

BLESSED SACRAMENT

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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December 8, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30 am; 10:00 am

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am

Wednesday: 6:15 pm

Holy Days & Special Masses are listed inside the bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 8:30 am - 6:10 pm

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Matt M. Nycz	Ext. 408
Pastor Emeritus	Msgr. Robert K. Golombek	
In Residence (retired)	Msgr. Leo F. McCarthy	Ext. 404
Pastoral Associate	Sr. M. Lucette Kinecki, CSSF	Ext. 403
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Ed Zablocki	
Administrative Assistant	Annette Fabbiano	Ext. 401
Finance Administrator	DebraAnn McInerney	Ext. 402
Trustees	Celine S. Kingsley & John Rozak	
Music Director	Kenneth Fick Jr.	
Food Pantry Director	Gloria Scime	
Faith	Grades K-4 CRE	Lucy Stanton
Formation:	Youth Ministry 5-11 CRE	Carolyn Prefontaine
RCIA Coordinator		Marguerite Mullins

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Celebrated upon appointment through the parish office. A baptismal class is required before an infant's baptism is scheduled. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples need to meet with a priest before a wedding date is set.

ANOINTING: Communal anointing offered twice a year, any time by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Families of the sick are to notify the parish to arrange for communion calls.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

To be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, individuals must fulfill the responsibilities and obligations Church law requires:

- 1) Have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- 2) If married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.
- 3) Attend Mass and receive communion regularly.
- 4) Be an active parishioner for at least the past three months.

NOTE: An active parishioner is one who is enrolled on the parish census files and supports the Sunday offertory.

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



PARISH OFFICE HOURS in FATHER COTTER HALL

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 12 pm & 12:30 pm - 3 pm

Friday: 9 am - 12 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION OFFICE (716)834-4282

ST. FAUSTINA'S GATE - FOOD PANTRY (716)837-2544

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 am - 2 pm

Friday: 10 am - 12 pm

Non-Parish Groups:

Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club (BSAC): (716)871-0595

PASTOR'S NOTE

We congratulate our parish **RCIA candidate Neil Vandenberg**, who was formally welcomed into the second stage of the Catechumenate process on Sunday, December 1st. Neil was previously baptized in a Protestant tradition; he is discerning the truth and fullness of faith offered by the Roman-Catholic Church. Please keep him in your prayers throughout his faith journey.

The **St. Faustina: Love and Mercy** movie tickets are still available at local theaters or online for an additional showing on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 pm; I strongly recommend to all Catholics to see this movie, especially the members of the newly formed Cenacle groups.

December is a busy month at Blessed Sacrament!

Please join us at the following events:

Thursday, December 12th

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick 6:30 pm Church

Sunday, December 15th

Family Mass	10:00 am	Church
Faith Formation Confessions	9:00-9:45 am	Chapel
The Social	Immediately after Mass	Parish Center

Monday, December 16th

Advent Parish Penance Service 6:30 pm Church

Wednesday, December 18th

Additional Seasonal Confessions	5:30-6:00 pm	Church's Crying Rm (face-to-face)
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Nearly 60 people have already registered for the **Divine Mercy Cenacle small Christian community group formation sessions, including several guests from other area parishes.** We now offer five study groups on different days ready for any adult to join in. See more details and the registration form on page 4. Adults are welcome to come for one meeting to audit without registering.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Matt



Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24th - 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass with homily for children
 Dec. 24th - 9:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 Dec. 25th - 7:30 am Christmas Morning Mass
 Dec. 25th - 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

LADIES of the ALTAR: December 13th TEAM 2:
 Nancy Haywood, Phyllis Rathman, Jean Seiler

COLLECTION COUNTERS: December 15 - Team 6

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Mary Ann Konicki by daughter, Joan

4:00pm (Sunday Vigil) (anniversary of death) John Bertini by Wife & Children

Sunday, December 8

7:30am Antonio & Giuseppa Fanara by the Family

10:00am Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
 by the Altar & Rosary Society

