

# Nativity of Our Lord

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Diocesan Website: [www.buffalodiocese.org](http://www.buffalodiocese.org)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Vigils:..... 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday:..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m.,  
..... 6:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass (September - May)

Monday through Friday:..... 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday..... 8:00 a.m. only

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: ..... 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: ..... 7:25 a.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated as a community at Mass at 1:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month outside of Lent. Parents who wish to present a child for Baptism call for an appointment with one of the priests, to discuss the meaning of the Sacrament and the responsibilities being undertaken. The date and time for Baptism will be arranged at this meeting.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Meet with a priest to express your intentions and freedom to marry. Once this is established a date and time may be secured. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference is required. All arrangements for a wedding must be completed one month before your wedding day.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please notify a priest for those seriously ill. Please make arrangements while your loved one is still conscious and can personally accept this eternal grace.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Letters of Recommendation to act as sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are given to registered members of the parish who attend Mass and Communion regularly and either have raised or are raising their own children (if any) in the Faith.

**New Parishioners:** Formal registration in the parish is accepted at the Parish Office. Please introduce yourself to our parish priests at Mass on Sunday. If you are moving or there is a change in address, please notify the parish office.

**Adoration Chapel:** Open to public from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. Rosary Hours - Monday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at Noon. To schedule a holy hour, please call Patty Allman—667-7431.

## Our Mission to Others

[www.mklaymissionaries.org](http://www.mklaymissionaries.org)

[www.jesuitvolunteers.org](http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org) [www.cfcausa.org](http://www.cfcausa.org)

Check the above website for becoming a volunteer.

We are twinned with our sisters and brothers in Haiti in the parish of St. Michael's, Coq Chante. We are committed in support of St. Michael's Parish, clinic, school, water project and basic necessities for families. Their physical needs are an opportunity for us to give and in return receive the grace-filled prayers and blessings of the poor.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday— 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday—8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For appointments please call directly.

## Pastor

Rev. Bernard U. Nowak, ext. 145

## Deacons

Deacon Dennis Conroy, ext. 140

Deacon Gary P. Andelora, ext. 142

Deacon Sean Paul Fleming, Ext. 140

## Assistant Priest

Msgr. George Brennan, Rev. Peter Drilling &

Rev. James Croglia

## Business Manager

Robert M. Joslyn, Sr., ext. 125

## Director of Life Teen

Patrick Murphy, 716-508-0258

[www.antiochyouth.org](http://www.antiochyouth.org)

## Director of Music

Mr. Robert T. Kiersz, ext. 123

## Parish Outreach

Sr. Beth Hays S.S.M.N., 716-662-1302

## Faith Formation Office

S-4414 South Buffalo St. • 716-662-2169

**Director:** Mary Barone, ext. 126

[www.nativityofourlordop.com](http://www.nativityofourlordop.com) Faith Formation

## Nativity of Our Lord School

S-4414 South Buffalo St. • 716-662-7572

**Principal:** Miss Ruth Frost, ext. 122

[www.nativityschool.net](http://www.nativityschool.net)

