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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**DIVINE MERCY**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: (Vigil) 4 PM  
Sunday: 10:30 AM  
Tuesday & Thursday: 8 AM  
Holy Day: Please consult  
bulletin.

**DEVOTIONS**

Holy Rosary: Before daily Masses  
Divine Mercy Chaplet:  
After daily Mass & 15 min. before  
weekend Masses  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament: Tuesdays after  
8 AM Mass until 10:00 AM & Every  
First Friday of the month 6-8 pm  
including confessions

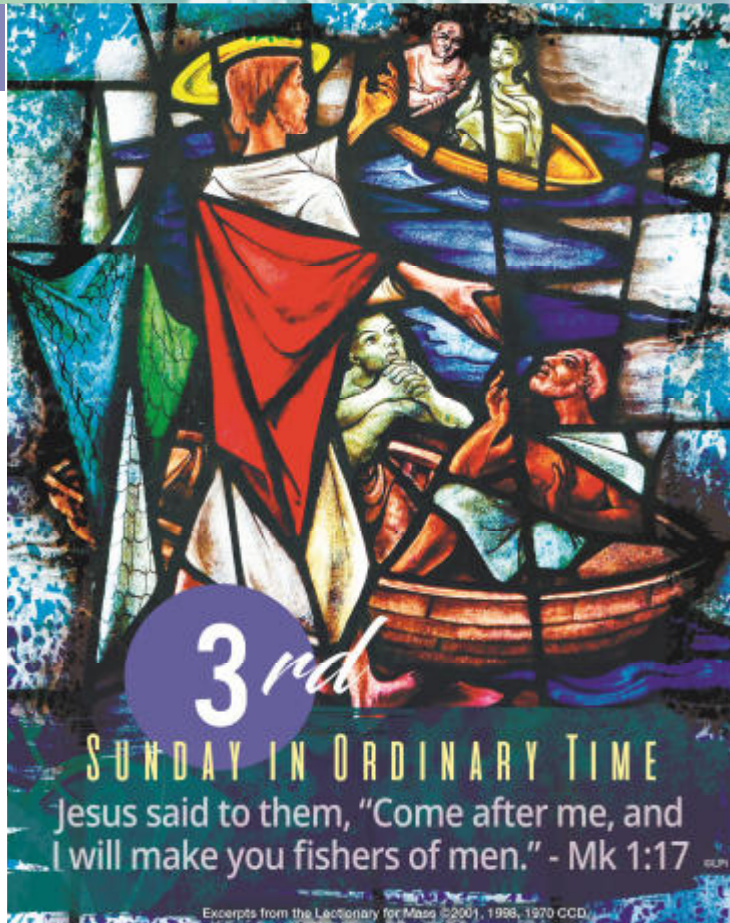
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Mr. Al Frosolone  
Mrs. Dorothy Ducatte-Wozniak

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**ST. MARY OF  
THE CATARACT**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:15 AM, 9 AM & 12 PM  
Monday-Friday: 12:10 PM.  
Holy Day: Please consult bulletin

**DEVOTIONS**

Novena to our Lady of the  
Miraculous Medal:  
Mondays 12 PM  
Novena to St. John Neumann:  
Thursdays after the 12:10  
PM Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament: First Saturday of the  
month following 5:30 Mass until  
8:00 pm

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

At Divine Mercy Parish, in the spirit of our Christian charity and Catholic faith, we dedicate ourselves to imitate the life and ministry of our Merciful Savior Jesus Christ, who lives in our midst. Through spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we share our faith, build up the community and extend a warm welcome to our friends and visitors. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.

**PASTOR**

Rev. Jacek P. Mazur

**PERMANENT DEACONS**

David P. Slish (DM)  
Benjamin R. Marino (SM)

**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**

**COORDINATOR**

Ms. Julie Belkota

**CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST**

Gary A. Sage

We wish to welcome all visitors, members and children who are worshipping with us today. We pray that worshipping with us will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with us as God's people, as well as comfort and strength for all your needs. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to join us. But above all, we invite you to come worship with us at any time.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

At St. Mary of the Cataract R.C. Parish, in the Spirit of St. John Neumann, our mission is to provide the local community and the faithful visiting the majestic Falls with the opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus in our midst and in the Sacraments. We dedicate ourselves to teach our Catholic Faith and how to live it daily. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.