Special NOON Mass: Living & Deceased Members of the
 Blessed Sacrament Parish by the Pastor

Monday, Dec. 9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Vincent Barbera by Wife, Dolores

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am Antoinette Pope by the Family

Wednesday, December 11 St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00am All Souls Day Intentions

6:15pm Helen Lask by Karen Fiorella & Family

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Dawn Wolf by Husband, Norb

6:30 pm Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick – All Souls

Friday, December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am Lucy Kinecki by Sr. Lucette

Saturday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00am The Wagner & Petersen Families by Eileen Petersen

4:00pm (Sunday Vigil) Patricia Pleuthner by the Pleuthner Family

Sunday, December 15

7:30am Sam Tulipane by the Family

10:00am John Fagley by wife, Veronica & Daughter

Mary Laskowski (birthday remembrance) by Veronica & Daughter

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from December 9 - 15, 2019
 In Loving Memory of John Bertini
 Requested by Wife & Children**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Maryann Alleca and Patricia Ruisi

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Christine Ando, Marsha Ashton, Elizabeth Bailey, Jeanne Barrett, Joan Boone, Joseph Brancato, Sam Brenner, Joseph Bulger, Sam Bumbalo, Jack Carroll, Cleo Cathcart, Helen Chu, Ruth Cicatello, Kathy Collette, Nickolas Cordova, Victoria Cox, Christine Crotty, Eugene & Kathy DeFabio, Cathy Derrick, Magdalen Dukarm, Paul Dukarm, Cathy Durant, Michael Fischer, Katrina Foster, Linda Gee, Teresa & Bob Giammette, Sam Glorioso, Mike Guarino, Marcus Harter, Margaret Haywood, Patricia Hedges, Becky Hinds, Mary Houston, Larry Hoyt, Denise Huard, Melody Hudson, Mary Jane Hulin, Marlene Hunt, Margaret Hyland, Claude Magna, Kathy Kay, Paula Keller, Aidan Kew, Jeanine Klein, Nicolette Cinquino Lista, Lynn Loeser, Jane Lucken, Patti Lugar, Laurie & Frank Medina, Joanne Menchetti, Carol Miceli, Richard Michel, Lou Militello, Janis Nimmo, Edward Papaj, Bob Pfohl, Lorraine Pfohl, Rosaria Philippone, Beverly Polowy, Ann Popadick, Tom Powenski, Craig Pryor, Laurie Radwan, Darlene Rajczak, Ann Recker, Patricia Reddish, Melissa Rose, Mary Rumschik, Christina Ryan, Joe Rumschik, Florian Rzepza, Theresa Saladyga, Pat Salemi, John Scime, Sam Scolla, Steve Scrivani, Vic Sorrento, Jesse Stroupe, Ruth Tarasek, Shellie & Tess Terrell, Frank Todaro, Fran Voigt, Eileen Walsh, Lorraine Young, Deacon Ed Zablocki.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 8

10am Mass Altar & Rosary Society Installation
 11am K-4 Faith Formation (FCH Upstairs)
 12pm Mass - Closing 90th Anniv. Mass (Church)
 1pm Anniversary Brunch (FCH)

Monday, December 9

7pm Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Party (FCH)

Tuesday, December 10

7pm Choir (Choir Room)

Wednesday, December 11

7pm Legion of Mary (Church Meeting Room)

Thursday, December 12

6:30pm Healing Mass
 7pm Al Anon & Alateen Meetings (FCH, Rm 16)

Saturday, December 14

Youth Ministry Service Saturday (FCH)
 Yes We Can!

Sunday, December 15

8:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle
 9:00 - 9:45am Faith Formation Confessions
 10am Family Mass
 11am Divine Mercy Cenacle

Liturgical Ministry Dec. 14 & 15

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Team 1	G. Scime	The Hoths
7:30am	Broderick	Przepasniak	
10:00am	Team 3	Marszalek	Knight Mitchell

Call Sr. Lucette 834-4282 to join any of the Liturgical Ministries!

