

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

R.C. CHURCH & HISTORIC SHRINE OF MARIA HILF

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH/CEMETERY/FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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Parish office is CLOSED on Wednesdays



*Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil):

4:00 p.m. - Church

Sunday:

7:00 a.m. - Chapel

9:00 a.m. - Church

11:00 a.m. - Church

12:30 p.m. - Chapel (Tridentine Mass)

THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS IS OPEN
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8 A.M.—2 P.M.
FOR PRIVATE ADORATION

CALL PARISH OFFICE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office and request the Holy Baptism.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are available 20 minutes before *every* daily and weekend Masses.

WEDDINGS: Couples must make an appointment with the parish office at least six months before the wedding date.

CARE/ANOINTING OF THE SICK: During this time of COVID, Father will only go to those who are near death. Please call the parish office to request a home/hospital visit or email Father Dudzik at ksdudzik@gmail.com. In case of emergency, contact Father's cell phone at (716) 579-1745.

PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE: If you hear Gods calling to serve the Church as a Priest, Deacon, or Religious woman or man, please contact the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-5335.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New members are always welcome. Registration is arranged by a personal visit to the parish office or by telephoning the parish office.
PLEASE NOTE: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the parish office.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 31 Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

4:00 p.m. +Living & Deceased Members of the Gnacinski Family—req. by Tim Gnacinski

SUNDAY, August 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. For all who work and volunteer in our Parish—req. by Fr. Jozef

9:00 a.m. +Arthur Kosnik—req. by Family

11:00 a.m. +Raymond Gray—req. by Rose & Annie Mahoney

12:30 p.m. +Charlotte Wozniak—req. by Jacob Jung Family

MONDAY, August 2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

8:30 a.m. +Joe Roos—req. by Maureen Roos

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, August 3

8:30 a.m. +Mary Brodowski—req. by Lori Leisner

WEDNESDAY, August 4 Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:30 a.m. +Mary Ann Plewinski—req. by Krajewski Family

THURSDAY, August 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners—req. by Fr. Jozef

FRIDAY, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 a.m. +Family Healing—req. by Elizabeth

(First Friday Adoration with Prayers to Sacred Heart and Devine Mercy following Mass)

SATURDAY, August 7 Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. +Theodore & Frances Zalewski—req. by John & Patricia Jerzewski

(First Saturday Fatima Devotions following Mass. For Those who Blaspheme Against Mary's Divine Maternity and Her Spiritual Motherhood of All God's People)

4:00 p.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Donnie & Cyndi Bauman

SUNDAY, August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. +Adam, Brendon, & Tadeusz

9:00 a.m. +Anna & Claude Held—req. by Family

11:00 a.m. +Dorothy Korczak—req. by Marie & Carol

12:30 p.m. +Raymond Wozniak—req. by Jacob Jung Family

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN OUR SHRINE

- ◇ Daily Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.
- ◇ Sacrament of Confession—20 minutes before every Mass.
- ◇ Rosary—after daily Mass and 20 minutes before weekend Masses.
- ◇ Chaplet to the Devine Mercy—every Friday 10 minutes before Mass.
- ◇ First Fridays—Eucharist about the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by First Friday devotion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ First Saturdays—Eucharist about the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin followed by First Saturday devotion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration—Every Monday from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers

**Every Monday 9:00 am—6 pm
in the Chapel**

9-10 am—Rosary Group and Sandy Smith

10-11 am—Marion Dascomb, Carl Parisi and Susan & Timothy Cummings

11-12 pm—Connie DiPasquale and MaryAnn Blachowiak

12-1 pm—Jan Thomsen & Geraldine Christel

1-2 pm—Patricia & Robert Kurdziel

2-3 pm—Walter & Joanne Wieand

3-4 pm—Mary Gorski

4-5 pm—Michele Reger and Penny Moore

5-6 pm—Elizabeth Gazy, Pauline Kinecki, and Michele Reger

New volunteers are welcome for every hour.

If you are unable to attend and cannot find a replacement, please contact the Parish Office.

Otherwise, please come and pray anytime between 9 am and 6 pm.