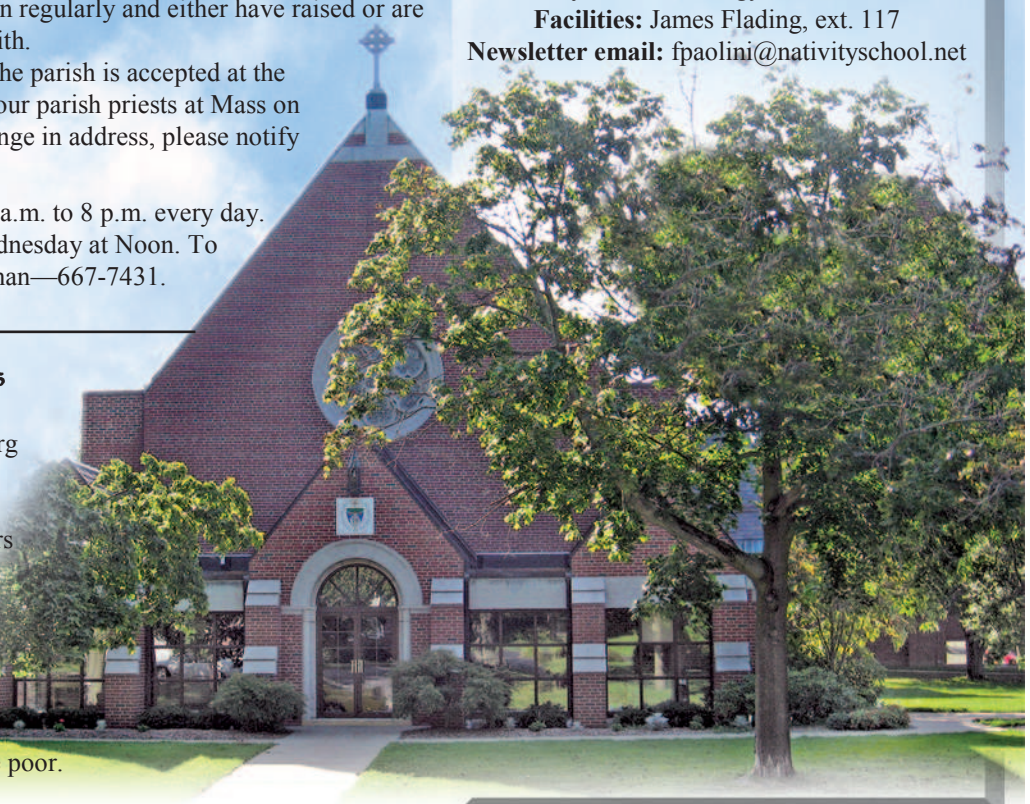
**School Hall:** 667-2132

**Msgr. Beasley Center:** 667-2132

**Cemetery Office:** 43 Argyle Place, 662-9339

**Facilities:** James Flading, ext. 117

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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT DECEMBER, 2011

Monthly Needs for December, (4 wks) .....	\$118,000.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 12/04 .....	\$27,166.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 12/11 .....	\$23,127.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 12/18 .....	\$20,524.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 12/25 .....	\$20,949.00
“Christmas Collection” this Week 12/25.....	\$21,656.00
Favorable<Unfavorable> for the month.....	<\$4,578.00>
Favorable<Unfavorable> for the year .....	<\$12,687.00
Monthly Budget Needs for January, (5 wks).....	\$105,000.00

Fiscal Year is September 1 to August 31

The following facts and figures represent this year compared to last year. The average weekly envelopes used in December were 901 compared to 1076 last year. Total gross contributions received for December is \$130,743.42 compared to \$147,856.42 last year. The “Weekend/Monthly/Christmas Collection” is \$110,842.42 versus \$127,825.95 last year. During this Christmas season there were five (5) fewer Masses compared to last year because Christmas was on a Sunday; however the Parish’s budget anticipated this occurrence. This year \$7,208.52 was loose cash not in envelopes compared to \$7,436.81 last year. The special collections were \$19,901.00 this year and \$20,025.00 last year. Special collections received this month included \$20.00 for Human Development, \$1,842.00 Christmas Flowers, \$1,937.00 for School, \$16,029.00 for Religious Retirement, \$10.00 for Haiti and \$63.00 for Christmas wafers.

Our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your support and generosity in our **Parish Stewardship in Faith** program; please remember your commitment to **Time, Talent and Treasure**.

### FATHER’S NOTES

On Christmas Eve by 7:45 pm, the total attending had already reached over 3,000 people with another vigil and 3 Christmas day liturgies, yet to be celebrated. We probably had a record number - over 5,000. The numbers were not as impressive as the depth of participation. This was also the youngest looking in recent history; and a growing younger parish community presents a different set of challenges and commitments.

### EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP

In various ways, then, stewardship of the Church leads people to share in the work of evangelization or proclaiming the Good News, in the work of catechesis or transmitting and strengthening the faith, and in works of justice and mercy on behalf of persons in need. Stewardship requires support for the Church’s institutions and programs for these purposes. But, according to their opportunities and circumstances, members of the Church also should engage in such activities personally and on their own initiative.

Parishes must also become true communities of faith within which this Christian way of life is learned and practiced. Parishioners must accept responsibility for their parishes and contribute generously—both money and personal service — to their programs and projects. The success or failure of parish programs, the vitality of parish life or its absence, the ability or inability of a parish to render needed services to its members and the community depend upon all. Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization.

## OUTREACH



**Sampler Afghan Raffle:** Sister Beth has knitted an afghan of 20 squares—each a different pattern. She has offered this to Mary Travers Murphy to raise money for the Family Justice Center. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each and can be obtained by contacting Sister at 662-1302. Anyone who would like to take a few books (10 per book) and sell the tickets to your family and friends may

contact Sister. Posters with the information are at the doors of the church as well as posted in the Church Office building on Argyle Place.

**Donations:** Thank you for the tremendous response for blankets, towels and sheets. The collection has ended so there is no more need at the present time. There were some pots and pans, etc. left at the door of the office building with no explanation about them. Please!!!, when you have something to donate, phone ahead first to see if there is a need. Thank you.

**Family Promise:** This is a group of people from several O.P. Churches who assist families who are homeless. Every few months a family is brought to the Presbyterian Church to stay overnight until help can be secured for them. We are looking for a few parishioners who would like to prepare a meal for them. If you are interested and want more information, please call Sr. Beth 662-1302.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** We are in need a few more ministers who could bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. Can you help? Call Outreach 662-1302



### A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS OF NEW YORK STATE

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney and was chartered in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. This unique organization of Catholic men now extends

beyond the United States. The Knights dedicate themselves to the protection of family life as well as service to God, their parishes, their communities and their country. With a membership of 1.8 million, the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic charitable organization in the world. Its members volunteer over 70 million hours a year and donate more than \$154 million to worthwhile causes. Its special mission is to protect mothers and children from hardship and destitution. One of the largest supporters of the U.S. Special Olympics, the Knights make it possible for some very special dreams to come true. They have joined the U.S. bishops on several projects to help protect the lives of the unborn. Besides assisting with so many projects locally in our dioceses, they make generous contributions every year to our Vocations Fund. The Knights also assist young people in our area who are challenged by mental and physical limitations.

If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older, we cordially invite you to become a member of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization of which we all can be proud. To join the Knights of Columbus here at Nativity contact Mike Hallinan: Hals6@aol.com or 662-0144.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. (C.1252)

**Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthday are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day. (C1252)

**Easter Duty:** After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 26 (first Sunday of Lent) and June 3 (Trinity Sunday).

### The following should also be noted:

- ✚ Reconciliation: Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. (Canon 989).
- ✚ Other Fridays of the year: Catholics should be reminded that all other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance, in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. (C.1250)
- ✚ Obligation: The obligation which we have as members of the Church to do penance is a serious one. Furthermore, the obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantially,” the penitential days specified by the Church is also a serious one. (C.1248)
- ✚ While no one should hold himself or herself lightly excused, one should not become unduly scrupulous. Failure to observe individual days of penance is less serious than the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days.
- ✚ An invitation: In the name of peace and in union with the Bishops of our country, the faithful of this diocese are invited to add voluntary fasting to the practice of penance during the Fridays of the year. Together with the works of charity and service toward our neighbors, this practice would become a sign of commitment of conversion, reconciliation and peace. (The Challenge of Peace, Art. 298)



The ritual of ashes takes place during Mass on February 22 at 7:00, 9:00 am, 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm. We urge your participation in this devotion.



