

† † † **MASS INTENTIONS** † † †

**Monday, November 20**

**8:00 AM** + Angelina Mascucci  
Req. by Husband, Antonio Mascucci

**Tuesday, November 21**

**8:00 AM** + Angelo & + Ann Alioto  
Req. by Family

**Wednesday, November 22**

**8:00 AM** + Joseph & + Ashley May Caligiuri  
Req. by Family

**Thursday, November 23**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

**10:00 AM** + Joseph Kowalski, Jr.  
Req. by Joan Saierski

**Friday, November 24**

**8:00 AM** Members Of Our Faith Community

**Saturday, November 25**

**8:00 AM** + Daniel E. Balcerak  
(Anniversary)  
Req. by His Mother

**4:00 PM** + Stanley Bloom  
Req. by Tom & Linda Moretuzzo

**Sunday, November 26**

**8:30 AM** + Alfred Labine  
Req. by Family

**11:00 AM** + Clyde Biddle  
Req. by The Biddle Family

**6:00 PM** + Betty Eagen  
Req. by Tim & Lori Biddle

**OUR FAITH COMMUNITY'S GIFT TO GOD**

**November 11/12, 2017**

**Attendance** ..... 629  
**Regular Offering** ..... \$5,412  
**Maintenance Collection**..... \$1,229  
**Regular Offering same Sunday last year** ..... \$5,101

*From Fr. Ross: Please remember that I am very aware of all the sacrifices you make and that what you contribute I consider as your offering to the Lord and something very sacred. Thank you for the continued support and generosity you offer to your parish family. May God bless you always.*



**HOLY NAME BINGO**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM  
Up to \$2,500 Progressive

Food, snacks & drinks available

Join us if you are able. Bring a friend or two



**THE VIGIL CANDLE**

If you would like to make a donation (\$10) for a vigil candle in memory of someone (living or deceased) or for a special intention, please fill out the form below. It can be returned via the mail, parish office or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Each week there is one candle available for the Church and two for the Friary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Intention \_\_\_\_\_

Friary

Church

Checks should be made payable to *St. Francis Church*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**



Marie Brittain, Patricia Brown, George Bussi, Michele Chmura, Gerald Davis, Jeffrey Garringer, Carol Gasinski, Lillian Hosie, Helen Jurewicz, Rita LaBasco, Mary Ann Lasker, Alex Lissitschenko, Christine Lopinski, Mary Jo Monheim, Mary Nelson, Ernie Niedermeier, Meghan Quinn, Evelyn Rutkowski, Betty Schaefer, Jack Schultz, Terry Swift, Ed Szarowicz, Cynthia Towne, Daniel Weiss, Christopher Winkleman, and all others who are ill or suffering. *It is very important that the Parish Office be notified if a family member is in the hospital.* By law, the hospitals may no longer call the Church to inform us when someone is hospitalized. Please contact Sharon Gruver, our parish secretary, if you would like to place the name of someone on our *Sick List*. Unless we are notified otherwise, the names will remain on the list for one month.

**IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS ILL**

If you or someone in your family is ill, homebound, in the hospital or a nursing home, please let us know. We have members of our Faith Community who would love to visit and bring Holy Communion. However, we need you to call us. Too often we find out after the fact. We also have a Monthly Newsletter that we send out to those who cannot join us at church. Again, please give us a call!

**ICON OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

St. Francis Parish has a traveling Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe. *This week the Icon is in the home of Linda Moretuzzo.*



## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- November 20: **Altar & Rosary Society Pierogi Making**—9:00 AM (Kitchen)  
**Boy Scouts**—7:00 PM (Gym)  
**Pastoral Care & Social Outreach Committee Meeting**—7:00 PM (Parish Office Meeting Room)
- November 21: **Faith Formation Choir Practice**  
**Thanksgiving Song**—6:00 PM (Church)
- November 22: **Altar & Rosary Society Pierogi Making**—9:00 AM / **Selling**—10:00 AM (Kitchen)  
**Adult Sacramental Program (RCIA)**—7:00 PM (Parish Office Meeting Room)  
**Bingo**—7:30 PM (Social Center)
- November 23: **THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**Thanksgiving Mass**—10:00 AM (Church)  
**Faith Formation Children Sing**  
**Parish Office Closed**
- November 24: **Friday After Thanksgiving—Parish Office Closed**  
**Sanctity of Life Ministry**—8:00 AM (Church)  
**Altar & Rosary Society Pierogi Making**—9:00 AM (Kitchen)  
**Faith Formation Open Gym**—7:00 PM (Social Center)
- November 25: **St. Vincent de Paul Collection**  
**Altar & Rosary Society Pierogi Making**—9:00 AM / **Selling**—10:00 AM (Kitchen)
- November 26: **St. Vincent de Paul Collection**

### 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR THE KIDS AT ROSWELL

Saturday, December 2 is the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit for The Kids at Roswell. Please join us at 6:00 PM in the Social Center for Basket Auction, 50-50, Food, and Non-Alcoholic Beverages. Admission is one (1) unwrapped gift or gift card **NO books or stuffed animals**). Wish list can be found at [www.carlyclub.org](http://www.carlyclub.org). All donations and funds raised are used to purchase gifts for the Kids Roswell Christmas Party. Please come and enjoy this worthwhile cause.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Sincere thanks from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for your continued financial support. Your generosity each month helps us to lighten the burdens of our neighbors. It is your donations that make our work possible. Please remember us on the last weekend of each month, that we may continue bringing Christ's care and concern to others. If you know of anyone who is in need, please contact the office with the information, and the office will contact us.



