



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day

8:00 Josephine Randazzo by Vicini Family

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 Elmer and Mildred Ottney by Elmer and Jean Ottney

Wednesday, October 14 - St. Callistus I

5:30 Diana Handley Smith by Carl and Gloria Patterson

Thursday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Avila

8:00 St. Teresa of Avila

Friday, October 16 - St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 Tom Bergman - Birthday Blessings by family

Saturday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Martin Wozniak by Bergman Family

Sunday, October 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Loretta Williamson
10:15 Mary Heatherly by family

Scripture Readings for the Week



Monday - Romans 1:1-7;
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday - Romans 1:16-25;
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday - Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday - Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Friday - Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday - Romans 4:13, 16-18;
Luke 12:8-12

Next Sunday - Isaiah 53:10-11;
Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

MAY THE
HOLY SPIRIT
BE WITH US ALL!



Rev. John Kavanaugh, S.J. in his book, *Following Christ in a Consumer Society*. "The infinite longing of the human heart has been introjected into products—the newest, the best, the costliest, the always interminably improved. Our malls are 'cathedrals of consumption.' Eternity is found in Calvin Klein bottles. Infiniti in a Japanese automobile. One's heart, no longer a throne wherein the transcendent personal God might dwell, . . . [is] now anchored or even chained by the promise of possessions."

The great tragedy of being chained to our possessions is not just that they consume all our energy and drive out all other goals in life. Sadly, our relationship with our possessions becomes more important than any other relationships. A great deal of literature—plays and novels—has been devoted to this issue, that is, a person sacrificing personal relationships for the sake of material possessions. There is the instance of a young lady writing to her father, "When I was young you wouldn't take time for me. Now that I am an adult and you are old, I won't find time for you."

Father Kavanaugh points out another tragic effect of consumerism. Eventually we become what we possess. What we have determines what we are. Driving an Audi or a Lexus seems to add to our status as a person. We even prefer to buy clothing that prominently displays a brand name, showing others we not only can afford it, but have taste as well. We are saying, "I am a quality person because I possess quality things." The passage from the book of Wisdom tells us how much more precious are human qualities like prudence and good judgment than gold, which is like sand and silver, which is like mud in comparison. This is an old theme in the Bible, which warns of the consequences of worshiping idols: "Their makers will come to be like them" (Psalm 115:8).

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That those working in the mission apostolate of the church will continue with enthusiasm the spread of God's word and promise to all people; we pray to the Lord...

In your prayers...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Irene Michalak, Alexis Bruno, Jason Krear, Julie Conschafter, Helen Ryniec, Sara Milani and Loretta Varo, William Suszka, Jr. and for the happy repose of the soul of Joanne Malark, Jim Meier, Msgr. John Weimer and Father Raymond McNicholas, SSC. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.



Altar Server Training: St. Teresa's will be having a training session for all interested new altar servers on Saturday morning, October 24, from 10am - 12 pm. Any boy or girl who is at least in grade 4 is invited to come. We also encourage all current altar servers to come too! It will serve as a refresher course and review the procedures for you. Sign up sheets will be available from Religious Education instructors. Any questions, please call Melissa at the rectory office at 542-9103.



In today's society, we find individuals who prey on children and youth. "Protecting God's Children" is a program used in Catholic schools and Religious Education programs to help children be more aware of predators. Within the context of a prayerful setting, our catechists are prepared to present age-appropriate lessons that make children aware of tricks used by sexual predators in society as well as on the internet.



Dear Friends in Christ,

At Baptism, each of us becomes a missionary called by our Lord to share our faith with those around us - and to be part of the Church's mission to the world.

That mission is now addressed to each one of us. We are to support, in prayer and sacrifice, the work of missionaries who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to faraway places—to Africa and Asia, to the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

On World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on October 18, the Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit ourselves to this Baptismal vocation to be missionaries. As we pray and respond here at home, we are replicating what is also taking place in every parish and chapel all over the world. Your generosity through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith will reach those who await the "Good News" of Jesus, who long to experience His hope and love.

Be assure of my grateful and prayerful best wishes for all that you will do on World Mission Sunday to share the gift of faith you have received.

Sincerely in Christ

Most Rev. Edward U. Kmiec
Bishop of Buffalo

Attention Snowbirds: Before leaving for your warmer winter environment, please make a pledge now to Appeal 2010 for Catholic Charities. It will relieve your mind and help your parish reach its goal by closing Sunday. Call Catholic Charities Appeal Department at 856-4494 to make your pledge today or donate securely on-line at www.ccnyny.org. Thank you!

Notre Dame High School, Batavia - Please join them for an open house for the 2010-2011 school year on Wednesday, October 14th from 6-8 pm or Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 pm. Meet the faculty, staff, coaches, parents and students in order to find out why Notre Dame has earned the following prestigious ratings from Buffalo Business First: #1 private co-educational High School in WNY for 2008 and 2009 and ranked #7 out of 133 public and private high schools in 2008-2009. Feel free to contact Dr. Joseph Scanlon, principal if you have any questions or need more information at 585-343-2783.

😊 Gladys had moved to a retirement community and walked to a church in her new neighborhood. She was in awe of the building and the beautiful music, but found the sermon boring. Looking around, she noticed several parishioners nodding off. When the reverend finished, he encouraged congregation members to greet each other. Gladys turned to the man on her left, who was yawning and smiling. "I'm Gladys Dunn," she said, offering her hand. "You and me both," the man replied.



- * Sunday, October 11 - No Religious Education Classes!
- * Wednesday, October 14 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- * Friday, October 16 - Sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul Society will be made after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall - volunteers are welcome!
- * Weekend of October 17-18 - Blood Pressure Screenings after each Mass in the Library of the Church; Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church - Tuna Fish is needed!
- * Sunday, October 18 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 pm - 12:30 pm; Confirmation Mass - 4pm in the Church



Prayer for Vocations

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us. Amen.

BOTTOM LINE:

**ABORTION IS NOT
HEALTHCARE!**