## JOIN US AT NATIVITY FOR KROLICK'S LENTEN FISH FRY

March 2 & March 30, 4-7 PM  
Dine in or Take Out  
\$10 includes Fish Fry, Tartar sauce,  
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Roll with butter

*Pray the rosary daily*

## ATTENTION ALL BOY SCOUTS, SCOUTERS, CUB SCOUTS, WEBELOS, FORMER SCOUTS, ALL EAGLE SCOUTS, ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN SEEING WHAT SCOUTING IS ALL ABOUT

Boy Scout Troop 230, Nativity of Our Lord Parish is once again celebrating Scout Sunday and the twelfth point of the Scout law, “A Scout is Reverent,” with its 52nd Annual Scout Sunday Breakfast. Scouting is 102 years old in America and Nativity’s Troop has been in existence for more than half of that time, so we certainly have reason to celebrate, and we will.

On Sunday, February 5, the Boy Scouts of Troop 230 will honor all scouts; will present many awards to its own members; and will pay tribute to all of the strong values that Scouting is all about. Scouting is totally based on Christian principles, and although we are involved in many activities, we continually stress values, and, on Scout Sunday, we focus on celebrating the wonderful parts that make up the whole of scouting. We together attend 9:00 mass on Scout Sunday, this year, February 5. After mass, we adjourn to the school hall for a hearty breakfast and for the awards ceremony, including Most Reverent Scout, Scouter of the Year, among others, and this year we may again be presenting the Eagle Scout Award, the highest award in scouting to an individual who has shown dynamic leadership, has achieved many badges of accomplishment, and who daily demonstrates that he lives his life according to the Scout Oath and Law.

We welcome all scouts, scouters, their families, and all others who would be interested in taking part in our grand celebration. The cost of the breakfast is \$7, but children 5 and under are our guests, and there is a family maximum of \$25.00. For more information and to make reservations, please contact Toni Hopkins at 517-0753.

## DISCIPLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Disciples of Divine Mercy will come and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for your loved one who may be sick or dying. For more information call Terry at 662-2323 or Patricia at 662-4931.

## ENGAGED COUPLES: PRE-CANA

The Diocese of Buffalo requires all engaged couples to participate in a marriage preparation program approximately six months prior to your wedding date. You can attend a one day program available to you at Nativity of Our Lord Parish. At the present time, February 18 is the first date available for this year. Further dates will be available in the next newsletter. Please call the parish office at 662-9339 to register.



Please welcome the following new members to our Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community: James & Darlene Breidenstein, William & Marsha Quinn, Brian O’Toole.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

Father Bernard, Msgr. Brennan, Fr. Peter, Fr. Jim, Deacon Dennis, Deacon Gary, Deacon Sean Paul and the Parish community would like to express deep and profound condolences to the family of: Mark Kaczynski, James Pronko, Rita Crane, William Ancona and Andrew Pawlak.

## FROM POPE PAUL VI ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

35. All of us realize that there is more than one way in which Christ is present in His Church. We want to go into this very joyful subject, Christ is present in His Church when she prays, since He is the one who “prays for us and prays in us and to whom we pray: He prays for us as our priest, He prays in us as our head, He is prayed to by us as our God”; and He is the one who has promised, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them.” He is present in the Church as she performs her works of mercy, not just because whatever good we do to one of His least brethren we do to Christ Himself, but also because Christ is the one who performs these works through the Church and who continually helps with His divine love. He is present in the Church as she moves along on her pilgrimage with a longing to reach the portals of eternal life, for He is the one who dwells in our hearts through faith, and who instills charity in them through the Holy Spirit whom He gives to us.

36. In still another very genuine way, He is present in the Church as she preaches, since the Gospel which she proclaims is the Word of God, and it is only in the name of Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, and by His authority and with His help that it is preached, so that there might be “one flock resting secure in one shepherd.”

37. He is present in His Church as she rules and governs the People of God, since her sacred power comes from Christ and since Christ, the “Shepherd of Shepherds,” is present in the bishops who exercise that power, in keeping with the promise He made to the Apostles.

