

WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL MASS, THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNION SERVICE OR OTHER MASS.

LITURGY FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, November 21st:**
5:00 PM ~ MARY M. O'NEILL - By Marcella Davin
- Sunday, November 22nd:**
9:30 AM ~ KEN SCHILLINGER - By Peg & Family
- Monday, November 23rd:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tuesday, November 24th:**
8:15 AM ~ JOSEPHINE MENDOLA - By Community Manor Friends
- Wednesday, November 25th:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Thursday, November 26th:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Friday, November 27th:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Saturday, November 28th:**
5:00 PM ~ RITA SKELLY CAUFIELD - By Bill & Family
- Sunday, November 29th:**
9:30 AM ~ ELLEN COLE VAIL—By Mom & Family



Please help us welcome our visiting priest for Sunday:
Fr. Al Delmonte

THIS WEEK . . .

Missal Reading - #678

- Sunday, November 22nd:**
 - 9:30am Mass w/CLW
 - No Faith Formation/Youth Group
 - 6pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving-Central Presbyterian
- Tuesday, November 24th:**
 - 7pm Parish Council Mtg.
- Wednesday, November 25th:**
Offices Closed
- Thursday, November 26th:**
Thanksgiving Day - Offices Closed
 - 9am Mass at St. Rose, Lima
- Friday, November 27th:**
Offices Closed
- Saturday, November 28th:**
 - 4pm Sacrament of Penance
 - 5pm Mass
 - 8pm-12:30am Harvest Dance
- Sunday, November 29th:**
1st Sunday of Advent
 - 9:30am Mass w/CLW
 - No Faith Formation/Youth Group
 - 11am Advent Family Activity

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

- Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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Happy Thanksgiving

Liturgical Ministers – November 28th & 29th, 2009

	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Ministers of Hospitality	Cantor
5:00 PM:	Becky Drexler Ben Drexler Robert Younger	#1 Rita Schultz #2 Jane Neubeck	Cup: Dan Kashorek Michael Torregiano Mary Alice Terboss Sean Terboss	Tom DeFranco Joseph Prinzi Robert Feeley	Kathy Farrak
Mass Coordinator: Sean & Mary Alice Terboss					
9:30 AM:	Chris Cochran Jillian Uhl John Steele	#1 Tina Stevens #2 Matt Stevens	Cup: Mary Beth Brinkerhoff Kolleen Coyne Carol Manning Lucille Brown	Maureen Kingston Thomas Mairs John Gibson	
Mass Coordinator: Sr. Karen					



A Note from Sr. Karen . . .

As most of you know, we have been working closely with the Diocesan Office of Priests' Personnel in an effort to secure a priest for St. Agnes. We have had the generous gift of sacramental coverage in the person of Fr. Paul Gitau and many other priests of the diocese. We have not had to use "Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest" at all during this time of transition.

It is with gratitude and joy that I can announce that St. Agnes has been assigned Fr. Michael Upson as Assisting Priest beginning Tuesday, December 1. Fr. Mike will cover Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays and on the weekends. He will be available for hospital visits, occasional home visits, funerals, weddings and holy days. Fr. Mike has most recently been enjoying some sabbatical time. Among his ministries he has served as Pastor of Immaculate Conception in Rochester, Director of the Office of Black Ministry and Assisting Priest at St. Thomas More in Brighton. He currently serves as part-time campus minister at Monroe Community College.

On a more sober note, while we say hello to Fr. Mike, we also must say thank you and good-bye to Fr. Paul. Fr. Paul has been a true gift to our community, serving as sacramental minister on weekdays as well as Saturdays. We have relied on him to celebrate funerals and weddings and I know our school children have enjoyed him on Fridays. We will miss his generous spirit and infectious smile. I know I can count on your prayers for him and for the communities of St. Bridget and Immaculate Conception as they continue in the Pastoral Planning process.

Thank you to all of you for your faithful patience in these past months.



Blessings, Sr. Karen

Advent Wreath Lighting

Would your family like to light the Advent Wreath during our weekend celebrations? There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church and we invite families, couples or individuals to be in the entrance procession and light the candles at the beginning of the liturgy. The whole family can be involved. Thank you for considering this part in our liturgy.



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Get into the Acts!

We will resume in January after Advent and Christmas. Stay tuned!!



We hope your family will come to our **Advent Family Activity** on Sunday, Nov. 29th (-- First Sunday of Advent) It will include lunch and Advent activities for your family.