AREA EVENTS & NEEDS

Needs for Mother Teresa Home & St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers

Mother Teresa Home (424-0217) needs towels, sheets, pillow cases (queen size), baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags (large black and tall white), laundry detergent, dish detergent, dryer sheets, larger size diapers (sizes 4-6). **St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers: Buffalo area** (76 Church St., Buffalo, 842-2229) needs diapers (size 1 & 6), new infant socks, baby wash & lotion, bibs, receiving and fleece blankets, girls onesies (size 0-3 months). **Cattaraugus area** (205 W. Henley St., Olean, 373-2569) needs of baby shampoo, baby wash, baby wipes, diapers (size 6), winter coats (6 months to 2 years), snow pants. **Chautauqua area** (32 Moore Ave., Fredonia, 401-3324) needs clothes for children (size 3T-5T), diapers (size 3-6), wipes, baby wash, lotion, shampoo, powder, blankets large enough to wrap baby. **Niagara Falls area** (335 24th St., Niagara Falls, 284-2229) needs diapers (size newborn), newborn clothes, sleepers and onesies (boys and girls), wipes, baby wash and lotion, bot-

Time for Pie! The Freudig Singers of WNY, directed by Roland E. Martin, will perform **A Christmas Pie**: Tunes from *several centuries (15th - 21st) & several countries (Spain, England, Poland, Germany, Italy, France, U.S.)*. Signature-pies, baked by the singers, will be raffled during intermission. ALL audience members are invited to enjoy a slice of pie and a warm beverage after the concert!

Blessed Trinity Church

317 Leroy Ave. (between Fillmore & Grider)
 Questions? www.freudigsingersofwny.org

Sunday, December 8th 3:00pm

Purchase Tickets (\$15) at the door or from a member of the Freudig Singers.



Cardinal O'Hara High School in the Town of Tonawanda will continue one of its longest running traditions with a Greccio reenactment and Christmas concert on Dec. 11th at 6:30pm. The

Cardinal O'Hara freshman class will reenact St. Francis of Assisi's pageant that depicts the birth of Jesus. O'Hara's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Chorus, Song Corps and Dance Ensemble will also perform their annual concert of holiday favorites in the Performing Arts Center immediately following the Greccio reenactment.

The event is free and open to the public.

Prior to Greccio, the music department will host a **spaghetti dinner fundraiser** 4pm -6 pm in the student dining room. Tickets are \$9 presale, \$10 at door. To purchase Dinner Tickets: 695-2600, ext. 312.



A Message of Gratitude

In gratitude for all the gifts, cards, and greetings that were given to me at the time of my birthday. Each one can be assured of my grateful prayers. Thank You. Fr. Leo

Vocations Corner

We are urged to "prepare the way of the Lord!" God has called some men and women to show His children how to do this through their leadership as priests and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

Calendar Lottery Winners!

Nov. 22	385
Nov. 23	876
Nov. 24	937
Nov. 25	645
Nov. 26	152
Nov. 27	820
Nov. 28	783
Nov. 29	152
Nov. 30	597
Dec. 1	754
Dec. 2	151

Winners determined by the **Pennsylvania Lottery Pick -3 Evening Drawing**

Frassati WNY: Seeking Catholic Young Adults (18 - 35 yrs)

from any parish in the Buffalo Diocese to form friendships founded in Christ, to grow in faith and to enrich lives through adventure, prayer and acts of charity. We promote the virtue of charity in action, which was central to the mission of **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**.

There are many exciting opportunities coming up in the next several months (including a trip to the **National March for Life in DC!**). Check us out for the latest happenings:

Facebook: Search "Frassati WNY!"

(Include the "!")