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

Rosary Apostolate—Sunday, August 1st at 1:00 pm - Parish Hall

St. Vincent DePaul—Monday, August 2nd at 3:00 pm - Upper Parish Hall

Parish Council—Monday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm - Upper Parish Hall

Chapel Seniors—Thursday, August 5th at 1:00 pm - Parish Hall

Finance Committee—Thursday, August 5th at 6:30 pm - Upper Parish Hall

**Congratulations**

Louis and Jenna DeRosa whose son Elio Louis Smeraldo was baptized in our Church on July 25, 2021.

Preparing our hearts for Parish Feast of Assumption - August 15 *(continued)*

Biblical Assumptions

Although there are no explicit proof texts in Scripture for Mary's assumption, some biblical themes may at least shed light on this doctrine. For example, the notion of being taken up into heaven has some precedent in Scripture. Enoch was taken into heaven without seeing death (see Hebrews 11:5), and Elijah was whisked into heaven by the chariots of fire at the end of his life (see 2 Kings 2:11). If God could assume these righteous men of the Old Testament, it is certainly possible that Jesus could assume his own mother as well.

Even more, since the Bible presents Mary as the first Christian disciple, it is fitting that she would be the first to receive the blessings of following Christ. In the New Testament, Mary is presented as the first to hear God's word and accept it at the annunciation (see Luke 1:38, 45). She responds to God's word promptly by going in haste to help Elizabeth. She also describes herself as a servant of the Lord (see Luke 1:38, 48).

Mary remains faithful to her son, following him even to the cross (see John 19:25–27), where she experiences the fulfillment of Simeon's prophecy at the Presentation: "A sword will pierce through your own soul also" (Luke 2:35).

She perseveres in faith throughout her life. She gathers with the apostles for prayer even after her son's ascension (see Acts 1:14). Thus, the New Testament presents a clear portrait of Mary as the first and preeminent disciple of Christ, who hears the word of God and keeps it in her heart.

Since one of the blessings promised to all faithful disciples is victory over death, it is fitting that Mary, who is the first and model disciple of Christ, would be the first to receive this blessing. Catholics thus believe that the privilege of resurrection promised to all faithful Christians was given first to Mary and in a totally unique way.

While the rest of us hope to have our bodies raised to glory at the end of time, Mary experienced the resurrection and glorification of her body at the moment her earthly life ended. Thus, her assumption—which flows from her unique participation in Christ's victory as the mother of the Savior and as the first and most faithful of Christ's followers—anticipates to some degree our own share in the fullness of that victory if we persevere as followers of Christ.

(to be continued next bulletin)

Mission Appeal Sunday

This weekend, **July 31 and August 1**, we welcome a guest priest who represents our yearly mission appeal. Father will celebrate Masses and speak to us about the Word of God. We thank him for the celebration and assisting Father Jozef with Masses. Fr. Jozef will be serving this weekend at Resurrection Parish.

Rosary Sale

Please visit us on **August 15th , The Feast of the Assumption**, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall for our annual rosary sale. For over 35 years our rosaries have been made and donated by our dedicated members of OLHC Rosary Apostolate.

Feast of Assumption Pilgrimage Weekend Schedule

Saturday, August 14

4:00 pm Vigil Mass—Church

Sunday, August 15

7:00 am Mass—Chapel

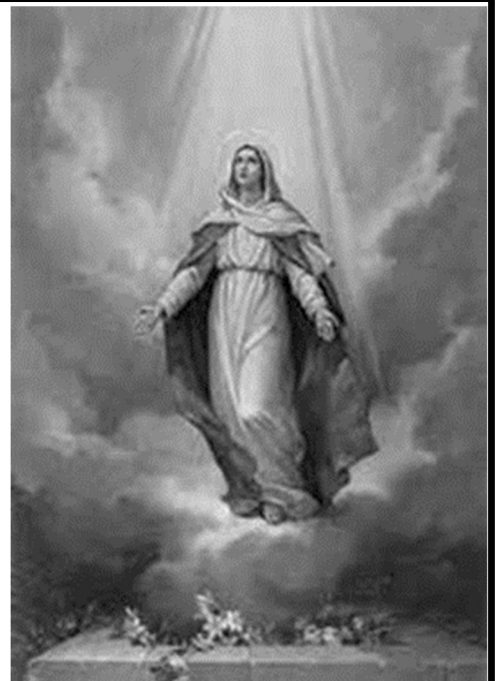
9:00 am—Outdoor Mass at Grotto
Blessing of Herbs and Flowers