Please **RSVP with Mike or Mary at 226-3232. Cost is \$10 per family and a dish to pass.** There are no regular Faith Formation classes that day.

Advent Little Blue Books

Once again we have purchased the Little Blue Books for your personal prayer and reflection. They are at the doors of the Church this weekend. Please take one and if you know of someone who is homebound, take one to them as well. The reflections begin on Sunday, November 29, the First Sunday of Advent.

YOUTH MINISTRY IN DECEMBER

Dec. 5th-Lights on the Circle-help light up the circle by putting lights on the trees **Saturday Morning @ 8:00am.** Hot chocolate and Christmas Cookies to follow in the teen room!

Dec. 5th-St. Nick's Visit! This weekend St. Nick will be visiting after the masses. He could use some help putting together his goodie bags. Meet at 3:30pm to assemble the bags....candy and treats will be provided by St. Agnes Small Christian Community. Helpers needed for Sunday's Mass too!

Dec. 6th 13th, 20th -Jr. Hi. Class 11:00am -12:30pm

Sr. Hi Class 5:00pm-8:00pm

5:00pm-6:00pm drop in sports & more!

6:00pm-7:00pm- DINNER

7:00pm-8:00pm PRAYER AND SHARE

Unity Advent Events!

Teaching Mass with Fr. John Hayes
Wed., Dec. 2nd ~ 7pm at St. Rose

Penance Service with Fr. Larry Gross
Wed., Dec. 9th ~ 7pm at St. Agnes

Taize Prayer Service with Sr. Karen Dietz
Wed., Dec. 16th ~ 7pm at St. Mary's

See this week's bulletin insert for more details!



What's New Around School

Middle States Accreditation Update

We had a visit from the Middle States Accreditation team at the end of September. The team had very positive things to say about the school, our teachers and staff as well as the students. The chair of the committee commented that he had never known a school community like ours "... caring, positive and genuine – truly, one caring family." We will be receiving the committee's written observations in a few weeks, and formal statement regarding final approval around April.



Veterans' Day Breakfast

The Veterans' Day Breakfast was very successful this year. The veterans commented on the delicious breakfast and our polite, kind, and caring students. Thank you to all those who made this Veteran's Day so special for those who have given so much for our country.

SAVE THE DATE:

November 29th. UNO Dough Raiser. Help support St. Agnes School by attending our "Dough Raiser" Event at Pizzeria Uno – 1000 Hylan Drive in Henrietta. Help St. Agnes while having a great time and equally great meal. 20% of your bill will be donated to our school. A coupon is necessary; please pick one up in the back of church or by calling the school at 226-8500.

December 12th. Come enjoy dinner with Santa, a baked goods sale, holiday shops and a treat from Santa. A \$5.00 donation per person includes: pasta, meatball, salad, roll, drinks and dessert (2 and under free). Doors open at 3:00pm. All proceeds benefit St. Agnes School, 226-8500. Tickets are available at St. Agnes School.

To learn more about St. Agnes School, visit us on the web at schools.dor.org/Stagnes
Visit our NEW school blog at: <http://saintagnesavon.wordpress.com>

Thanksgiving Celebrations

This year there will be two opportunities for us to come together in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday, to recall the many ways God has blessed us. On Sunday, November 22 at 6pm we will gather at Central Presbyterian Church (on Genesee St. next to the library) for an ecumenical service. Ministers from each of the local churches will participate in this service. On Thursday, November 26th we will celebrate the Eucharist with the communities of St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose at a 9:00am Mass at St. Rose. It is our hope that the St. Agnes Folk group will lead the music at that Mass. What a wonderful time to pray with our brothers and sisters!

"Keeping the Spirit Alive"

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. Thank you to the 148 households who have responded with a gift or pledge totaling \$18,043. If you have not yet responded, please give consideration to your financial participation. During this week, another letter and pledge form will be mailed to everyone who has not yet responded. The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. We need your financial support to reach our potential. Thank you and please pray for the success of our efforts.

Cemetery - Fall Clean Up

Twice a year - Fall and Spring - special attention is given to cleaning the cemetery grounds to be ready for the next season and new tributes. In order to maintain the beauty and serenity of our cemetery, you are asked to remove old floral tributes as well as containers by mid Nov.

Cemetery Update:

The Cemetery Committee met on November 4th. One of the items on the agenda was to discuss a price increase. The last increase was October 2007. It was decided that the following price increases would take effect **JANUARY 1, 2010**. Listed below is a quick recap. The Cemetery Guidelines incorporating the new prices will be included in the **Newsletter** being sent to your home in the near future.

