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Letters of Recommendation: Are given to registered parishioners who attend Mass and support the parish.

Penance (Confession): 1/2 hour before all weekend Masses and by appointment, call 716-885-2469.

Baptism: Please see Mr. Ron to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: If you would like to be anointed, or receive communion, please call the office 716-885-2469.

Marriages: Engaged couples should contact their church 6 months prior to the wedding.

Pre-Marriage Requirements: All couples are required to attend a pre-cana program. Contact the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-2203 for more information.

24th Sunday in Ordinay Time—September 17, 2023



Saturday, September 16, 2023 4:00 p.m. All Souls Intentions

Sunday, September 17, 2023 9:00 a.m. Clare by Pat Rine 11:00 a.m. Judy Miranda by Deacon Roberto

Monday, September 18, 2023

11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Novena to OLOH Peter & Pauline Terreri by Robert & Marie Terreri

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 11:30 a.m. Convent

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 11:30 a.m. Convent For Mothers Living & Deceased

Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:30 a.m. Convent

Friday, September 22, 2023 11:30 a.m. Convent For Fathers Living & Deceased

Saturday, September 23, 2023 4:00 p.m. David Giordano by Mary Marsowicz

Sunday, September 24, 2023 9:00 a.m. Josette Covert by Husband, Darrell 11:00 a.m. John Embow by O'Brien Family The Sanctuary Light for the week of September 17th—September 23rd Is Burning For Our Lady of Hope Parishioners

Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our special prayers: Sue Dugarm, Rosa Maria Santos, Marie Amatrano, Peter Green, Margaret Treanor Frey, Thalya Onelien, Tony Mascellino, Florence Bonvisutto, Phyllis Regensdorfer, Ann Licata, Cornelia Ndimarike, Agnes Myar, Dolly Mascellino, Darrell Covert, Ida Rine, Joe Tomasello, Saw Pwe Doh, Marian Rodriguez, Poe Meh, Robin Tomasello, Toni Vaccaro, Bernadette Huff.

Please remember that the 7-Day Sanctuary Light can be reserved in honor or in memory of a loved one or for whatever intentions you would like. It is \$10 for the week and you can reserve it by calling the rectory. The Offering for the 5-Day candle is \$3.00

COLLECTION TEAM (C) IS ON THIS WEEK

REMINDER The Mass book for 2024 is open. Masses can be scheduled at weekday or weekend liturgies to remember deceased loved ones, intentions of the sick or homebound and in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries or other events that mark the lives of our family or loved ones. Please call Cheryl our secretary to schedule. Stipends (Offerings) for announced masses are \$15.00.

Our Bulletin is Provided
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Stewardship, our partnership with God September 10, 2023

Total \$2,848.00

Stewardship Is Our Partnership with God— Your prayer, financial support and time given to various projects enable your church Community to continue its mission.

THE MONTHLY PARISH LUNCHEON will take place TODAY following the 11:00 Mass. We look forward to this opportunity to connect with each other, enjoy food and continue building a loving and supportive community.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE!! Our religious education classes start up has been moved ahead to Saturday, October 14th. Children in grades 1-8 should be registered soon so that we can adequately prepare. Registration will take place AGAIN this Sunday following the 11:00 mass in the church. We encourage all our parents to register their children. Someone will be in the front to help you. The fee for the year is \$10.00 for one child and \$15.00 for 2 or more.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT Sept. 23, 2023 Maria Komeh (Daughter of Ree Reh and Dah Meh) and James Boreh will be joined in marriage at the church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fort Worth, Texas.

FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS will be available this weekend for pick up. Envelopes will be in the reception area of the church in alphabetical order for your convenience. The Committee is hoping you will help us to make this years raffle a big success. Thank you!

LOOKING FOR A SUNDAY EVENING MASS? St. Stanislaus Church, 123 Townsend St. 14214 will be holding evening mass on Sundays at 5:00 PM each week, also with adoration and confession at 4:00 PM.

WORD OF LIFE: "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Luke 15:7)

A VOCATION THOUGHT St. Paul writes that "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself...we live for the Lord." Our self-absorbed culture has forgotten this. You can be a reminder by turning away from your own desires to serve Christ. Contact Fr. Dave Baker 716-847-5535. or buffalovocations.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are called to forgive others as Jesus forgives us. Family Question: Jesus challenges us to forgive. Who needs your forgiveness? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness?

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY SUNDAY: Starting in Romans 12, Paul has outlined our proper or "reasonable" response to God's generosity by emphasizing a new messianic community of love and welcome. God's mercy and forgiveness is the opposite of wrath and anger. God's compassion is love, not wrath and anger. It is the epitome of justice, not injustice. We do not earn it; rather, we receive God's mercy freely given. When we hang on to wrath and anger because of wounds, however deep they are, we withhold forgiveness. Refusing mercy to those who harm us can leave us unable to accept forgiveness. Sometimes, letting go of wrath entails anger forgiving ourselves compassionately as God forgives us. This will leave us free to forgive others. God's forgiveness knows no limits. We do not receive it one time and have to fear that the next time we stand in need of mercy, God will withhold it from us. Once we receive God's forgiveness, our responsibility lies in offering it to those who present themselves to us desiring mercy. From the depths of our heart, we forgive our brothers and sisters. We work to restore injured relationships with them.

CATHOLIC CHARITES: Has the start of the new school year left you with an urge to downsize and donate? If so, keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. Donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store in Buffalo, the Wellsville Outreach Thrift Store, and for the Fresh Start program. which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. To schedule a donation in Buffalo, call 716-895-4001. To schedule a donation in Wellsville, call 585-296-3757.

ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH in Williamsville is excited to host a public viewing of the Vatican approved, International Display of Eucharistic Miracles compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, as well as a first-class relic available for veneration. Blessed Carlo Actuis died of leukemia at the age of 15 in 2006. This millennial was known as a "computer geek" who had a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Prior to his death, he developed a website that catalogued Church approved Eucharistic miracles throughout history. This exhibit will allow the faithful to learn more about Blessed Carlo Acutis, deepen their understanding of Eucharistic miracles, and connect with our Lord in a special way. Public viewing of this exhibit and veneration of his relic will begin Thursday, October 12 after 12 pm Mass. The exhibit will remain open the mornings and afternoons of Friday, October 13, Saturday, October 14, and Sunday, October 15.