11:00 am—Mass—Church
Blessing of Prayer Shawls and Anointing of the Sick

12:30 pm—Tridentine Mass – Chapel

3:00-4:00 pm—Holy Hour – Chapel

7:00 pm—Living Rosary – Church



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WEEK END OF July 17/18 2021

Sunday Collection—\$5,633.00 Utilities—\$115.00
Candles—\$236.72 Other—\$255.00
Total—\$6,239.72

Online Donations—\$90.00 St. Vincent DePaul—\$106.12
Parish Outstanding Debt
(as of August 2021) - \$60,420.24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED &
GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Save the Date: Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th , 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. This will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral on **Sunday, October 24**. Please look for further details from your parish. If you have any questions, call 716-847-2205.

\$\$\$ WINFALL XXXVI IS HERE \$\$\$

You should have or will soon receive a letter from the Finance Committee regarding our annual Winfall Event. Tickets will be available beginning August 1, 2021 from the rectory, your usual seller or reach out to one of our Ushers who may have tickets for the Winfall Raffle as well as our 50/50 Raffle. You may also return your payment and ticket request in one of our weekly collection baskets, which will be routed to the proper individuals for processing.

As shown on our ticket, each chance for the Winfall Raffle is \$35 and our prize listing is shown below. If you would also like to join in our Split Club Raffle, those tickets are \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

Virtual Win-Fall XXXVI
Sponsored by
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\$14,500 in Prizes - \$7,500 Grand Prize

Drawing – Sunday, October 24th, 2021
 To Begin at 1:00pm Live Streamed on Facebook

Early Bird Drawing: Sept. 19th – 2 Winners @ \$50 each
50/50 Also Available: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20
**** 3 Winners Drawn To Share The 50/50 Raffle ****
Donation: \$35 – Winners Need not be Present
Proceeds to Benefit Parish Building Expenses

Grand Prize \$7,500	
1 st Prize.....\$2,000	2 nd Prize.....\$1,000
2 prizes at \$500	5 prizes at \$200
10 prizes at \$100	20 prizes at \$50

An early bird drawing will be held on September 19th: 2 \$50.00 winners will be chosen

Thank you for your continued support of this and other events that help support the vitality of Our Lady Help of Christians.

The Bright Light of Gietrzwałd

Our Parishioners wrote the book “**The Bright Light of Gietrzwałd**” narrating the Apparitions of our Lady, Mother of God, in Gietrzwałd, Poland. This book is available in the Parish office. A film is being produced based on this book in Poland. Please, take a book for free, and consider to generously contributing to the production of the film. You will find information how to contribute in the book. The sponsors will be listed in the film.

Pro-Life

PRO LIFE TABLE AT ERIE COUNTY FAIR: Nativity Of Our Lord in Orchard Park will be sponsoring a Pro Life table at this year's Erie County Fair in the Marketplace Building. The Fair runs Aug. 11th - Aug. 22nd. They are looking for volunteers to help maintain this table. If you are an adult, available sometime between the hours of 10AM and 10PM, and would like to volunteer 2 hours of your time to assist, or if you have any questions on this, please contact Bill Mayback at 675-6714.