38. Moreover, Christ is present in His Church in a still more sublime manner as she offers the Sacrifice of the Mass in His name; He is present in her as she administers the sacraments. On the matter of Christ’s presence in the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass, consider what St. John Chrysostom had to say: “I wish to add something that is clearly awe-inspiring, but do not be surprised or upset. What is this? It is the same offering, no matter who offers it, be it Peter or Paul. It is the same one that Christ gave to His disciples and the same one that priests now perform: the latter is in no way inferior to the former, for it is not men who sanctify the latter, but He who sanctified the former. For just as the words which God spoke are the same as those that the priest now pronounces, so too the offering is the same.” No one is unaware that the sacraments are the actions of Christ who administers them through men. And so the sacraments are holy in themselves and they pour grace into the soul by the power of Christ, when they touch the body. The Highest Kind of Presence.

These various ways in which Christ is present fill the mind with astonishment and offer the Church a mystery for her contemplation. But there is another way in which Christ is present in His Church, a way that surpasses all the others. It is His presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is, for this reason, “a more consoling source of devotion, a lovelier object of contemplation and holier in what it contains” than all the other sacraments; for it contains Christ Himself and it is “a kind of consummation of the spiritual life, and in a sense the goal of all the sacraments.”

39. This presence is called “real to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man. And so it would be wrong for anyone to try to explain this manner of presence by dreaming up a so-called “pneumatic” nature of the glorious body of Christ that would be present everywhere; or for anyone to limit it to symbolism, as if this most sacred Sacrament were to consist in nothing more than an efficacious sign “of the spiritual presence of Christ and of His intimate union with the faithful, the members of His Mystical Body.”

## FATHER’S NOTES:

An age-old axiom reveals that “we become what we love” or I reflect and image back who I love. From an anon. pub.: “The Way of a Pilgrim,” consider: “Look how I go about, ceaselessly repeating the Jesus prayer, more precious than anything in the world. Sometimes I walk miles without giving it a thought. I am only aware that I am saying the prayer. When I am beset by some great burden, I recite the prayer with greater attention and soon it is sorted. If hunger becomes too much... if I don’t feel well and my back or my legs hurt, I focus on the prayer and I’m no longer aware of the pain.

“Whenever someone insults me, I think of nothing but the gracious Jesus prayer. Very soon the anger or pain subsides, and I forget all about it. I’ve become a bit odd: nothing really eats away at me; nothing worries me; it just has no hold on me. I’m forever wanting to be in this solitude. By force of habit I have but one need: to recite unceasingly the prayer and when I do it I’m filled with joy. God knows what is taking place in me. Obviously these are only sense impressions or the natural effects of an acquired habit.”

Some will think that prayer is a type of self-hypnosis or psychotropic drug that makes one oblivious to hunger, pain or insult. But none of these effects are to be sought after in themselves. They come and go like everything else. Do not be afraid of becoming a bit odd.”

So let’s become odd. The prayer of stillness leads to Christ’s action through us. Again from Paul VI: “evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church...It is the grace and favor proper to the Church, her deepest identity...[The Church] exists in order to evangelize”. We have no option but to become missionary parishes. It is not acceptable for us to assume a maintenance posture. Pope John Paul II also states this very strongly when he said: “No Christian community is faithful to its duty unless it is missionary” either it is a Missionary Community or it is not even a Christian community, because these are simply two dimensions of the same reality, which is brought about by baptism and the other sacraments.”

The intent here is that upon being nurtured and nourished here at Word and Eucharist we don’t become “consumer Catholics” or a “maintenance parish” at the expense of mission, our being sent. Our relationship to Jesus must be personal, a relationship of dependence on Christ. We have a religion, but where is our spirituality? 100 million Americans have no church family. We all are sent to bring them in. The full Gospel can only be lived out in community.

