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ORDINARY

**SUMMARY OF COLLECTION  
for August 27/28, 2016**

Total collection for the above weekend and the week of electronic donations come to \$ **3,256.00**  
Total number of envelopes used and payments on-line and direct payments for the above week are: 63  
Please consider making your contributions to the parish through **a direct withdrawal program, or the option of charging your contribution** to a credit card. Go to our website or call the rectory office.  
**Electronic giving this week totaled \$ 313.00**

Today's first reading asks who can know God's counsel, or discern what the Lord intends. Indeed, who can comprehend this created world? But God's Holy Spirit gives wisdom, which we will need to help us understand what Jesus is asking us to do in today's Gospel. As we listen to these words of sacred scripture, let us pray for that wisdom and the will to act on it.

**Wisdom 9:13-18b Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.**

**Philemon 9-10,12-17 Paul baptizes a slave and then expects the slave's master to accept the slave as a brother.**

**Luke 14:25-33 Do you want to be a disciple? Renounce everything else, with no reservations, no regrets.**

**Announced Masses**

**Sunday, September 4, 2016 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 a. m.** For the People

**11:00 a.m.** Jean and Joseph Conti req. by Francine Conti  
Morning Prayer is at 7:45 a.m. from Monday to Saturday

**Monday, September 5, 2016 Labor Day**

**8:00 a. m.** Claire and George O'Neill req. by Estate

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016 Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** Connie Muscarella req. by Muscarella Family

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016 Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** All Souls Intention

**Thursday, September 8, 2016 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00 a.m.** Frank McDonald req. by Estate

**Friday, September 9, 2016 St. Peter Claver**

**8:00 a.m.** Frances Carey req. by Estate

**Saturday, September 10, 2016 Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** Deceased Associates of Sisters of Social Service req by Sisters of Social Service

**Vigil Mass for Sunday**

**4:30 p.m.** Mother of Toni Ferrario req. by Kathryn Var Konda

**Sunday, September 11, 2016 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 a.m.** Donald Tomasulo req. by Doug and Mimi Coppola

**11:00 a.m.** For the People

**FOOD FOR ALL**

The collection will be the weekend of **September 10th and 11th.** Please place your donation in the collection boxes provided in the church. Please, no expired or perishable food, nor used or opened food boxes.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY September 10/11, 2016**

**Altar Servers:**

4:30 p.m. Volunteer

9:00 a. m. Volunteer

11:00 a.m. M. and G. Downing

**Greeters:** 4:30 p.m. Volunteer, 9:00 a.m. K. McCarthy

11:00 a.m. F. Morisson

**Lectors**

4:30 p.m. R. Lehner

9:00 a. m. S. LaDuca

11:00 a.m. M. McCracken

**Minister of Communion**

4:30 p.m. J. DiLiberti, Volunteer, M. Bonato

9:00 a.m. M. Hudson, R. and N. Vaquero

11:00 a.m. A. Walczak, Sr. T. Joo, A. Downing

**VOCATIONS**

**Knowing what we are created for also means knowing what we are not created for. Deceiving ourselves to believe that our vocations are not from God would be utter foolishness, and leave us unfulfilled. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. Check out "Priest of the Month" stories on our website-www.buffalovocations.org!**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

On November 6th we will have a Sunday Sauce Spaghetti dinner. In preparation for this event which will include a silent auction we are looking for helper to find donations for the auction. If you can help with this effort please see Alan Walczak, Fr. Paul or Barb Bielecki. We also are looking for those who would help selling tickets. Help is needed also in the IT sector.



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- The 3-year old program begins on Thursday, Sept. 8th from 8 to 11 a.m.
- Niagara Candy Bar Sale runs from Sept. 15th to 29th
- Home School Association Welcome Back Picnic will be held Friday, September 16th from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parent and Meet the Teacher Night is Sept 22nd at 7:00 p.m. All parents are asked to attend.

## VOICE BUFFALO PUBLIC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

A public meeting offered by Voice-Buffalo will be held to **Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** at Elim Christian Fellowship Church, 30 Chalmers Ave. (former Central Park Plaza). The three Democratic candidates for District Attorney will be present to state their positions especially concerning programs which will take action to reduce by 50% the jail population: reduce the racial disparities that result in Black and Latino people going to jail at rates far beyond the actual racial composition of WNY, also including mentally ill prisoners, and also create a diversion center to screen people the police detain as is the practice in Cheektowaga. Also, to use Restorative Justice Groups to resolve issues. Plan to come, sign up in church. Free event.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education **REGISTRATION** for all grades K-8 High School will take place after all Masses on Sunday, September 10/11 and September 17/18. Importantly parents need to register their children especially those preparing for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation. Registration materials will also be available at the Rectory during the week.

**Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated on September 18th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the Coffee hour.

Weekly classes Learning Sessions for grade K-8 will begin on **Sunday, September 25th at 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Marian Hall.**

All young people who attend grades 9 to 12 High School and who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register now. Classes will be held beginning in October.

Any questions contact, Maureen Myers at moey17@aol.com or cell 716-512-8176.

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Labor Day is this nation's tribute to the contributions of American workers to our country. Hard work helps this country remain strong and prosperous showing compassion and generosity. Enjoy your Labor Day and our gratitude for your support for Catholic Charities. Find us at ccwny.org.**

## LIVING THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

On **Sunday, September 11th at 12:00 p.m.** after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in Marian Hall (below the church), we will have a brief luncheon followed by a special presentation on the Spiritual Works of Mercy. The presenter is **Eileen Warner, Director of Mission and Pastoral Outreach at Christ the King Seminary.** All are welcome, especially all who participated in the retreat at Stella Niagara. Join us as we continue our journey with Pope Francis to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

**SAVE THE DATE:** Peace-Justice-Nonviolence Walk and Festival, September 11th from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Canal side sponsored by the WNY Coalition of Peace, Justice and Non-Violence Advocates

**Catholic Biblical Studies Program** resumes classes in September. If you are interested in expanding your interest in the Bible, contact the program at 871-9180

**Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women.** Gathering at the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave. Cheektowaga, NY on Saturday, September 17th at 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the program will feature as guest speaker, Darlene Gorski. Darlene will speak about the dangers of the New Age. From age 17 all the way into her 50s, she dabbled in many practices such as psychics, doing tarot readings, going to Lilydale, taking yoga, going to sing lodges, and more. By this she attracted 3 evil spirits into her life that took her on the highway to hell. It was only by promising God that she would stop all her new age activities and turning to God for answers that our Lord delivered her from the terror. Prepaid reservations at \$15 call by Sept 3rd at 632-0646. \$20. at the door.

**Celebrating your 50th, 60th or 70th wedding anniversary?** Plan to join our Bishop for a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. with a reception at the Adam's Mark Hotel following. Contact the rectory 884-0053 by September 7th to make reservations to mail a form.