Website: frassatiwny.wixsite.com/home

Instagram: [instagram.com/frassatiwny/](https://www.instagram.com/frassatiwny/)

Weekly Meetings:

Our Lady of Pompeii
 158 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY
 Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30 PM
 Location: Marian Room



PARISH EVENTS

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The Society is very pleased and most honored this week-end as we install nine new members on Sun., Dec. 8th at the 10 am Mass. We recognize and congratulate Veronica Fagley, Joan Fix, Nina Meinzer, Anna Montalvo, Jane Rozek, Carmela Sarcinelli, Mary Ann Schaller, Marcia Tauriello and Patricia Watkins. All members: The Society will sit together at the front of the church; watch for the "reserved" signs.

Christmas Party - Mon., Dec 9th at 7 pm Refreshments: coordinated by Team #4: Mrs. Haywood, Kingsley, Linforth, Zablocki & Hayes. Please remember: every member brings an hors d'oeuvre or specialty dessert to share.

For a fun and entertaining time in order to play the "White Elephant" *Gift - Finding* (and sometimes "Taking!") :) *Game*, please bring an item (new or a treasure found in your home) that is gift-wrapped, worth no more than \$5. Consider bringing an extra gift-wrapped item just in case others forget to bring theirs. This will allow all our party attendees to join in on the excitement!

As is our custom, please remember your \$5 donation for St. Faustina's Gate. Thank you!

DIVINE MERCY: From the Diary of St. Faustina

During one of the adorations, Jesus promised me that: **"With souls that have recourse to my mercy and with those that glorify and proclaim my great mercy to others, I will deal according to my infinite mercy at the hour of their death."**

"My heard is sorrowful," Jesus said, **"because even chosen souls do not understand the greatness of my mercy. Their relationship (with Me) is, in certain ways, imbued with mistrust. Oh, how much that wounds my heart! Remember my passion, and if you do not believe my words, at least believe my wounds."** (Diary 379)

My Response: Lord Jesus, I believe and trust in your infinite mercy. Allow me to glorify and proclaim your great mercy to others.



Mass Book **MASS BOOK OPENING - December 3rd** We will be opening the Mass Book for July 1 - December 31, 2020 on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 9:00 am** in the Parish Office in Fr. Cotter Hall. Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, (*in person only on December 3rd*) in an effort to be fair to everyone. The Diocesan recommended stipend offering is \$15. To due to a high demand for a limited number of Sunday Masses, there will be up to **two independent Mass intentions accepted for all Saturday 4 pm Vigil Masses and Sunday 10 am Masses**. In addition to the many Masses that are still available for the first half of 2020, several weeks for the Sanctuary Candle are also open in the months ahead that can be requested now. Questions? Call 834-4282

Anderson Coupon Booklets have turned into a popular little fundraiser for the parish over the past few years, so here we go again! For only \$4, you will get a coupon book full of great discounts for everybody's favorite frozen custard, roast beef, and various delectable treats!



Books will be **on sale after all masses** at the chapel entrance starting Nov. 2 - Dec. 22, except for 4pm, Dec. 7th. They are also available in the **Parish Office**. **These make a nice little gift for a bus driver, mailman, and everyone!**

STEWARDSHIP

Sun. Envelopes Nov. 24, 2019	\$4,691
Loose Cash Contributions.....	\$144
Donation in memory of Patricia Abraham	\$55
Donation in memory of Dorothy Hogg	\$175
Diocesan collection:	
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 311

Sun., Dec. 1st
No totals are available due to early bulletin submission date; these will be provided next week.

Divine Mercy Gift for You!

Last week we started the meetings of the newly formed **Divine Mercy Cenacle groups**. Nearly 60 people are attending, including about a third from several other area parishes. Cenacle is a small group prayer, study, and action ministry devoted to personal faith growth through discussion of the *Diary of St. Faustina*, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Catholic Bible, personal faith sharing and spiritual and corporal deeds of mercy.

Bi-weekly meetings are offered on many different days and times. Each one will last about 1 hour 45 minutes. **The sessions will be held at Father Cotter Hall on the first and third Sundays from 8:30 - 9:45 am (before the 10:00 am Mass), 11:00-12:45 pm, (after the 10:00 am Mass). Parallel meetings will be held during the same week on Wednesdays at 1:30-3:15 pm and 7:00-8:30 pm, and on Thursdays at 6:30-8:15 pm.** There is about 30 minutes of assigned readings before each session.

