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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time,
September 24, 2023
"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid"



Statement on 40 Days for Life
Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

The Forty Days for Life Campaign, is an ecumenical pro-life effort which has had several successful Spring and Fall campaigns here in Western New York. They have consistently maintained a prayerful, peaceful presence while evangelizing and witnessing for life.

Pope Francis has expressed his public support for the 40 Days for Life ministry that promotes respect for the lives of all unborn children, and says he greatly appreciates the dedicated work that they do in a "Culture of Waste."

I affirm and encourage all pro-life efforts that attempt to reach the ultimate goal of eliminating abortion in order to build a culture of life using peaceful, prayerful, and charitable approaches, including the 40 Days for Life Campaign as they collaboratively work with our office at the Diocese of Buffalo.

Furthermore, I admire all those devoted to protecting human life and encourage all to continue to support pro-life activities, especially uniting with the many events sponsored by our Diocese, including the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. The center actively helps women, children and families supporting their decision to choose life.

This fall, as the need has increased, we have added additional services in the Northtown and Southtown areas and we need your continued support of the parishes and the community to continue to support life!

Thank you to all who have dedicated themselves and their time to the cause of life. I am grateful for your pro-life support in our Diocese of Buffalo. Let us continue, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to be untiring in all our various attempts to defend life so that the right to life is enjoyed not just for some, but for all; born and unborn.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
September 2023

Dear Brothers in Christ:

I know that you are will aware of the economic challenges faced by many individuals and agencies today. Many organizations across Western New York are always looking for additional support especially as the holidays quickly approach. I, therefore, want to remind you and reinforce our diocesan policy on additional parish collections.

There are many individuals and agencies who provide valuable and Christ-like work. However, only collections (monetary and/or material goods) that support causes under the direct umbrella as a diocesan-sponsored organization, or a collection my office has asked of your parish and parishioners, should occur. It is important to support the outreach and service ministries of the diocese.

This policy allows for consistency in all eight counties of the Diocese of Buffalo and provides a clear way to prioritize and respond to many requests. If you have any questions regarding conducting a specific collection, please contact the Chancery for guidance.

I thank you for your attention and compliance in this matter.
Yours sincerely in Christ
Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

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My Dear Diocesan Family,

This year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Respect Life Program theme is "Radical Solidarity", focusing on our call as Catholics to be courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children.

We know that we live in a world full of threats to the sanctity and dignity of human life. However, we also know that through prayer, education, responsible citizenship and pastoral care of all human life, especially the most vulnerable and in need of our love, we transform our society into a culture of life; we know that all things are possible in Christ. We can protect the unborn, serve those faced with disabilities, care for the sick and dying, and stand against violence, and we can do so with compassion, charity and justice.

We celebrate October as Respect Life Month, but we are reminded all year round of the sacredness of life and the joy of love. Our Office of Respect Life, the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, the Mother Teresa Home and the project Rachel Ministry along with our pastors, parish Respect Life Coordinators, and members of our "Vine and Branches" committee stand ready to implement this program and partner with each of you in defending and celebrating human life. Together we commit ourselves to the sanctity and dignity of all human life at all stages, through our offices.

Through prayer and through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, we can know and love God better and open our hearts to all human life. In Pope Francis' Day for Life Greeting, he reminds us "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

I invite and encourage each of you to join Fr. Peter Karalus on Respect Life Sunday, October 1st, 2023 at St. Joseph Cathedral as we celebrate the Eucharist at 10:30a.m. Fr Peter looks forward to the opportunity to bless babies, expectant mothers and families immediately after Mass. This is also a reminder to please consider your second collection at your parish to support our Diocesan ministries that directly have served over 2,000 families at the 7 locations of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, The Mother Teresa Home, and the Pietro Molla Men's Outreach.

Be assured of my prayerful and grateful best wishes as together we work to promote all life and to "Live the Gospel of Life."

Yours sincerely in Christ
Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

"The Secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." St. Gianna Beretta Molla

The Lord's Vineyard Family Events

Virtus Training Session

Monday, October 23rd at 6:00pm at St Joseph Church (Cafeteria) in Fredonia. Virtus Training is a program to educate adults on how to recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and what to do when they suspect a child is being victimized. All employees, clergy and volunteers in the church working with minors are required to attend Virtus training.