Help for Those in Need

### SEEKING A DRUG ADDICTION ADVOCATE



The Diocese of Buffalo, working together with WNY United against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, is seeking individuals interested in being an advocate to reach out, offer support, and educate families affected by drug addiction. No medical or counseling background is necessary. All training will be provided. Please respond by November 20 if the Holy Spirit is calling you to help with this need. (office: 627-2710)

### PIEROGI SALES IN FULL SWING ST. FRANCIS PIEROGI TEAM IS BACK!

The St. Francis Pierogi Team is diligently working on an assortment of Farmers Cheese, Sauerkraut, and Potato with Cheddar Pierogis. Orders can be picked up from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. On Wednesdays, and Saturdays until we are sold out. The donations is \$5.00 per half dozen and \$10.00 per dozen. For more information, or to place an order, contact 627-5680.



### POPE FRANCIS

#### WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people aged 16-29 are invited to give online feedback as part of an international listening process that will help Pope Francis and the world's bishops better understand the realities, hopes and concerns of youth and young adults. You are invited to go online and fill out the Vatican Survey:

<http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html> Click on "Respond to the Questionnaire" then use drop down box in upper right corner to translate to English. The online survey is open until November 30.

### HAVE YOU JOINED FORMED YET?

Take advantage of wonderful movies, great bible studies, and wholesome Catholic content on Formed.org. Register with our Parish Code 7Q378B.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Friday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be having our Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 PM. Masses on Friday, December 8, will be at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM. The Ministry sign-up sheet for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be found in its usual spot in the sacristy.



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**



On Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 PM we will be having our Advent Penance Service. There will be several priests available for Confessions. This is one of the best ways that we can prepare for the Holy Days and enter into the real spirit of these very special days. Mark your calendars.



**NEW PARISHIONER RECEPTION**

Join us as we welcome our new parishioners with a reception in the Library following the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 3. Newcomers will receive a special gift. Everyone is welcome to join us for light refreshments and fellowship.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**



We will be Christmas Caroling again this year with other members of Churches in Action on December 10 at 6:00 PM. If you wish to participate or can make cookies for this outreach, call Jean Hymes at 627-5263 for details.

**NIGHT OUT BOOKS**

We are once again making available the 2018 edition of the Night Out Books, which make great stocking stuffers. Proceeds from these sales will go toward our New Gathering Space Project. Books are \$25: Buy One-Get One Free!



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**



Join us on Thanksgiving Morning, Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 AM for our special Thanksgiving Day Mass as we give thanks to God and each other for all the blessings we have received. We will have a special collection during the Mass. The proceeds will go to help support a local food pantry. Generosity is a sign of a Grateful Heart!

**As We Begin A New Church Year...**

Please think & pray about becoming a(n):



- Altar Server
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Greeter
- Music Minister



**You really are needed!**

As we prepare to enter into the Advent and Christmas Seasons, please consider serving your Faith Community as one of our liturgical ministers. **Liturgical Ministries include: Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Music and Greeter.** Serving in one these ministries is a real service to the Community and is also a way of participating more deeply and fully in the Mass. The more ministers we have, the less frequently one is called upon to serve. If you would like more information or would like to sign up to serve, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket along with your weekly offering.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in and/or would like more information about serving as a:

- Eucharistic Minister     Lector
- Altar Server     Greeter     Music

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important calling.

**PASTORAL CARE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH**



Our Pastoral Care and Social Outreach Committee will be meeting on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office Meeting Room. The Committee is composed of Faith Community members who desire to try to put into practice Jesus' mandate and commandment to take care of our brothers and sisters in need. We are always looking for those who are interested and/or feel called to take this next step in putting real flesh on the Gospel by reaching out to others and see how we can offer opportunities for all the members of our Faith Community to serve others. Please join us.

# *The pick of the litter*

(As God sees—and how we should see)

## REFLECTIONS FROM FR. ROSS

I received this little story (Puppies for Sale) from several people. In these days when we are bombarded with advertisements promising us that if we buy this product or use that product, we are going to look like the fabulous individuals and models that they use to promote their products.

*A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups. And set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.*

*"Mister," he said, "I want to buy "one of your puppies."*

*"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."*

*The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"*

*"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur.*

*The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.*

*"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."*

*With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe.*

*Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."*

*With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.*

*"How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."*

Most of us are never going to look like those "beautiful people" that we see on TV. Let's face it—we are going to remain ordinary people with our physical, spiritual and emotional flaws and imperfections, our pimples, wrinkles, balding, sagging, etc., etc. The more we can accept that, the more we can be supportive of each other and counteract the false propaganda that we are constantly receiving.

We can help each other by focusing on what truly makes a person beautiful, that is, the simple fact that they exist and that they are God's beloved child and a sister or brother to us. We help people feel secure from within and that their self-esteem and dignity does not come from things they have or how they compare to others. This is probably one of the most important aspects of ministry, whether it be an official one or not. This is crucial to the role of being a good parent, helping children to experience their goodness from within. So, let's all do some real advertizing. [fr.ross@verizon.net](mailto:fr.ross@verizon.net)