The registration fee is \$20; this includes the participant's "Cenacle Formation Manual." Members will also be asked to bring their own *Diary of St. Faustina*, Catholic Bible, and Catechism of the Catholic Church texts to each meeting. Several copies of the smaller edition of the *Diary* are available for purchase (\$10) at the parish office. Many New American Catholic Bibles will be available for temporary use during the meetings. Sessions will be led by a lay facilitator with a priest present at many sessions for a Q & A. All adults can join; parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome! For more information, call the parish office 834-4282 or visit our web-site: **www.bsacramentchurch.com**. To register, please complete the form below and return in the Collection Basket or drop off/mail to: Blessed Sacrament Parish Office
263 Claremont Ave. Buffalo, NY 14223

"Divine Mercy Cenacle" Study Group Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Parish _____

Email _____

Sunday ☐ 8:30 am or ☐ 11:00 am

Wednesday ☐ 1:30 pm or ☐ 7:00 pm

Thursday ☐ 6:30 pm

\$20.00 Paid by: ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash

Calendar LOTTERY

PARISH EVENTS

ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROJECT



Calendar LOTTERY to benefit Blessed Sacrament Parish



Get in the game!
Only \$20 donation!
Thanks for your support!

Lottery runs:
January 1st - June 30, 2020
Must be in it to win it!!!

Chances to WIN DAILY CASH PRIZES for 6 months



- ➔ Payouts of \$30 daily!
- ➔ No need to keep track!
- ➔ \$50 on Sundays!
- ➔ We mail checks to winners!
- ➔ \$100 on 2 big holidays!
- ➔ Winning numbers based on the 3-digit PA Lottery evening

Calendars available at Church Entrances & Parish Office



Blessed Sacrament Parish is pleased to host:



Breakfast with Santa

December 22nd
7:30am - 11:30am

Questions?

Call: 949-8188

TICKETS \$12

Family of 4 - \$45

Family of 5 - \$50

Available in the Parish Office

Breakfast Menu includes:
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage or Bacon,
Hash Browns, Pancakes;
Milk, Orange Juice & Coffee

ACTIVITIES!

- * Story Time "A Night Before Christmas"
- * Goodies
- * Games
- * Writing letters to Santa
- * Cookie decorating
- * Pictures with Santa



This project benefits the families served by our food pantry, St. Faustina's Gate. The need is great, but the generosity and compassion of our parishioners always astounds us. This year we are asking for \$10 gift cards from Wal-Mart or Target. Why those two retailers? Because a family can purchase clothing, toiletries, toys, food or other necessities based upon the needs of their particular family as

both stores offer a wide selection of all of these items.

In order to meet our scheduled distribution date, please send in your donations by **Friday, December 13th**. They can be placed in the collection basket, in an envelope marked *Giving Tree*, or dropped off at the parish office. On behalf of the families who will benefit by this generosity, thank you!

Yes We Can!

The next "Yes We Can" collection is the weekend of **December 14 & 15.**

The requested item:

Tomato Products

Thank you for your ongoing support of this program.



Our parish is truly blessed with countless volunteers who donate their time, talent, and passion to make it vibrant and grow stronger. On November 9th in the Parish Center, most of our volunteers came to the **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**. All had a wonderful time - enjoyed the food and each others' company. Thank you again for volunteering. Know that you are truly appreciated.

In Gratitude - from St. Nick Nite Chair, Jane Rozek

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our church. We have been blessed with some of the best people. These faith filled people are God's gift to all of us here at Blessed Sacrament Church! I could never do what I do with out all the people who time after time say YES! God Bless! Jane Rozek

Over 140 parishioners and friends of Blessed Sacrament had a great time celebrating the **parish's 90th anniversary** at a dinner banquet held at Benchetti's Hall following the anniversary 4:00 pm Mass with Bishop Grosz presiding on October 26th.