ROSARIES FOR THE UNBORN: We would greatly welcome your attendance at one of the weekly Rosaries for the Unborn being conducted across from the West Seneca Planned Parenthood facility at the Wimbledon Plaza on Center Road in West Seneca. The days & times are as follows:

- Wednesdays, beginning at 11:30AM
- Fridays, beginning at 10:15AM
- Saturdays, beginning at 10:00AM

If you have any questions or are interested in 'leading' a Rosary for the Unborn at another day & time, please contact Bill Mayback at 675-6714.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Linda Rebadow, Cheryl Rossi, John & Patti Coyle, Barbara Fox, Doug Fox, David & Marian Dascomb, Maureen Hoffman, Lori Reid, Lucas Michael Nowak, Mickey Pijanowski, Julie Korst, Grace Tomasello, Marie LaMonte, James Hardin, Joan Rindfuss, John Rupp, Dorothy Henry, Rose Marie Rogers, Rebecca Beres, Rose Andrews, Connie F. Valentine, Ben & Carol Collura and anyone else in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Katherine Kopp, Carol Barone, Ann Levendoski, & Sandra Gronowski

FAITH FORMATION

We will be in the office to serve you on Monday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Our office phone number is **716-458-3130**.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST GRADE STUDENTS

Registration materials are now available for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation school year. Students **MUST** attend first grade classes to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the second grade. Please call the Faith Formation Office (458-3130) for registration information.

ATTENTION ALL PUBLIC-SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Faith Formation Program will have an open registration day for all students who plan to attend our religious education classes during the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 16th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Office. Registration is open to both returning and new students, including those students transferring from Catholic schools.

Family in need

Please support the Donius Family from our Parish who lost their house in a fire. This family also lost their husband and father a few months ago. Please, if you can, include in the weekly collection or mail a separate check made payable to "Our Lady Help of Christians" and in the memo line indicate "Donius Family". We will be collecting through the weekend collection of August 31, 2021. Thank you for your donation. Let us support our parishioners, our church family in need.

**God Bless,
Fr. Jozef**



DIOCESE OF BUFFALO OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 21, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Friday, Pope Francis issued the Muto Proprio: *Traditionis Custodes* (Guardians of Tradition) concerning the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the reform of 1970. I want to assure all the priests and faithful of our diocese, especially those who may feel disheartened, concerned, or discouraged by this instruction, of my appreciation of your love for Christ Jesus, your deep faith and spirituality. In response to the *motu proprio*, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following statement in response:

"I welcome the Holy Father's desire to foster unity among Catholics who celebrate the Roman Rite. As these new norms are implemented, I encourage my brother bishops to work with care, patience, justice, and charity as together we foster a Eucharistic renewal in our nation."

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our life in Christ and I echo Archbishop Gomez's call to foster a Eucharistic renewal throughout our diocese. In the Diocese of Buffalo, *Traditionis Custodes* will be implemented with care to continue to foster greater unity among the faithful. After consultation with my advisors and those currently responsible for the celebration of the Eucharist, careful study and appropriate analysis, norms and guidelines for the Diocese of Buffalo will follow in due course.

With the requirements implemented by Pope Francis in mind:

At this time, I grant temporary permission for those priests competent in celebrating the Eucharist according to the 1962 Missal to continue to do so at the times and places that, as of July 16, 2021, have publicly scheduled these Masses. This permission is in effect until such time that decisions are made regarding the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* in the Diocese of Buffalo.

At these celebrations, the readings are to be proclaimed in the vernacular using translations of the Sacred Scripture approved for liturgical use by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

May all of us, as we gather at the Eucharistic table of the Lord, find our unity with Him and with each other.

Sincerely In Christ,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

Latin Mass Parishioners

- ◇ **Today is the Tenth Sunday After Pentecost.**
- ◇ We are in need of altar servers. Any teen-age boy, or man is welcome. You will be trained to serve the Latin Mass.
- ◇ Father will be hearing confessions 20 minutes before Mass unless he has a baptism or previous engagement.
- ◇ The Rosary will be prayed together before Mass.
- ◇ If you wish to request a Mass intention to be said at the Latin Mass, please call or visit the rectory during office hours. Also, do so if you are planning a Baptism, wedding or have other needs.
- ◇ Please register your children in our Faith Formation Program.
- ◇ Thank you for your financial support. If you need envelopes, please call the office to register with our parish.
- ◇ Father Dudzik invites you from time to time, to participate in the Masses in the main church, and to pray with him, and listen to his preaching.

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