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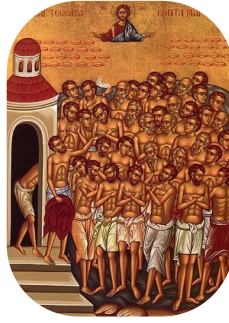
The Mother Church of Western New York & Southern Ontario's Italian & Latin Communities

	MASSSES	INTENTIONS	ORATORY OFFICE
T O D A Y	3/8 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection for Black and Native Missions	7:15 AM † Rose DeMarie by Lynda Mostowy 9:15 AM † James Krey by Debbie & Dan Michnik 11:15 AM (1) † Joe Carlino by Rosella Cavo (2) Dr. Philip Aliotta by Robert and Deborah Sweeney (3) † Larry "Vinny" Kisiel by Graver Family	ORATORY OFFICE 160 Court St. Buffalo, NY 14202 PHONE: 716-854-2563 Saturday & Sunday: Closed Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 9 AM - 1 PM Closed on civic and religious holidays Mary Atlas - Bookkeeper Mary Balistreri - Admin-Asst contact@stanthonybuffalo.org
	3/9 ST. FRANCES OF ROME	† Debbie Fetterman by Laura Over	LITURGICAL SCHEDULE SUNDAY 7:15 AM Latin Low 9:15 AM Latin Sung 11:15 AM Italian/English WEEKDAYS: 6 PM Latin Low SATURDAY: 9 AM Latin Low Confessions 40 min. before each Mass
	3/10 FORTY HOLY MARTYRS	Isabella Pietras by Lisa and Joseph Pietras	
	3/11 FERIA	† Charles Kirk by Friends	
	3/12 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT (MISSA CANTATA)	Isabella Pietras by Amy McGuire	
	3/13 FERIA	Peter Zaepfel by Lisa and John Jaskolka	
	3/14 FERIA	Traci Kanick by Friends	
M O N T U E W E D T H U F R I D A Y S U N D A Y	3/15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	7:15 AM † Rinaldo Zinobile by Brother James Zinobile 9:15 AM Francisco Erson Jude Religioso (Birthday) by Mom and Dad 11:15 AM (1) † Salvatore Milazzo by Wife & Children (2) † Leonard J. Marciniak by Philip Tarantino (3) † Teresa Albanese by Anna & Enzo DiSalvo	THE ST. PHILIP NERI HOUSE Fr. Augustine Tran - Rector Br. Paul Pierre Maturin - Sacristan clergy@stanthonybuffalo.org DEACONS Dcn. Carmelo Gaudioso Dcn. Tom LaBelle COLLECTION NOTICE Sunday, March 1: ONLINE: *Please see next bulletin*

SAINT OF THE WEEK

FORTY HOLY MARTYRS

After 316, the emperor Licinius decreed a persecution of Christians in the East. He threatened death if they failed to renounce their faith. In 320, forty young Christian Roman soldiers refused to sacrifice to idols and were tried before the tribunal at Sebaste, Cappadocia. The governor tried threats, bribery, and torture to persuade the young men, but they stood firm. He put the forty in prison, where it is said that Christ appeared and encouraged them to persevere. Incensed by the soldiers' obstinacy, the governor ordered that they be stripped and left to die standing on a frozen lake. He arranged a fire and warm bath on the shore to tempt them to apostatize. All forty signed a will, drafted by St. Meletius, the youngest, that expressed their faith, unity, and courage:



"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

"When we by God's grace and the common prayers of all shall furnish the strife set before us, and come to the rewards of the high calling, we desire that then this will of ours may be respected . . . For although we come from different localities, we have chosen one and the same resting-place because we have set before ourselves one common strife for the prize. These things have seemed good to the Holy Spirit and have pleased us. Therefore we . . . brothers in Christ beseech our honored parents and relatives to have no grief or distress, but to respect the decision of our brotherly fellowship, and to consent heartily to our wishes, so that you may receive from our common Father the great recompense of obedience and of sharing in our sufferings. . . . We pray with our souls and with the Divine Spirit that we may all obtain the eternal good things of God and his kingdom, now and forever and ever. Amen."

The young men did not wait to be stripped, but removed their clothes themselves. And together they prayed, "Lord, we are forty engaged in this contest. Grant that forty may receive crowns and that we may not fall short of that sacred number." After one night's ordeal, however, one soldier caved, but died of extreme heat in the bath, losing his martyr's crown. But an off-duty guard, prompted by the martyrs' courage and a dream, professed himself a Christian and took his place, thus preserving their number.

After three days the governor had the survivors' limbs broken and their bodies burned. Officials hoped that young Meletius would save himself, but his mother herself lifted him onto the wagon, not wanting him to lose his prize. The governor had the ashes of the forty martyrs scattered into a river, but Christians secured some that became treasured relics, inspiring many throughout the Middle Ages.

EMERGENCY LINE

716-202-2627

We now have an emergency line for people to call for SACRAMENTAL emergencies, i.e., they need a priest for Anointing or Last Rites. Save the above number in your phone!



Events Coming Up...



FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

MISSA CANTATA 3/12/26

There will be a Sung Mass w/o Incense for the feast of St. Gregory the Great on Thursday, March 12 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass time.