Protecting God's Children for Adults

Where: Church-St Joseph Church (Fredonia) 145 E Main St

When: Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00pm

Estimated length of session: 3hrs 30 min

Spaces remaining: 34 of 35

Language: This session will be conducted in English

Notes: This class is scheduled at 3 1/2 hours and will be held in the Parish Center Cafeteria

Wheelchair accessible; Yes

Polka Buzz is Returning to Blessed Mary Angela!

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to be on television, **Polka Buzz is returning!** The Blessed Mary Angela Holy Name Society will be sponsoring a **Special Christmas taping of Polka Buzz. Ronnie "D" and the gang is returning on Saturday, December 16, 2023** at the **Parish Social Center** for a special afternoon of taping. Live music, Polish food and great fun from **1 to 4 PM!**

The Catholic Book Club

The Catholic Book Club of St. Joseph and St. Anthony will be reading Twelve and one-Half Keys by Edward Hays during the month of September. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 4 at 7pm in the Gathering Room of St. Joseph. All are welcome!

St Rose of Lima Monthly Drawing Tickets

The tickets are \$5 each. The winning number will be determined by the Evening Daily Number. If you would like a ticket please contact Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's office at 716-934-2233

Catholic Men's Faith and Fellowship

Holy Trinity Church, Tuesdays from 7pm-8pm. Open to all Catholic men. For more information please contact Ron Cinelli at mcinelli@gmail.com

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 2-3pm, all are welcome to pray for the unborn at Blessed Mary Angela Parish, 275 Lakeshore Drive, Dunkirk or Stand in front of your church 2pm-3pm. Following the Life Chain we will have a "tail gate" reception at Blessed Mary Angela. A chain is only as strong as its links! Be a link! Represent your church! Let us know where you will stand and pray for life! As your friends to join you! Call for signs, Pat 716-207-6509. Sponsored by the Pro Life Committee of Chautauqua-www.prolifechataquaco.org St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center, fxc5 32 Moore Ave, Fredonia, NY 14063-3324

SEAS Events

Registration for the Women's Retreat

Registration is now open for the upcoming Women's retreat at SEAS. The retreat is Saturday, October 28th and the cost is \$ 15 and it has to be prepaid. The deadline for registering is October 24. You can register by dropping off your payment or mailing a check to St Elizabeth Ann Seton and marking it "For Women's Retreat" or you can drop an envelope in your church's collection basket. Write on the outside of the envelope "Women's Retreat" and put your name and phone number on it. If you are enclosing a check, make the check payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Your registration info will then be forwarded to St Elizabeth Ann Seton.

SEAS Women's Retreat Details:

The retreat will be presented by Carol Mullins of the Quiet Whispers Ministry. The theme will be "Going Deeper With Jesus". The retreat will start at 9am and will end at 11:30. The format will be scripture enhanced by Carol's musical renditions of scripture. At 12pm, a luncheon will be served. Please register and prepay any time before October 24.

PET BLESSING

Saturday, October 7 at 2pm Holy Trinity Church, in case of rain, Fr Bob will bless the pets under the pavilion next to the playground in the rear of the campus. Please have dogs on a leash and other pets in a safe and secure carrier.

NCCS and Holy Trinity Present:

GODSPELL IN CONCERT

The music of Godspell in concert starring:

Fr Bob Owczarczak as Jesus

With Janey Sharon, Ted Sharon and other community members accompanied by a youth chorus.

Saturday, October 7th at 7PM and

Sunday October 8th at 2PM

Holy Trinity Church

1032 Central Ave, Dunkirk

Tickets: \$20 (Children 8 and under are FREE)*

Available at the Holy Trinity Parish Office

*all proceeds benefit Northern Chautauqua Catholic School

NCCS Chicken BBQ

NCCS is having a chicken bbq on Sunday October 29th from Noon to 3pm or until sold out. It will be held at Holy Trinity and will be drive thru only. Tickets are \$15 and will be sold after both Masses every weekend up until Oct 29th. Go to the chapel side entrance after 10am Mass and the back of the church after 11:30 Mass, to purchase your tickets.

