

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Baby Love

“You’re mine now!” whispers Mom over the newly adopted infant asleep in her arms. The adoption process was fraught with anxieties and multiple hurdles. The commitment and courage required was much greater than the baby can possibly understand. But now, the child nestles securely, soaking up a mother’s love.

“You’re mine now!” Those words imply many things.

- I am committed to do my very best for you.
- I will care for you, provide for you, protect you.
- I will guide you as you grow, doing all I can to help you on your journey toward maturity.

The prophet Ezekiel records similar promises of love, of commitment and adoption.

“You became mine,” the Lord whispered long ago as he vowed to care for Israel, for those in that nation who were, by faith, his daughters and sons.

The people did not deserve to belong to God’s family any more than you or I do. No one has ever earned the Lord’s love due to godly behavior or loyal commitments. It’s quite the opposite, in fact. We often disobey. We often rebel. We often reject his love.

In almost unbelievable mercy, though, the Lord persists. He reaches out to us, just as he has reached out to countless individuals throughout all history. He confers upon us forgiveness, friendship, and even the family name.

Best of all, from the very beginning, the Lord promised to send a Savior for his self-absorbed, defiant people. And he kept that promise.

On the very first Christmas night, the promised Savior was born. As Mary cradled the infant Son of God in her arms, she whispered, “You are mine!” And he was! The Child she had carried in her womb was her son. He is also her Savior.

That Baby grew up to be our Savior, too! In a mercy that’s almost too good to be true, we have become members of God’s own family, his early loved adopted sons and daughters.

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Teachers
and Parishioners,

Father Daniel Caruso and I come to you with deep concerns and a revised **Religious Education Program for the 2021-22 school year.**

Due to the significant increases in COVID-19/Variant cases in Onondaga County, especially among children, we feel the need to restructure the program for the protection and safety of all involved.

Consequently, we will be returning to the format followed last year.

On-site teaching will be only for those in sacramental classes. That includes 2nd graders receiving First Penance and First Communion, 9th graders beginning the first year of the Confirmation program and 10th graders completing the Confirmation program and receiving the sacrament in the spring of 2022. Details will follow and classes will begin at the end of October.

All other classes will resume at home using the literature sent home last year along with family prayer and discussion. Remember your children’s primary teachers are you their parents. Contact the Parish Office at 315-422-7163 if additional literature is needed.

Hopefully the vaccine for those 12 and under will be available after the first of the year and we can look into a short spring session.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Respectfully,
Fr. D. Caruso, Pastor
Mary Beth Meade, DRE

MASK WEARING

In response to the Delta variant of the coronavirus and the CDC Guidelines that recommend a return to mask wearing indoors... Bishop Lucia is **highly recommending mask wearing** during Masses and during any indoor church related event.

All Eucharistic Ministers will continue to wear a mask during the distribution of the Eucharist and to use hand sanitizer prior to the distribution. Thank you for your support in these trying times.

This Week We Remember...

Monday: *September 27 St. Vincent de Paul*

9:00 am
Madge Maffei/Mike and Ro Colagiovanni

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Tuesday: *September 28*

9:00 am
Mary Discenza (100th B)/John and Nancy Ascenzo

12:00 pm
Antonio & David McLaughlin/Rocco & Virginia Cannata
Kevin Donovan/The Family

Wednesday: *September 29*
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

9:00 am
In Honor of All Saints/Maria Solimini

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Thursday: *September 30 St. Jerome*

9:00 am
William M. Merriett/Paul

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Friday: *October 1*
St. Therese of the Child Jesus

9:00 am
Joseph Fragnito/The Staff, Faculty and Students of CAP

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: *October 2*

4:00 pm
Guy DeMascole/Betty Toia
Rosita Simiele/Mike, Marlene Canestrare and Family
Dan Laurenti, Ann/Mom, Dan and Danny
Dorothy Yaizzo/Joanne Simone and Jacki Abbott
Anthony Barbuto and Vito Vesparer/Frank and Sue
Gino Fabrizi/Marilyn and Ed Campagna
Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph
Anthony Ianno, Ann/Family

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity
Jeanne Contrastano/Clara Delledera
Robert Schotthoefler/The Family

Sunday: *October 3*
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7:30 am
Louis DeStefano, Ann/Wife, Connie and Family

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9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity
Donald Bill/M/M Robert Palucci and Family
Lenuccia Natale/Anna DelVecchio and Family
Janet William/The Family
Bill Slack/Sue Slack and Family

11:30 am
Vito Toia/Merci Bilotti
Joseph Lostumbo, Ann/Daughter, Ginnie
Frances Vigliotti Vick/Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family
Ann and Gus Mancuso/Daughter, Rosemarie and
Grandchildren

Carmen Emmi, Sr./Rosemarie and Children
Pasquale Sisera/Wife and Children
Anne Falvo, 19 Yr. Ann/Daughters, Marietta & Annie
Aunt Angie Mastriano/Niece, Annette

5:00 pm
James Arena/Liz and Anthony Madonna
Mary Anne Scarfino/Marie Felice
Joseph Cellini/Henry and Esther

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

OLP/St. Peter Collection:
September 19, 2021 \$7,535.00

SJ/HT Collection:
September 19, 2021 \$3,560.00

REMINDER: FUEL COLLECTION TIME!!!
Please be generous with your donations in the Fuel Collection Envelope in your packet. We only collect for fuel twice a year to defray heating and electrical costs. We could really use your help!
Thank you.



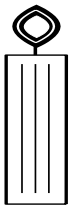
Bread and Wine
For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of
Genevieve Ilacqua (B)
Requested By
Anne and Jerry



***This Week's Sanctuary Lamps Are Burning
In Loving Memory Of
Sophie Cutrone
Requested By
Daughter, Mary***

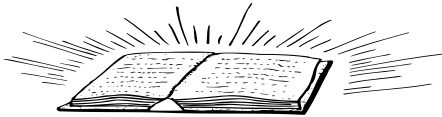


***Eucharistic Angels In Loving Memory of
Sophie Cutrone
Requested By
Daughter, Mary***



Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning for
Erma McKimm Reith
Requested By
Niece, Debra Wade



Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter 2022 MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2022 Mass Book is open for your Mass Intentions. Please be advised there is no specific intentions at holiday Masses (For All Parishioners). Also, there will NOT be a 9:00 am morning Mass on Mondays (starting Jan. 1st; we are going back to our pre-Covid daily Mass schedule).

For your convenience here is the list of donations: There is a \$10 donation for Masses; \$25 for Bread and Wine, \$10 each for Sanctuary Lamps (there are 2), \$10 each for Eucharistic Angels (there are 2), and \$10 for the Padre Pio candle these intentions will be for the whole week. Your requests may be made during our office hours M-F from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Weekend of October 2-3



4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	P. Turkett
5:30 pm St.J/HT	O. Donovan
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	M. Iannettone
9:00 am St.J/HT	C. Wisniewski
11:30 am OLP/St.	J. Taft
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso

Let us Pray As One Family



Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arthur Bertolo, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Cheryl Cacchione, Grayce Costantini, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Peggy Miccinelli, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surace, Barbara Traino, Patrick Vassallo, Maryann Vigliotti, Shelly Visco and Matthew Watkins.

Reminder: please consider donating to the **2021 HOPE Appeal**. This year's theme is "You are the salt of the earth." There are HOPE Appeal envelopes on all the statues in Church or use the one mailed to you. We thank you in advance for your faithfulness, your goodness and your generous support of the HOPE Appeal.



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rulebook. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love...a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

St. Therese Society Meeting

All current St. Therese members and any new members who would be interested in joining us, are cordially invited to attend an important meeting at the Parish Office on **Wednesday, September 29th at 1:30 pm.** We are going to discuss how we can get started again after COVID. This Society has been an important part of our parish for many years. We need to continue this vital part of our parish. Please call Pat Turkett at 315-476-0896 if you will attend the meeting or if you are interested but unable to attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing you!!

Vienna Boys Choir Update

To all of our wonderful Parishioners that have purchased tickets, sponsored, or sent in ads and patrons for the booklet for our rescheduled Vienna Boys Choir Concert...

You should be receiving your letter with options regarding refunds or retaining your seats for next year's concert this week. We will be in the back of church with the letters for those attending any of the masses this weekend. The remaining ones will be mailed out next Monday.

Thank you for your wonderful patience and support while we navigate through this process. Less than 15 months for next year's concert.



COOKBOOKS..CHRISTMAS

Don't forget to give some thought to the gift of our wonderful Parish Cookbook for your holiday giving!!

We are nearing the 1000 mark for cookbooks sold...they really are fantastic!!

Call the Parish Office and we can arrange for pick up. 315-422-7163.

Thanks for your usual great support!!

Spaghetti Supper 2021

Plans are underway for Spaghetti Supper 2021!! ...Stay tuned next week on decisions and details as the committee is meeting this week to discuss options.

However it goes, whether it's all take out like last year or a combination of both take out and a controlled number of in house, we will need our volunteers. Hoping you will let us know if you are available to give whatever time you are able to help in this special and important Church and School Fundraiser! Be assured in making the decisions for this year's supper that again, our prime concern is the health and safety of our volunteers and patrons. Thanks so much!!

Call the Parish Office for details or to sign up to volunteer!! 315-422-7163



Dear Parishioners,

We need your help! Looking for Volunteers!

Francis House, a vibrant, warm and loving home for persons who are terminally ill, is in need of volunteers. As a volunteer you can help meet the needs of our residents by working in our **kitchen area** where you will be responsible for cooking, cleaning and assisting our residents with meals. Also available are shifts in the **reception area**.

It is a most rewarding ministry and there are a variety of opportunities for service that may interest you. Currently, we have a big need during all shifts on weekends (8-12/12-4/4-7) and have openings during the week.

Please call Rea Carver for information at 315-475-5422 or you can email her at rcarver@francishouseny.org. Thank you!

Bishop James Moynihan Pro-Vita Award

This award seeks to honor his legacy by granting two-\$1,000.00 & one-\$500.00 scholarships to 3 high school seniors who graduate in 2022 and reside in the Syracuse Diocese. The scholarships will apply toward college tuition/expenses. Submissions may be video, essay, dance, song, music, pictures, art (limited to 2 minutes or 500 words). Work must be submitted by email to familyrespectlife@syrdio.org by October 11th, 2021. Awards will be presented October 21st.