CHURCH CLEANING

3/21/26

On Saturday, March 21, we will perform our annual spring cleaning of the church. We will also be veiling all of the statues for Passiontide.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

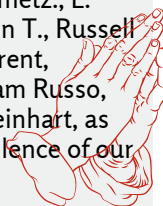
Contact Fr. Augustine at atran@stanthonybuffalo.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

If you would like prayers for anyone in the hospital, end of life care, or in special need of prayers please call the rectory. When this time passes please call and request the name to be removed.

Stacy Donahue, Ellen Liszewski, Ryan Cavaretta, Ellen Schreier, Tina Licata, G.C. Barbara Gangi, Kira Ciupek, Judy Tasca, Helen Booth, Dan Minnick, Mary Whalen, Cody Beuce, Diana Wright, the Hurley Family, Bernadette Hughes, Nancy Zimny, Patty Stunmetz., L. Lilenthal, Patrick Hughes, Alli Urbanski, Eileen T., Russell Cirino, Mary K., Helen Schwendler, Karen Laurent, Christian Vinci, Petrina Roberts, Bill Booth, Sam Russo, All Life, Phil Tarantino, Josette Saia, Joseph Reinhart, as well as those intention which we hold in the silence of our hearts.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In March, the sanctuary candle is lit for † Albert Huntz by Wife Bonnie

\$25 Monthly Sanctuary Candle are available. Please contact the OFFICE to reserve.



ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

Join us in praying the traditional novena in honor of St. Joseph, to be said after every Mass, from **March 10** through **March 18**.



MEN'S CONFERENCE

On Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 am the Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY is having their 24th spring conference and retreat,

The "Discover the Joy of Faith" conference will be held at the Cardinal O'Hara High School Center in Tonawanda.

All men and boys of the Diocese are encouraged to attend!

LENTEN MISSION

This year's Lenten Mission will be led by Canon Johannes Kindler from the Missionaries of the Holy Cross in Tyler, TX.



On **Sunday, March 8**, at 5:00 pm we will have a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to pass. Last names beginning with letters A-M bring an appetizer, last names beginning with letters N-Z bring a side dish.

On **Monday, March 9**, and **Tuesday, March 10** we will have our regular 6:00 pm Low Mass followed by mission talk in Cabrini Hall (Mon w/ baked potato bar, Tues with pizza - donations requested) A plenary indulgence is available to those that make the majority of the Mission. There will be veils available to purchase at all the Mission talks.

EMAIL & SMS SIGN UP FORM

To receive regular emails AND occasional texts regarding Mass Cancellations, Holiday Schedule, Sung Masses, Funerals, and other special events please go to stanthonybuffalo.org/subscribe or scan the QR Code.



VOCATION SUPPORT

Grace Mombrea, the sister-in-law of Sharbel Simon, our choir director, has discerned and decided to enter religious life with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart in Los Angeles, California. She will graduate from Franciscan University of Steubenville this spring. Then she will join the Candidacy stage with the order. However, one cannot enter an order with debt of any kind. Grace has accrued certain debts in her time at college (student loans). She, along with 14 other young Catholics in the USA, who have discerned religious life, are being sponsored by the Labouré Society to help pay off their debt.

The Labouré Society promotes these young Catholics, and will match donations to pay off their debt. At coffee hour on March 15, Grace will be asking for donations to support this excellent cause! She would love to meet donators personally. Please use the QR code to view the Labouré Society.



THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION?

Interested in discerning with the St. Philip Neri House? One can discern to be a priest or lay brother. Declare your interest to the Father and Brother either verbally or written so we can schedule a dinner visit. After the dinner visit, there is a week visit, then a month visit to determine if you fit in with the community.

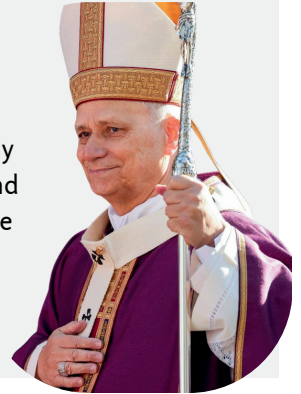
A random encounter with Jesus completely transformed the woman at the well. This happens all the time in ministry, and it's a joy to behold. Come and find that joy. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



PAPAL INTENTION

Papal intention for February: For disarmament and peace...

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

A great way to be a part of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is by preparing the linens and taking care of the church used to hold Our Lord. Please scan the QR code below to join the Signal Group.



SCHOLA & CHOIR

Do you want to sing for God? If so, please join our schola or choir!

To join the choir, please contact Sharbel Simon: ssimon@stanthonybuffalo.org

To join the schola, please contact Jakob Kraft: jkraft@stanthonybuffalo.org



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Please join our Signal Group using the QR Code below to receive relevant events and updates for the Young Adult Ministry.



SPN HOUSE QR CODE

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YOU CAN HELP US OUT DIRECTLY

The members of the St. Philip Neri House do not receive direct financial support from the Diocese of Buffalo. We rely on the salaries given for our work in the diocese and the generosity of monthly donors to help pay for seminary and supplemental living costs. Sadly, our house in Texas is having trouble selling and we have approximately \$2.5k a month that has to go to that until it sells (mortgage and upkeep). With the move, we lost the majority of our Tyler monthly donors, which covered this expense, along with seminary costs, and miscellaneous living expenses. Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly donor. Scan the QR code or go to www.spnhouse.org.