Price of Grave:

Current registered parishioners \$575.
Former parishioners \$675.
Non-parish individuals \$775.

Building Faithful Citizenship

Jesus tells Pilate that his mission is "to testify to the truth." As we listen to the immigration debate we hear many "truth claims." Yes, some immigrants do not have documents and a country has a right to control its borders. Yes, people who face abject poverty in Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala seek employment in the United States to support their families and prevent starvation.

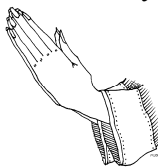
Reflection: In this debate which "truths" claim our allegiance as followers of Christ?



deceased priests, sisters, and laity of our community

especially Mae Sheflin.

Pray also for Mary Aikens, Debbie Arca, Barry Balonek, Pat Barsz, Anne Biondolillo, Mike Brooks, Robert Brooks, Kathy Cadek, Tim Cochrane, Tom Cochrane, George Collins, Charlie Cook, Garry Crysler, Margaret Eckl, Father Frank Erb, Shirley Federico, Karen Flick, Rose Fusco, Michael Gillen, Gordon C. Gladden, Sharon Driscoll Glose, Rose Gross, Brennan Haglund, Elizabeth Hally, Steve Hanzlik, Brian Harrington, Leslie Heath, Sandy Hope, Bella Horrocks, Nora Hynes, Betty Kelishian, Tom King, Dan Kingston, Kay Lathron, Inez Law, Ruth Ann Lochner, Steve Mack, Ann Mancuso, Ignatius Mattie, Linda McMahon, Elaine Miller, Ruth Miller, Bob Mineo, Kathleen Mueller, Sadie Nau, Betty Neubeck, Carl Olsen, Patricia O'Meara, Ray Patnode, Sam Peri, Sandra Piampiano, Josephine "Pep" Pusateri, Genevieve Reibson, Rose Reis, Steve Restivo, George Suhr, Ethel Thomas, Joe Tuchrello, Evelyn Tybor, Ann Marie Van Gelder, Brian Welch, Jane Welch, Kenneth Wilfeard, Zach Wilson, Betty Witherow, Jim Zito & Bessie Zulia.



Please continue to pray for all men and women in our armed forces who are serving throughout the world especially Navy Commander Joseph L. Smith and PFC Thomas Kane.

Have we missed you or a loved one? Please call the parish office. Please help keep our list updated - call the office if you or your loved one no longer wish to be included on this list.

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Food Pantry Needs Your Help

- Coffee ▪ Tea ▪ Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap ▪ Paper Towels



Handiwork Ministry Needs Your Help

We are in desperate need of plastic totes with covers. Please contact Julie Flanagan for pick up. 585-538-6431



OUR FINANCIAL REVIEW



Offertory Receipts –

Weekend of November 14th & 15th, 2009

Envelopes	= \$ 4,964.00
Loose	= \$ 763.00
TOTAL	= \$ 5,727.00
Offertory needed to balance budget	= \$ 5,958.00
Shortfall this week	= \$ (231.00)
Tithe 3 percent	= \$ 171.81
Attendance	= 458
Offertory Year-to-Date	= \$105,836.00
Budgeted Offertory YTD	= \$119,160.00
Shortfall Year To Date	= \$ (13,324.00)

*Your generosity to our parish is greatly appreciated!
Many thanks to those who have made up their envelopes for those times they have been away.*

Gift Cards & Tops Cards

By popular demand, we are pleased to announce that we will be selling Tops and CVS cards after Sunday Masses starting November 1st. We will also be taking orders for any other gift cards you may be interested in. Gift cards that are ordered will be in within 2 weeks of the order. Please check in the back of church after Sunday Mass for a seller. This is a good time to stock up on your stocking stuffers, or help out those in need! A list of cards available can be found with the seller (both a modified sheet and the full listing) or at www.glscrip.com, phone orders can be taken by Bonnie Deprez at 226-3219.

Note: Tops gift cards are now redeemable only at Tops Markets. The company will no longer recognize the other grocery stores listed on the back of the gift cards

NCYC Spaghetti Dinner

Welcome Back Pilgrims!!!

You are invited to share in the memories and witnessing of the 22 Pilgrims that attended NCYC. There will be a spaghetti dinner in their honor on **Sunday, December 6th at 4 p.m.** at St. Agnes School.

Cost: \$5 Adult, \$3 Seniors and children over 5 yrs. Children under 5 yrs. Free.

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Special instructions: