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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"

- Lk 16:25

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, September 26 ~ Weekday

8:00am William Tompkins (Luella Kenny)
Donald Argy, Sr. (Family)

Tuesday, September 27 ~ Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00am Tricia Vacanti (George & Penny Panepinto)
Marissa Quinonez (Mom, Joanne)

Wednesday, September 28 ~ Weekday

8:00am In Memory of Baby George Panepinto (Mom & Dad)
Carl Babich (Hedwig Babich)

Thursday, September 29 ~ Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00am Betty Pachter (MAJ & Mrs. Stephen Skibinski)
Maureen O'Donnell (MAJ & Mrs. Stephen Skibinski)

Friday, September 30 ~ Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Mary K. Zaccarella (Hedwig Babich)
Valerie Caprio (Mom & Family)

Saturday, October 1 ~ Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1:00pm Lacki / McFadden Convalidation
4:30pm End of Abortion: Changing Hearts & Minds (Altar Society)

Sunday, October 2 ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Abortion: Changing Hearts & Minds (K of C Good Samaritan Council)
11:00am Abortion: Changing Hearts & Minds (Respect Life Committee)

Reminder: starting October 1 (next weekend) - Sunday Masses are 8am & 11am

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
In Memory of Marissa Quinonez
From her Loving Mom, Joanne*

Keep in your Prayers

Kevin Beyer Jr. † Pat Fitzgerald † Susanne McMahon † Megan Johnson †

Brett Lombardo † Richard Pyc † Mary Jane Pyc † Frank Costanzo † Bethany Dzielski †

Eveylen Strobel † Brian Fitzpatrick † Bill Appenzeller † Bill Ortiz † Maria DelSignore †

Luann Moliterno † Micheal Peters † Maria Schnettler † Linda Morinello & Children †

Sharon Koehler † Eleanor Rogers † Ted Korkuc † Helen Utz † Sam Tortorice †

William Lapp † Irene Costanzo † Marie Sutton † Ruth Englert † Penny Panepinto †

And the deceased.....Frances Fanara

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



BLESSING OF THE PETS

in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, will be held
in the Church courtyard (outside under the canopy) on
Saturday, October 1 at 11am



Next Weekend (October 1 & 2) at all Masses
there will be a Second Collection for
Respect Life Moms & Babies

"God loves
a cheerful
giver"



ALTAR SOCIETY BASKET RAFFLE & BARGAINS GALORE

ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 2, WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE & BARGAINS GALORE. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER EVERY MASS ON BOTH DAYS IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM.



ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 & 9 WE WILL AGAIN BE SELLING BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS, ITEMS IN OUR "BARGAINS GALORE" TABLES, PLUS WE WILL BE SELLING BAKED GOODS.



PLEASE STOP BY AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

GOD BLESS YOU AND MARY LOVE YOU!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY - GOOD NEWS

Classes are resuming on October 2 at the 11am Mass & every succeeding Sunday. All teachers and assistants are Virtus Certified. During this 15-20 minute class we teach a more simplified version of the Gospel using the Children's Liturgy book. **Children 3 and older are welcome.** We are also in need of additional Virtus qualified assistants who could volunteer for one Sunday per month. Please contact Carol Maul (716) 773-7290.

DON'T MISS THIS:

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

When: Monday, Oct. 3rd at 7 - 8 p.m.

Where: Daily Mass Chapel, St. Stephen's.

Deacon Frank will lead a Vigil Memorial Service celebrating the "passing over" of St. Francis of Assisi from this life to eternal life. This celebration is known as the *Transitus of St. Francis* and is celebrated every year on the evening of October 3rd – the night when Francis died. The next day, Oct. 4th, is his Feast Day. All are invited to attend the Transitus the night before. The service consists of prayer, song, and a reading of the account of Francis' death written by his brother friars.



Generations in Faith Formation

Welcome back Families! Our Family Faith Formation has started a fresh year, if you have missed the parent meeting or have yet to register for this 2022-2023 year, please contact the Faith Formation Office. We are missing you!

Congratulations to Kailyn Ash who received First Communion last week at the 4:30pm Mass. May you always keep Jesus in your heart and come often to the Table of the Lord

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Do you or someone you know want to become Catholic or seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation? WELCOME!!! Our sessions are starting now. Call Faith Formation anytime.

Synod Voices Continue to Be Heard

Remember that earlier this year our Diocese participated in the worldwide Synod called for by Pope Francis. Well, now the results from ALL of the Dioceses in the US have been consolidated and are available at the USCCB website at the link below. We encourage you to read this extraordinary document - and notice how so many of the same comments throughout the country match the results of our own Diocesan Listening Session.
US Synod Synthesis: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/us-national-synthesis-2021-2023-synod>

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Respect Life Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. Questions? Call Mark or Kathy (773-5726). **New members are always welcome!**

If you are dealing with a difficult pregnancy or with pain and regret from a past abortion, please call the above number. We will be happy to connect you with the many resources available for help.

From Bishop Joseph E. Strickland (9/13/16):

As the November election approaches, let us all reflect deeply on the ills of our society and how we can find our way back to the truth. I believe we must start with the basics. When we choose a candidate for whatever level of public office, we MUST inquire as to their stand with regard to the life of the unborn. Of course it is not the only question, but the questions don't get more basic than that. Our vote is very often the only voice we have and we MUST VOTE NO to abortion, to the selling of the body parts of aborted children, to the further erosion of the moral teachings that flow from the Gospel and to all the threats to the Sanctity of Life that our society faces.

October is Respect Life Month. Upcoming events:

-Annual **Life Chain** – **Sunday, October 2, from 2:00 to 3:00pm.** Please meet us in the outer parking lot of the Niagara Falls Home Depot at 1:45 PM to pray and receive signs. **Life Chain** is a prayerful and peaceful event in which we hold signs along Niagara Falls Boulevard to remind passersby of the tragedy of abortion.

