

Today's Scripture Readings

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Romans 12:1-2

Psalms 63
Matthew 16:21-27

Readings for Next Weekend

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10

Psalms 95
Matthew 18:15-20



...let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

"Today, as we honor all those whose labor enhances our lives and the lives of others, we recognize the holiness of the work we do. Whether we labor for an employer, for our own families, or both, we set aside our own desires to expend our time and effort to do something for others. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. We all have crosses that we are called to bear and some of them can be found in the work we must do for others. Let us strive to make the work we do more closely unite us with Christ.

Question of the week: In what ways do I find it difficult to deny my own desires, priorities, and will, to follow Christ? How can my faith in the resurrection ease my willingness to do so?

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

"Rosebud" Bouquets
Amanda Youngers, Carolyn Wenzel, Laurie Kuminecz

PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone that you would like our faith community to pray for, please call Bill Franczak @ 716-537-9448 or Mary Major @ 716-537-9336. Please leave your name, phone number, name of the person for prayer and the reason for prayer.



Tuesday, Sept. 5th
5:30-Liturgy Pillar
@ St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, Sept. 7th
7 pm- Parish Council

Friday September 8th
12:30-5:30 Blood Drive

We are still in need of YOUR help!

The spiritual life pillar is still in need of a St. Joseph representative. The next meeting is Monday, September 11th at Annunciation. Please call the office if you are able to fill this position. THANK YOU to all who have stepped up for our parish. Please pray for these pillar groups as they come together to make the decisions for our family.

The Bliss Family cordially invites all members and their families within the Family of Parishes to a free preview of their corn maze next Sunday, September 10th from 12-3 at 10453 Maple Grove Rd, Delevan, NY 14042. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Contact Lauralee at 716-430-7312 with any questions and check out their other events on Facebook @BlissFamilyMaze



Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the Parish Picnic last weekend. A special thanks to Nancy Palumbo, Russ Delbert, Janet Palmateer, her son Brian, and the Bliss Family for your help with coordinating this event and to the volunteers that helped set up before and clean up after the picnic.

YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS · BRING THEM TO ALPHA!

Food • Video • Discussion
Explore the issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity

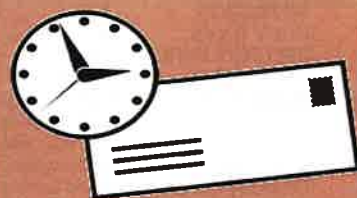


A Family of Parishes series

Sessions begin on September 17 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, 389 Peckham St., Buffalo, NY

Am I lovable? Do I belong?
Does my life have meaning? Is God really good?

You are also welcomed to join us at 4:00 pm for adoration and 5:00 pm for Mass
No charge - Text or call 716-341-3466 to register



Envelopes will be ordered this month. If you are not currently receiving envelopes and wish to start receiving them, call or email the parish office (716-537-9434 or stjoholland@roadrunner.com). In the event that you attend Mass at another church, your donation will be forwarded to St. Joseph's. If you pay cash in the basket, it stays with the church where you attend. Remember that sponsor letters require attendance at Mass and the envelope systems is how that is recorded.

September 3, 2023
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection week of 8/27/2023
Regular Collection \$ 2,039
Total \$ 2,039

Attendance
8/27-8:30 am - 102

Counters for 9/10/2023 - Team P

YTD Collections (July): \$119,426.25
YTD Budget (July): \$126,500
YTD Variance: \$ (7073.75)

FAMILY NEWS

The Church of the Annunciation Men's Faith Sharing group is showing season 1 of The Chosen. If you have not seen the series, it's on the Gospels following Jesus as he gathers his disciples, heals the needy and sacrifices himself for the sake of us all. If you have seen The Chosen, come join us and add your thoughts to our group. The season will run for 8 Monday evenings. The series starts Monday 18th in Annunciation's Selbert Hall, 7580 Clinton St, Elma. 7 pm. There is no charge for this showing. All are welcome. Bring a friend. For more information call 716 870-7986.

The St. Vincent de Paul Council #17883, Knights of Columbus is on a quest for "6 Knights Before Christmas."



For more information, please contact Joe Gnojek @ 716-803-5584 (text or phone).

Or you can explore the Knights at KofC.org.

Our email is: st.vincentdepaulcouncil17883@gmail.com

We meet at St. Vincent de Paul RC Church, 6441 Seneca St., Spring Brook, NY 14140 (Elma)

Polka Mass and Pork Chop Dinner sponsored by Ascension Parish Altar and Rosary Society
When: Saturday, September 23rd
Mass at 4pm,
Dinner between 5:00-6:15pm
Music, a 50/50 raffle, and dinner.
Call 585-343-1796 for tickets and more information.



Save the Date! Catholic Charities is culminating their milestone year with a Centennial Mass celebration on Sunday October 29th in Buffalo. Join us to celebrate in style with music, a meal, and main events. Find ticket and sponsorship information at www.cewny.org and on Facebook and Instagram.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week
M - Memorial A - Anniversary L - Living

Sunday, September 10th
8:30 am Harry & Cecelia Fronckowiak-M

LECTOR SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 10th
8:30 am Valerie Sullivan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 10th
8:30 am Help Needed

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 10th
8:30 am Carolyn Kramer



DO YOU ENJOY SEWING?

Over the last six years over 1,300 dresses made at Annunciation Church have found their way to Africa. Easy to make cotton dresses, for girls 3 to 14 years old, go directly to the girls. The group warmly welcomes anyone, especially in our Family of Parishes, to a monthly meeting from September to May. The first meeting is September 10th at 12:15pm in the Annunciation School Building, 7580 Clinton St., Elma, NY 14059. For more information please contact Sharon Walsh at 716-652-1702 or email at dashw10@aol.com.

PIG ROAST DINNER
Sponsored by the Church of the Annunciation Holy Name Society
SEPT. 16, 2023
5:30 PM
at the Church of the Annunciation
7580 Clinton St. Elma NY 14059
\$15. per plate
Includes sandwich on a Costanzo's roll, salt potatoes, Texas beans, salad and dessert.
ONLY 200 Tickets available
Call or email Greg Wiltrout (716) 870-7986 gwilrout74@gmail.com

Congratulations to Deacon Jason and the Damon Family!



*From left to right: Nate Damon, Amanda Damon, Elaine Damon,
Dan Damon, Bishop of Paterson NJ, Deacon Jason Damon,
Debbie Damon, Ken Winter and Barb Winter*



Kneeling while taking his vows



Praying during the Litany of



*The Very Rev. Kevin Mullen,
The Most Rev. Kevin Sweeney,
Bishop of Paterson NJ*



*Signing the Book
of Friars*