



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 16 - St.
Margaret of Scotland/St.
Gertrude

8:00 Alan Litfin Family

Tuesday, November 17 - St.
Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 John Hess *by Bradford and
Elaine Hess*

Wednesday, November 18 - The
Dedication of the Basilicas
of St. Peter and St. Paul
in Rome

5:30 Margaret Anzelone *by
Rosemary Baehr*

Thursday, November 19

8:00 Diana Handley Smith *by
Carl and Gloria Patterson*

Friday, November 20

8:00 Joseph, Albert and Helen
Konieczny *by family*

Saturday, November 21 - The
Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Joseph Warejko - 14th
Anniversary *by family*

4:30 Joseph Zurlo - 28th
Anniversary *by family*

Sunday, November 22 - Our Lord
Jesus Christ the King

8:00 Leonard Rejewski *by
Flumerfeldt Family*

10:15 Parishioners of St.
Teresa's



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - 1 Maccabees 1:10-
15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday - 2 Maccabees 6:18-31;
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday - 2 Maccabees 7:1,
20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday - 1 Maccabees 2:15-29;
Luke 19:41-44

Friday - 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-
59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday - 1 Maccabees 6:1-13;
Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday - Daniel 7:13-14;
Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Heaven is the Father's house where Jesus prepares each person's place.

Our faith in Jesus Christ tells us that heaven is more than an image or a vision. Heaven is where we encounter God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—in the divine fullness. Jesus Himself is the way to the Father, the way to heaven. It is through Christ that we can get to heaven. Christ has taught us to pray, and all our prayer is made through Christ our Lord. Christ invites us to pray in order that we may encounter God through our words and our silence, through our reading and our meditation.

Christ has made us members of His body through our Baptism. When we gather as a community of faith, we encounter Christ through one another. In this body, we learn to see God face to face as we learn how to see one another face to face. We learn to look beyond our preconceptions, our limitations, and weaknesses in order to see the beauty of God's handiwork. Christ invites us to join with one another in order that we may encounter God through our human flesh.

Christ has given us a foretaste of heaven here on earth through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, His body and blood. It is in the Eucharist where we join into communion with Christ in His self-sacrifice for all of us. It is around the altar that we join with all the saints still living and the saints who have gone before us. Christ invites us to His banquet in order that we may encounter God through eating His body and drinking His blood, and experience heaven here on earth.

Matthew Luft, O.S.B.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That our nation finally listen to God's message concerning the sanctity of each human life; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Irene Michalak, Alexis Bruno, Jason Krear, Sara Milani, Julie Conschafter, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Dolores Totaro, Rita Matynka, Pamela Rodgers and William Suszka, Jr. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

A Variety of gift cards will be available for purchase after all Masses next weekend. A percentage of each sale is donated to Nativity of Mary School in support of its students, with no added cost to the buyer. For a preview of all participating retailers, visit www.nativitygiftcards.com. If you have any questions, please call 585-547-2282.



Plenty of photos were taken following the Confirmation Mass on October 18th. We would like to use some of your photos in the upcoming issue of the Teresean Times, Your parish newsletter. If you wish to share some of your pictures of Bishop Grosz or family members, please e-mail them in jpeg format, by December 1st, to our parish e-mail address, which is stteresasofakron@verizon.net.



Thanksgiving Baskets - A festive container for food donations will be out in the vestibule of the Church through next weekend. We are in need of traditional Thanksgiving Dinner food items such as cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, canned gravy, potatoes, garden squash, canned pumpkin, evaporated/condensed milk, flour, sugar, etc. If you know of a parishioner in need of a basket or you would like to donate a turkey, please contact Melissa at the Rectory any weekday. Donations are also being accepted to help defray the cost of turkeys. Volunteers will be needed next Sunday after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall to put the baskets together and also to deliver them. Any help is appreciated!

Our Pamphlet Rack has just been refreshed for the fall - there are several coloring books for kids, pamphlets about the saints and some upcoming ideas for Advent. All cost between \$.50 and \$4.00. Take a look on your way out today!

A Local March for Life - Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 am. Celebrate Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Parkside and Parker Avenue, Buffalo. Mass is followed by praying the rosary quietly in a walking procession to a local abortion clinic. This event is prayerful, peaceful and open to all. The goal is to pray for an end to abortion.

Theology on Tap is a Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Talk begins at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 17. Come early and enjoy a great dinner at the new location - Sonoma Grille, 5010 Main Street, Snyder, NY. National Catholic Speaker will be Kristen Harakal: "The Waiting Game: Trusting in God's Plan for Your Life". Presented by The Station of the Cross Catholic Radio, 101.7 FM.

Christmas Bazaar/Luncheon - Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 10675 Alleghany Road, Rte 77, Darien Center - Sunday, November 22 from 11 am - 2 pm. Santa will be visiting! For more information, contact Amy Bergman at 542-9704.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic private weekend where married couples take time away from jobs, kids, chores and phones—and focus on each other. The next weekend is November 20-22 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. For more information, call 877-NYS-WWME or www.wwme-wny.org.

😊 Seamus O'Malley was down on his luck. He decided to play his last card and write a letter to God, asking him for \$100 to tide him over. He folded the letter and placed it in any envelope on which he wrote but a single word: "God." The missive, naturally, went directly to the dead-letter office. There, a Masonic postal worker opened the envelope and read the letter. He was touched by the child-like faith of its author. That evening, presiding at his Masonic lodge, he read the letter to his colleagues. They, too, were moved. The hat was passed and \$75 was raised. A check for that amount was then dispatched to the indigent Mr. O'Malley, who had helpfully included his return address in his letter. Upon receiving the check, O'Malley wrote a second letter to God. He thanked his Maker, but advised that the next time God sends him money he should do it through the Knights of Columbus, since the Masons took out \$25 for delivery charges.



- * **Sunday, November 15** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- * **Wednesday, November 18** - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- * **Thursday, November 19** - Parish Council Monthly Meeting - 7:15 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room
- * **Friday, November 20** - Sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul Society will be made after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall - volunteers are welcome!
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The moment of death provides the most beautiful experience of all: to be in God's immediate presence. Let the angels sing, the saints applaud. Let the heavens rejoice. Another person has fulfilled the vocation to be one with God forever. That beautiful experience will be ours when we are faithful to the vocation that God calls us to. If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation in His church, call Father Walter Szczesny at 847-5535 or go to www.buffalovocations.org!



BOTTOM LINE:

No matter how quietly you speak God hears!