-Please plan to join us for a **Rosary for our Nation** on **Friday, October 7, from 6:00 to 6:30pm** in St. Stephens Daily Chapel.

-If you, or someone you know, is grieving the loss of a child of **any age, due to any circumstance**, including losses due to **miscarriage, stillbirth, and abortion**, please join us for a special Mass to offer prayer, healing, and hope. This **Mass for the Loss of a Child** will be held on **Saturday, October 8, at 12 noon at St. Mary of the Cataract Church, 259 Fourth Street, Niagara Falls.** Confessions will be offered before and after the Mass.

A VOCATION VIEW: All the rich man's wealth could not save his soul. Faith is the only investment that lasts for eternity. Your faith is worth more than gold, real estate, or bitcoin. How will you manage this precious commodity of grace? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, please contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

September 25, 2022



Students enjoyed celebrating our grandparents at Grandparents' Breakfast! Grandparents were invited to join their grandchildren for donuts and juice before the school day began.

8th grade students attended Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral Buffalo to celebrate the 175th Anniversary. Dr. Uhl greeted everyone and Bishop Fisher gave a wonderful homily for the eighth graders of all the Catholic schools. It was a blessing to all be together in one place as a Catholic community.

Students joined Ms. Mortise and Paul Effman Musicians and Mr. Alessi, our school's music teacher, for the instrument demonstration to show our in-school private lesson offerings.

In first grade science, students are learning about animals and special traits that help them. So far, they pretended to be birds eating using straws and cups as beaks, they compared parents and their offspring, and even visited Mr. Kenline in the science lab to see a snake and learn about how it eats.

FALL 2022 BIBLE STUDIES



TUESDAY MORNINGS 9:30am - 11am (8 sessions beginning Sept. 13)
Galatians: Set Free to Live - Paul speaks to the question "What must we do to be saved?"
Study Guide: \$30

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7pm - 9pm (12 sessions beginning Sept. 13)
The Bible and the Church Fathers: A Guided Journey through Scripture - for guiding our culture back on the road to holiness
Study Guide: \$25

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:30am - 11am (11 sessions beginning Sept. 14)
Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come - written in descriptive language revealing the Lord's love for his bride the Church
Study Guide: \$30

THURSDAY EVENINGS 7pm - 9pm (20 sessions beginning Sept. 15)
Epic: A Journey through Church History - from Pentecost to present
Study Guide: \$30

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Fall 2022 Bible Study Registration

_____ Galatians \$30 Name: _____
_____ Church Fathers \$25 Address: _____
_____ Revelation \$30 Phone: _____
_____ Epic \$30 E-mail: _____
Payment: _____ (cash / check)

OUT-OF-PARISH

After Ukraine: -- Catholic Nonviolence, Just War, and/or PEACEBUILDING? "Father Thomas Dailey Lecture Series" **Friday, Sept. 30, 7 pm** at OLV Charities Admin. Building, Glynn Family Conference Center, 780 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. Parking behind the building off of South Park Ave. **Speaker:** internationally renowned author and lecturer, Notre Dame University professor, Gerard F. Powers, former U.S. Bishops' foreign policy advisor.
To register, call 716-828-9616 or register online at www.olvbasilica.org/speakers Free-will offering welcome.

THE MATTER OF LIFE - A documentary film about abortion that clarifies the most contentious issue of our day, will be presented on **Wednesday, October 5 at 6pm** at Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Peter & Paul Auditorium, 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, NY. recommended for all ages 16 and up, and is **FREE** - bring a friend! Ages 16-17 must be accompanied by a parent View flyer at www.olpparish.com or call 716-683-6522 for more info. Presented by Our Lady of Pompeii Respect Life Committee & Feminists Choosing Life of New York - a state-wide human rights coalition that embraces and promotes pro-life feminism and the consistent life ethic, drawing connections between the root causes of violence, inequality, and the social forces that dehumanize - www.fclny.org

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings: Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:30pm
St. Stephen Old Church Basement. Any questions? Call Maureen at (716) 713-3311 or Kirk at (520) 954-8192



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." --John 14:27

STAY CONNECTED

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MASS SCHEDULE :

Saturday - 4:30pm (Organ/Piano)

Sunday - 7:30am (Organ), 9:00am (Choir) 11:00am (Contemporary Ensemble)

Daily Mass : Monday to Friday - 8:00am *Holy Days: Check Bulletin or Website

PARISH MEMBERSHIP New parishioners can register online or stop at the rectory for more information.

WEDDINGS Arrangements must be made with a parish priest no less than six months before the wedding. Pre-marriage preparation is required.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND Call the rectory to make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or to have Holy Communion brought to the home. A Communal Anointing of the Sick is held on the last Friday of each month at the 8:00am Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION First Friday each month 8:30am - 6:00pm

BAPTISMS Please call the parish deacons to arrange a baptism. Parents must be registered parishioners. Baptisms may be scheduled during any weekend Mass or privately.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) Saturday: 3:00–4:00pm in the Daily Mass Chapel, or anytime by appointment.

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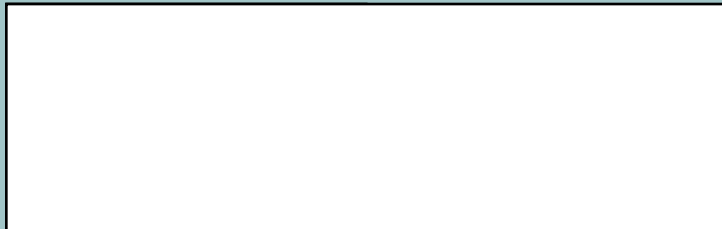
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