Sept/Oct Parish Lottery Winners

The list of winners for the week are posted on the bulletin board in the center vestibule and on the bulletin board on the chapel side entrance. Every week, they will post the newest list of winners. All winners will be receiving their checks in the mail.

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Weekly Masses

Sunday, September 24-
 10:00 a.m. Mark B Karalus Sr (Wed Ann) by Chris Sell
 And Vicki Patterson by Mom Marti
 11:30 a.m. All Souls by Parishioners of SEAS
 Tuesday, September 26-
 1:40 p.m. NCCS Mass
 Thursday, September 28-
 7:00 a.m. Mark B Karalus Sr (Birth) by Chris Sell
 Friday, September 29-
 7:00 a.m. Leonard Schrantz by David & Suzanne Nicosia
 Sunday, October 1-
 10:00 a.m. Joseph Kolasa by Sandy & Leo Bain & Family
 11:30 a.m. Parishioners of SEAS (Pro Popolo Intention)
Adoration: As a reminder, adoration is held every Friday after 7am Mass until Noon. Please consider coming and spending some time in quiet adoration.

Please remember to pray for the infirmed:

Matthew A. Banach, Susan Balzer Lis, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Len Fijal, Jose Gambarelli, Jim Gibbons, Katie, Keith & Kevin, Desiree Jones, John Maternowski, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Notaro, Joel Rivera, Javier Robles, Jessica Sinclair, Jim Steeg, Jack Van Dervort, Mollie Watkins.

Memorials

Leonard Schrantz by Nancy Renckens

This will be our last Parish Bulletin. As of next weekend, October 1st, we will have our first parish family bulletin. Please make sure you pick one up, there will be important information in it regarding deadlines for submitting any announcements you want published in the new bulletin and who to send that information to.

Mass Schedule for The Lord's Vineyard Family of Parishes effective 8/5/23

| | BMA | Holy Trinity | OLOMC | SEAS | St. Anthony | St. Joseph |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
| | Blessed Mary Angela | | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | | |
| Saturday | 4pm HED | 4pm | 4:30pm MC | | | |
| Sunday | 7am HY | 8:30am 11:00am | 9am MC 10:30am RL | 10am 11:30am | 9:30am | 11:15am |
| Monday | | 8:15am | | | 8:15am | |
| Tuesday | 6:30pm HY | Noon | 8:30am MC | | 8:15am | |
| Wednesday | 8am HY | 7pm | 8:30am MC | | 8:15am | |
| Thursday | | 8:15am | 8:30am MC | 7am | | |
| Friday | | | | 7am | 8:15am | |

Sunday, September 17

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| Mass Attendance/Asistencia a Misa: | Collection/Collecta: |
| 10:00 AM – 186 | \$ 2,987.19 |
| 11:30AM – 108 | NCCS |
| Total 294 | \$ 30.00 |
| | Retired Priests: |
| | \$ 5.00 |
| | Faith Formation: |
| | \$ 80.00 |
| | Assumption: |
| | \$ 5.00 |
| | Total \$ 3,107.19 |

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Wednesday, September 27-

3PM-Food Pantry

Thursday, September 28-

7PM-Liturgy Committee Meeting in Rectory Meeting Room

Upcoming:

Oct 8-Holy Land Gifts coming after all Masses

Oct 9-Columbus Day-Rectory Closed

Oct 19-Rosary

Oct 28-Woman's Retreat

Nov 16-Rosary

Nov 23-Thanksgiving Rectory closed

Dec 10-Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Weds., Thurs. & Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

RCIA NEWS

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is beginning a new year very shortly. We are asking for help from Parishioners and former RCIA candidates to share their faith and to give support to our new group. For information, call Judy Bradley at 716-672-2647.

Are you...

☐ Interested in becoming Catholic?

☐ Not baptized, or baptized into another Christian denomination?

☐ A Catholic who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you. RCIA is a process for adults who desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Call Judy Bradley at 716-672-2647 for more information.

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