So how do we become mission rather than maintenance-oriented parishes? Firstly, there is no us and them. We, who are here regularly on Sunday and those “out there” are all a collective we. We must organize inclusively. Secondly, this is not an optional dimension of our individual spirituality but an essential component of being and remaining baptized. Our mission as a parish is to all living within our boundary and as individual disciples to all we meet. Thirdly, we come to Church to get what we need for heaven. We consume but additionally we give out what/who we receive.

As consumers, our time and energy are absorbed by taking care of ourselves. On Sunday, we are nourished for the road. Like Jesus, each disciple of the Eucharist, each Sunday receiver, goes out to the lost sheep, even at the expense of the “ninety-nine.”

John Paul II makes this point: when we evangelize others, we ourselves are evangelized, “for faith is strengthened when faith is given away.”

This effort moves us from fragmentation, each of us in our own box, to a deeper unity, from excessive individualism to a new solidarity. **Continued on Page 5**

## FATHER'S NOTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Gallup Org. reports that 57% of people who volunteer are not using their gifts but merely filling slots. Can we rely on people who have the passion to get things done and the gifts for the task?

In our parish, we need to heighten a shared-decision making process; while a school strategic plan is finalizing, the same principles and process should be applied to all parish priorities; we should engage people according to their gifts; and, intentional communities should spring up as priority action groups and mutual support in prayer. So, is your gift being presented, opened and offered for others? What is the Jesus prayer? What are intentional communities? This conversation continues.

## NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

Our annual Joe DeMarco Memorial Tournament will be February 1-12 in Nativity's Gym. All are welcome to come and share the fun and see the boys and girls teams play ball.

Catholic Schools' Week is January 30-February 3.

**VISIT OUR OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION  
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 2, 2012  
9-11AM & 6:30-8:00 PM  
662-7572**

**WELCOME TO THE NATIVITY FACULTY &  
COMMUNITY, MRS. ANITA WEPPNER,  
OUR NEW  
6, 7 & 8TH GRADE MATH TEACHER**

## FAITH FORMATION

- Feb. 1: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
- Feb. 2: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9—7:00-8:15 pm
- Feb. 6: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
- Feb. 8: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
- Feb. 9: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9—7:00-8:15 pm
- Feb. 13: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
- Feb. 15: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
- Feb. 16: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9—7:00-8:15 pm
- Feb. 27: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
- Feb. 29: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45



## Scripture Study

## SCRIPTURE STUDY RESUMES...

...for six Wednesdays:

Topic: Mark: Getting to Know Jesus.  
Appropriate as the Sunday literature brings us to the gospel of Mark.  
Place—Theology Room 104 first floor of school building. Enter by

school lot entrance, no steps. January 18 & 25, 7-8pm, Feb. 1st—break; resume February 8 & 15 from 7-8 pm; Feb. 22nd from 8-9 pm, and February 29th from 7-8 pm.

Anyone seeking or inquiring about the faith are welcome at any of these sessions beginning March 1st on Thursday, 7pm in the cafeteria, as we study and reflect on the Biblical aspects and meanings in the Mass. High School students and Adults welcome.

## “STAIRWAY TO SAINTHOOD”

February's "Matters of Faith," Daybreak TV's monthly talk show, features an encore presentation of the episode, "Stairway to Stainthood" with special guests, Msgr. Paul Burkard, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, and his sister, Sister Patricia Burkard. Msgr. Burkard is promoting the canonization cause of Father Nelson Baker while his sister leads the effort to have Blessed Mother Marianne Cope canonized. Also featured throughout the show is a guided tour of the new Father Baker Museum at OLV Basilica. The show will be aired on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 am on WIVB-TV Channel 4 and repeats on cable. Check the web for other listings at [buffalodiocese.org/daybreak](http://buffalodiocese.org/daybreak).

## CIRCLE OF DAUGHTERS, INC.

The Circle of Daughters offers counseling for men, women and children for grief related issues, depression, anxiety and parenting concerns. Also offered are a variety of groups, including a group for women who have lost their mother, the only such group in WNY. Program Director Day Cummings LMSW RN has worked with groups and individuals for over 30 years. All services are held at the office: 4263 St. Francis Drive, Hamburg. For more information email [momspirit@aol.com](mailto:momspirit@aol.com) or call 507-6281.

## TENTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Save the date for the Tenth Annual Catholic Men's Conference which will take place on Saturday, March 24. The speakers for the Conference will include Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer OFM Conv, Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, Georgia; Allen Hunt, former Methodist Pastor of an Atlanta Mega-Church and Catholic convert; and Sammy Violante, mentor, coach, survivor and parishioner at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Williamsville. The Conference will again be held at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda right off the I-290. Register by February 15 at [spiritiscalling.org](http://spiritiscalling.org) to receive a discount on the registration fee. Don't miss this inspiring annual event.



January is a big month for us. We had our annual Lasertron All Nighter on MLK Day. There were about 70 of us locked into 6 straight hours of Lasertron, with 3 hours of dodgeball before that; leading to quite an entertaining night, or morning. The following weekend, Patrick took a small group with him to D.C. for the March for Life. Aside from spending way too much time clocked in on a "tour" bus, it's always a very great experience, especially the youth rally right before the marching.

Our Life Teen Masses are Sundays at 6:30 pm, with our Life Teen meetings following. Our EDGE meetings are held at St. Bernadette's Mondays at 7:00 pm. There is no Life Teen Mass or meeting on February 5th; we've learned from years of experience that there's no competing with the Superbowl. Wednesdays and Thursdays are Antioch Hours from 2-5; just an after-school time to hang out, play some games and eat snacks.

Our annual Spring Retreat is set for March 9-11. We're heading to Camp Turner in Allegany State Park. Great food, awesome friends, lots of prayer, worship, speakers, football, the list goes on. Check out more info and a permission slip at one of our meetings or our website [antiochyouth.org](http://antiochyouth.org).

## ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS OF THE CELEBRANT

### Wednesday, February 1

- 7:00 a.m. Josephine Reilly by Nativity Altar & Rosary Society
- 9:00 a.m. Virginia Kozuchowski by Glen & Nathalie Dick

### Thursday, February 2

- 7:00 a.m. Gerald Pidgeon by Richard & Jeanette Stanley
- 9:00 a.m. Anne Marie Falletta by Mike Flanagan

### Friday, February 3

- 7:00 a.m. Mary DiTondo by Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder
- 9:00 a.m. Marie Castcala by Carol Needham

### Saturday, February 4

- 8:00 a.m. Margaret Cosgrove by her Family
- 4:30 p.m. Joseph D. Jambro by his Family
- 7:00 p.m. Victoria Napierala by Ray & Peggy Napierala

### Sunday, February 5

- 7:30 a.m. M. J. Kelley by Ann Collins
- 9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Mass
- 10:30 a.m. John E. McGrath by Jim & Mary Ellen Boyle
- 12:00 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 1:15 p.m. Jo Ann Brady McMahon by Walter & Elizabeth Slomka

### Monday, February 6

- 7:00 a.m. All Poor Souls in Purgatory by Darren & Collette Longboat
- 9:00 a.m. Joan Muscalino by her Family

### Tuesday, February 7

- 7:00 a.m. Grace Bruster by Ray & June Schroeder
- 9:00 a.m. Donald Quinlan by Dr. & Mrs. William Howard

### Wednesday, February 8

- 7:00 a.m. Eugene Stomecki by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Skretny
- 9:00 a.m. Edmund S. Brown Jr. by Mary & Bob Kresse

### Thursday, February 9

- 7:00 a.m. Mary Bielecki by John & Anne Grant
- 9:00 a.m. Angeline Nicosia by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Clark

### Friday, February 10

- 7:00 a.m. Elsworth Lang by the Klass Family
- 9:00 a.m. Eli Rey by Dana & Bridget Grady

### Saturday, February 11

- 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Mustillo by Armando & Family
- 4:30 p.m. Frank & Margaret Breese by daughter Rosemary Breese
- 7:00 p.m. Rose Marino by Joseph & Mary Pici

