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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE CATARACT**
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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

TRUSTEES

Mr. Al Frosolone
Mrs. Dorothy Ducatte-Wozniak

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Mon & Thur: 9 AM - 2 PM |
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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

TRUSTEES: Ms. Carmela
Borgese & Mr. Frederick P.
Caseo, Jr.

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CENTER OFFICE HOURS**

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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, February 6 - 5th Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM +Irene Frosolone, req. by Husband Al
+Audrey Perry, req. by Al Frosolone

Sunday, February 7 - 5th Ordinary Sunday

10:30 AM +Gladys Labuda, req. by Brian & Joan
+Remi Gonzalez, req. by Rita Farrell &
Family

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 AM +Raphael Gonzalez, req. by Family
+Anna Marie Wojciechowski, req. by Joan
Lee

Thursday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 AM +Ann Siepka, req. by Mary & Ted
Janiszewski
+Marilyn Majchrzak, Birthday
Remembrance, req. by Kuca Family

Saturday, February 13 - 6th Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM +Anna Wojton, req. by Bob & Janice
Gomesky
+Irene Frosolone, req. by Sandra Walaszek
& Family

Sunday, February 14 - 6th Ordinary Sunday

10:30 AM +Remi Gonzalez, req. by Dcn. Ben & Marie
Marino
+Albina V. Murawski, req. by Lisa &
Charlie Turner



**This Week the Sanctuary
Candle at Divine Mercy
will burn in loving
memory of:**

FRANK A. RUGGIERO
req. by Wife Louise,
Children & Grandchildren



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

Saturday, February 6 - 5th Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM +Paula Basile Crispell, req. by Mary Cotter
& Gerard Ginnane

Sunday, February 7 - 5th Ordinary Sunday

7:15 AM +Dominic & Diana Luna, req. by Family
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Borgese Family,
req. by Connie
12:00 PM Joseph DeLoreto, req. by Mary DeLoreto

**Monday, February 8 - Sts. Jerome Emiliani &
Josephine Bakhita**

12:00 PM Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
12:10 PM Ellen Wilson, req. by Brian & Joan Stanish

Tuesday, February 9

12:10 PM The Cawley Family, req. by Stender Family

Thursday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

12:10 PM +James H. Fadel, req. by Family

Friday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 13 - 6th Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM +Brian O'Laughlin, req. by Susan & Patrick
Roundtree

Sunday, February 14 - 6th Ordinary Sunday

7:15 AM Kafas Stender, req. by Mom & Dad
9:00 AM +Stephen Carter, req. by Mom & Dad
12:00 PM +William E. Meyers, req. by Wife



**This Week the
Sanctuary Candle at
St. Mary's will burn in
loving memory of:**

Dolores Klimecko,
req. by Husband Roger
Klimecko

February 7, 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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.

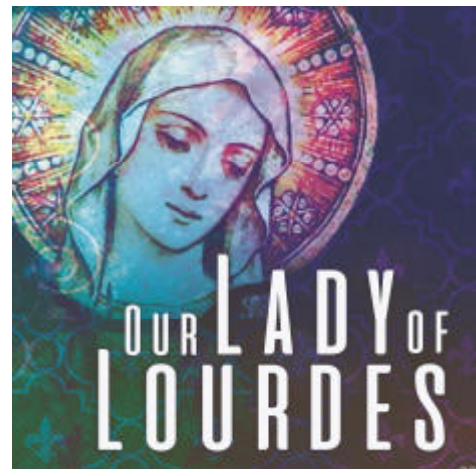
Please keep our Military in your prayers: Christopher Ganczewski, Roy David Collin, Peter Cali, Thomas Human, Maria Morinello, David Alvarez, Michael Ferrusi, Kathryn Mitchell,

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 Inzana, Peter Sinclair, Gabby Parisi, Lori Kozera, Julia Harrigan



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.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - **“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”** Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, housing, medications and clothing. Your donation to **Appeal 2021** can help us continue to give food to the hungry, clothes to the naked and shelter to the homeless. For more information about Catholic Charities and our other services and programs, visit www.ccwny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419. Catholic Charities is **HOPE for all seasons**. To make a secure online donation, go to www.ccwny.org/donation.

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

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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, under: PODCASTS click: Divine Mercy in my Soul.

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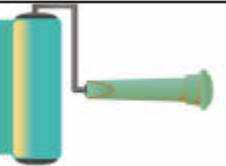
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