Central Office at 1298 Main Street in the shed off the parking lot at the rear of the building. These items are gratefully accepted: softly used clothing without stains or tears, books, jewelry-scarves-gloves and accessories, children and adult clothing, household goods-dishes, pots & pans, blankets and sheets without stains or rips, small working household appliances, tables, chairs, and furniture not in need of repair, lamps in working order. Please continue to contribute to the Bishop Kmiec Food Pantry as well. Our grocery carts will remain in church to continue our “one can at a time” campaign as well as updated needs as they arise.

Monetary donations can be mailed to the Central Office throughout the year. For more information, explore svdpwny.org.



MEAT RAFFLE NEWS



Our Lady of Charity Parish, Holy Family Site Basement Hall
1901 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14220 (Handicapped Accessible)

Saturday October 9th: 6:00pm (Doors open at 5pm)

Tickets \$8 presale and \$10 at the door

(Includes 1 drink ticket, 1 slice of party pizza, and 1 entry for the door prize)

Reserve a table of 8 for \$55

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Tickets on sale at the Parish Office (260 Okell Street • Buffalo, NY 14220)

Questions? Please call/text Jennifer at 716-253-9846, jenniferkline70@hotmail.com or Jaye at 716-480-1007, jjaynie28@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us:

+Arthur "Art" Pepe.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time + Order of Mass +

- **Processional:** For the Beauty of the Earth (#633)
- **Gloria:** Missa Pacem (#271)
- **Readings and Responsorial Psalm:** #1168
- **Offertory:** You Are All We Have (#586)
- **Mass Parts:** Missa Pacem (#273, #275, #277)
- **Communion:** Eat This Bread (#941)
- **Recessional:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (#949)

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Ambrose Site (September 26 - October 2)
Paul E. O'Brien & Marian O'Brien

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in the process of organizing a collaborative program across the parishes of: **Our Lady of Charity, St Martin's, St. Teresa's, and St. Thomas Aquinas** for Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for the South Buffalo Parishes. Information will be shared about registration and the program components as soon as we have concrete plans. Thank you for your patience! Stay tuned!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

"MASTER, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ILL." (JOHN 11:1-2)

Edna Albert, Irene Andrzejewski, Irene Barrett, Louise Beamish, Teresa Beamish, Lillian Beyers, Ann Alvira-Buchnowski, Patricia Cajak, Maureen Canney, Cheryl Clontz, Patricia Colern, Caroline Dominesey, Dottie Eberle, MaryAnn Forsyth, Vara Jones, Linda Kurcz, Madisyn Ledder, Janet Murray, Karen O'Neill, Mary Pilon, Maryann Rigby, Sandy Riley, Jane Rozek, Mary Sands, June Stebbins, Ruth White

Daniel Barry, Michael Beyers, Leon Bolick, Owen Chase, Eric Crawford, Vincent Crawford, Frank Czapezyk, Francis Davis, Larry Deskiewicz, Richard Dinnocenzo, Paul Fitzpatrick Sr., Jason Florea, Eric G., Jacob Heberling, Emmett Jakubowski, Rob Karr, Pat Kuhn, Andrew Kuper, Bill Lambert, Robert Maggio, George Rodriguez, Josean Rodriguez, The family of Coach Frank Rossi, Jeremiah Smith, Jim Sweeney, Tom Walsh, Christopher Zuercher

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat./Sun., Sept. 25/26 - 26th Sun. in Ord. Time

- SA • 4:00pm
Rebecca Conti-Cole (req. by Lucy Wargo)
- HF • 8:30am
Paul Wiles, Sr. & Paul Wiles, Jr. (req. by their family)
- SA • 10:00am
Antonio Petricca (req. by his friends and family)
- HF • 11:30am
Marian & Paul E. O'Brien (req. by Maree & family)

Mon., Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

- SA • 8:00am - **Living & Deceased Members of the the St. Vincent de Paul Society** (req. by Audrey Kunz)

Tues., Sept. 28 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **Kevin & Linda Stone** (req. by a thankful friend)

Wed., Sept. 29 - SS. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

- SA • 8:00am - **People of the Parish** (req. by Fr. Steve)

Thurs., Sept. 30 - St. Jerome, Priest

- SA • 8:00am - **Janet Peters** (req. by Kathy McCarthy)

Fri., Oct. 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

- SA • 8:00am - **Deceased Cousins of the O'Shei Family** (req. by family)

Sat./Sun., Oct. 2/3 - 27th Sun. in Ord. Time

- SA • 4:00pm
Anne Lynch (req. by the Sciarrino Family)
- HF • 8:30am
Paul Wiles, Sr. & Florence Jennings (req. by their family)
- SA • 10:00am
Paul Redfern (2nd Anniv. Rem., req. by wife, Anne Marie)
- HF • 11:30am
Susann Lloyd (1st Anniv. Rem., req. by family)

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday (St. Ambrose Site)

3:15pm - 3:45pm

(Or by request. Call the Parish Office at 822-5962)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Madonna Adymy & Kevin Burgos will be married at the Holy Family Site on Saturday, October 9th. Please hold this couple in prayer.

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