### Sunday, February 12

- 7:30 a.m. Rose Hellinger by Mary Williams & Irene Zurkowski
- 9:00 a.m. Thelma & Clarence Haid by their Family
- 10:30 a.m. Anne Waligur by the Vogel & Traynor Families
- 12:00 p.m. Patrick J. Downing by his Family
- 1:15 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 6:30 p.m. Bernard Ryan by Hike Karam

### Monday, February 13

- 7:00 a.m. Leo Collins by Ann Collins
- 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Luty Family by their Family

### Tuesday, February 14

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Palczynski by his Wife & Family
- 9:00 a.m. Kathleen LaPenta by her Husband

### Wednesday, February 15

- 7:00 a.m. Paul & Katherine Huldaj by Joe & Pauline Christen
- 9:00 a.m. Thomas Weinert by his Wife & Family

### Thursday, February 16

- 7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Gerald J. Coughlin Family by his Estate
- 9:00 a.m. Catherine Certo by the Hellinger Family

### Friday, February 17

- 7:00 a.m. Carl & Maria Streit by their Estate
- 9:00 a.m. Evelyn Ellis by Mildred Kolczynski

### Saturday, February 18

- 8:00 a.m. Edwin Duryea by Philip & Lois Scheeler
- 4:30 p.m. Leonard Dudziak by Dorothy Rey
- 7:00 p.m. Emilio Speranza by Fran & Family

### Sunday, February 19

- 7:30 a.m. George Duffy by Jan Duffy & Family
- 9:00 a.m. Robbie Rozeski by his Family
- 10:30 a.m. Florence Gay by Lorraine & Silvio Russo
- 12:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Metz by their Estate
- 1:15 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 6:30 p.m. Victoria Shane by Anne Marie O'Connor

### Monday, February 20

- 7:00 a.m. William C. Meisel by Tina & Dean Mesi
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Jane McNeill by Franklin Downing

### Tuesday, February 21

- 7:00 a.m. Mildred Zarcone by Anthony Zuppa
- 9:00 a.m. Anna & Pete Luty by their Daughter

### Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Meindl by Mr. & Mrs. William Ried
- 9:00 a.m. Dr. Dominic A. Colarusso by his Family
- 5:00 p.m. All Souls
- 7:00 p.m. All Souls

### Thursday, February 23

- 7:00 a.m. Alice Bores by Anne Marie O'Connor
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Liberatore by Anthony & Dolores Celano

### Friday, February 24

- 7:00 a.m. Loretta Stevens by Amherst Dental
- 9:00 a.m. Leonard Dudziak by the Liturgy Committee

### Saturday, February 25

- 8:00 a.m. Sophie Popielinski by Altar & Rosary Society
- 4:30 p.m. Frank Breese by Rosemarie Breese
- 7:00 p.m. Frank Honer by his Family

### Sunday, February 26

- 7:30 a.m. Jane & Steve Dykacz by their Family
- 9:00 a.m. Francis Kelly by the Hassenfratz Family
- 10:30 a.m. Joan Hawes by her Family
- 12:00 p.m. Alice Garbay by Candace & Dick Mayer
- 1:15 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 6:30 p.m. Howard Ford by Mary & Bob Kresse

### Monday, February 27

- 7:00 a.m. Marcelline Rohauer by Drs. Donald & Geraldine Kelley
- 9:00 a.m. Rose Hellinger by her Children & Grandchildren

### Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 a.m. Anne E. Rebmann by her Family
- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Cullen by his Wife

### Wednesday, February 29

- 7:00 a.m. Edmund Brown Jr. by his Wife & Family
- 9:00 a.m. Ronald Rey by Dorothy Rey & Family

## CANDLEMAS DAY

Thursday, February 2 is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day. You may bring in your own candles to be blessed at all masses on February 2.

## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Friday, February 3 is the feast of St. Blaise. A general blessing of throats will be given at all Masses. Those who want an individual blessing should come up after Mass.

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