**DIVINE MERCY  
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 23 - 3rd Ordinary Sunday**

4:00 PM +Irene Frosolone, req. by Dorothy, Paul & John  
+Robert Koperski, req. by Al Frosolone

**Sunday, January 24 - 3rd Ordinary Sunday**

10:30 AM +Robert Koperski, req. by Kathy Kajfasz  
+Ryan Farrell, Birthday Remembrance, req. by Family

**Tuesday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus**

8:00 AM +Chester Gawel, req. by Dorothy Ducatte-Wozniak & John Bankowski  
+Christine Frosolone, req. by Family

**Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:00 AM Al Picogna, req. by Brian & Joan Stanish  
Souls of All the Faithful Departed & the Souls in Purgatory

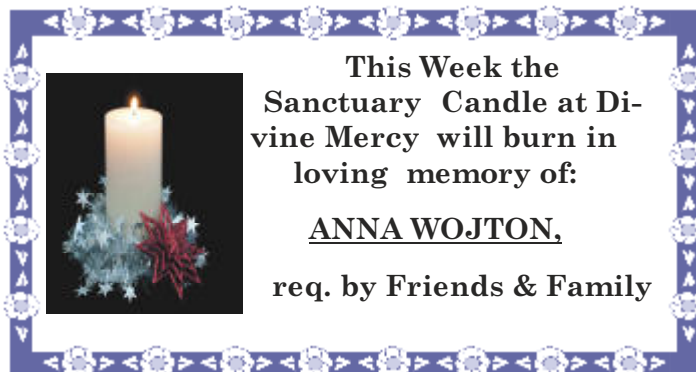

**Saturday, January 30 - 4th Ordinary Sunday**

4:00 PM +Irene Frosolone, req. by Brian & Joan Stanish  
+Anthony C. Kindzia, req. by Al Frosolone

**Sunday, January 31 - 4th Ordinary Sunday**

10:30 AM +Anna Wojton, Birthday Remembrance, req. by Children Bob & Carol  
Souls of All the Faithful Departed & the Souls in Purgatory

The continuance of the Lord's work should be in your future plans. A good way to ensure this, is to remember your parish in your will. Please discuss this with your financial advisor. We pray for our future benefactors.

**This Week the Sanctuary Candle at Divine Mercy will burn in loving memory of:**  
**ANNA WOJTON,**  
**req. by Friends & Family**



**ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT  
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 23 - 3rd Ordinary Sunday**

5:30 PM +Leona Frank, req. by Family

**Sunday, January 24 - 3rd Ordinary Sunday**

7:15 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary of the Cataract & Divine Mercy Parish req. by Fr. Mazur  
9:00 AM +Edna Battaglia, req. by Steve & Barbara Carter  
12:00 PM Jay Sauvageau & Carrie Szegda, req. by Joan & Brian Stanish

**Monday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul**

12:00 PM Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
12:10 PM +John Goodall, req. by Family

**Tuesday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus**

12:10 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary's, req. by Mark & Laura Gutt

**Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas**

12:10 PM +Brian O'Laughlin, req. by Ed Ziarnowski

**Friday, January 29**

12:10 PM Becky Cacciato, req. by Anne & Jeanette Jeffords

**Saturday, January 30 - 4th Ordinary Sunday**

5:30 PM +Irene Frosolone, req. by Pete & Pat Manna

**Sunday, January 31 - 4th Ordinary Sunday**

7:15 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary of the Cataract & Divine Mercy Parish, req. by Fr. Mazur  
9:00 AM +Kathleen Cullen Lundy, req. by the O'Connor Cousins  
12:00 PM Timothy O'Laughlin, req. by Mary DeLoreto




**This Week the Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary's will burn in loving memory of:**  
**Domenico Bevilaqua,**  
**req. by Cousin Lucia Centofanti**



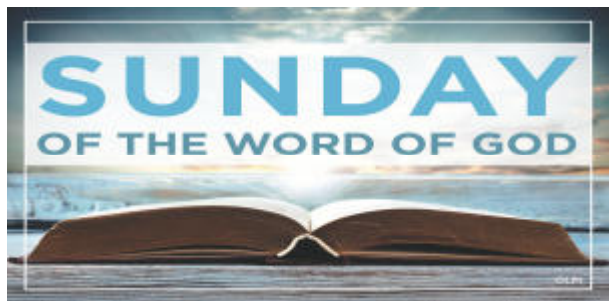
January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



Please join us at St. Mary's in praying the Rosary for our Country and our Holy Catholic Church, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 11:40 AM, and on Friday following the 12:10 Mass. Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

PRO LIFE NEWS

On January 29, the annual March for Life will take place in Washington DC, with all day coverage by EWTN. Many of our parishioners have participated in this most significant pro-life event, joining thousands from around the country, to maintain awareness that thousands of babies die every year by the brutality of abortion. Please pray for a successful, peaceful March, and for the day when the womb will again be a place of safety for the unborn.

Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for the unborn.

CATCHOLIC CHARITIES

**Appeal 2021 is underway!** Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2021 Chair Rick Cronin, and Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$10 million goal, as well as **HOPE for all seasons** as the campaign theme and St. Ignatius Loyola as this year's patron saint. Your donation to the Appeal can support Catholic Charities of Buffalo and the Fund for the Faith. Your donation stays in Western New York. Your gift helps those in our communities who are struggling to live, work and support families, and those who need spiritual care and support. You help provide **HOPE for all seasons**. And it couldn't be easier: visit [www.cwny.org/donation](http://www.cwny.org/donation) or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419 today!

Please keep our Military in your prayers: Christopher Ganczewski, Roy David Collin, Peter Cali, Thomas Human, Maria Morinello, David Alvarez, Michael Ferrusi, Kathryn Mitchell,

Please pray for our sick Divine Mercy & St. Mary's Parishioners: Ryan Cali, Rebecca Cali-Cuddahee, Marie Venti, Cheryl Ryan, Loretta Dominick, Stephanie Borelis, Pauline Dempsey, Hugh Mellan, Ginny Sukmanowski, Cindy Rodenas, Sandy Krajkowski, Eugene Piotrowski, Jamison Hokanson, Donna Robbins, Joseph Insana, Peter Sinclair, Gabby Parisi, Lori Kozera,



## Children's Faith Formation

Please sign up for Remind by texting @msjulieb to 81010 and follow prompts. You can private message me there with questions. Or email me at [jbelkota.dmparish@gmail.com](mailto:jbelkota.dmparish@gmail.com) anytime. Our access codes are in and when I get your registrations I will email you directions. Its never too late for your children this year because its all online and can be done at your own pace. Arrangements can always be made. Confirmation 2020-21 workbooks and online codes are in. Emails were sent out in December to students and families about this. Some workbooks still need to be picked up. I appreciate the texts and emails from our families, because it shows a true interest in your child's faith formation. I cannot yet set a date to meet as a group, but contact me to set a time and place to get workbooks and other materials picked up. I work full time, as you all know, but can always make time to meet up - socially distant and safe.

Please sign up for [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) by following the prompts on their website. I am going to start emailing/posting suggestions for the families to watch. Check your emails for more information for Faith formation

Happy New Year, and we miss seeing all our Children's Faith Formation Families

Julie Belkota

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

**DIVINE MERCY AND ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS:  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE YEARLY CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENT, PLEASE WRITE:  
"SEND STATEMENT" AT THE FRONT  
(NEXT TO YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS)  
OF YOUR DONATION ENVELOPE.**

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday before each Mass and by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements to be made in advance. A pre-baptismal instruction is required for all parents prior to the date of baptism. Call the parish office for application. Godparents must present a letter of recommendation.

## MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference, or equivalent pre-marriage preparation program. A parish Pre-Cana program is available. Contact the parish office for information.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome! Contact the parish office.

## VISITATION OF SICK/CARE FOR THE SICK

Parishioners who are in spiritual need may contact Fr. Mazur at 282-0059 or 284-6641. Please notify the parish office of parishioners confined to their home or hospital.

## RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome those wishing information and instruction:

- ◆ Non - baptized persons desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for themselves or their children
    - ◆ Those seeking the fullness of faith as members of the Catholic Church
  - ◆ Those Catholics wishing to complete the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Please call 946-1403 for more information

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Gladly given to those registered members of the parish (*at least 3 months*) who have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation; practice their faith regularly and support the parish through their sharing of time, talents and treasures.

**Are you struggling with addiction of any kind and in need of a support system and/or just someone to talk with confidentially? Please call 284-6641 for more information.**

WLOF 101.7 FM You can listen to our pastor, Fr. Jacek Mazur on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Sundays at 11:00am as he speaks about aspects of the message of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina. Or you can listen by logging to: [www.stationofthecross.com](http://www.stationofthecross.com), under: PODCASTS click: Divine Mercy in my Soul.

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