



# St. Francis & St. Clare Parish Weekly Bulletin

*Welcome, Parishioners and Visitors.  
We are glad you attended Mass with us this week.*

**Parish Office Address:**  
35 Center Street  
Waterloo, NY 13165

**Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
*Closed Friday*

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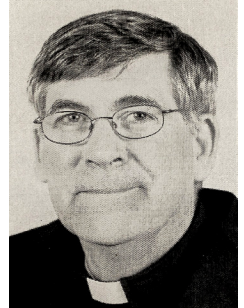
Pastor: Reverend James Fennessy  
Finance Director: Rebecca Pizzirusso  
Administrative Assistant: Anne Marie Adler  
Catechetical Leader: Pamela Kane  
Organists: Kate Small, Jennifer Cornwell  
Pastoral Council: Vincenta Porretta  
Baptism & Liturgy: Fr. Jim Fennessy  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):  
Jennifer Cornwell  
Finance: Vince Sinicropi  
Social Ministry: Linda McCully  
Parish Life: Volunteer Needed  
Buildings & Grounds: George Strally  
Cemetery Manager: Pamela Jones  
Knights of Columbus: John Nesbit  
Catholic Daughters: Sara Ryan  
Music Ministry:  
St. Patrick's - Jennifer Cornwell  
St. Mary's 5pm - Kate Small  
St. Mary's 9:30am - Bob Dinan



## *The Mission of St. Francis & St. Clare Parish*

Through Baptism we are called by God, rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, to support and nurture a Catholic Christian Community:

- To learn, to love and to share our faith
- To worship in word and sacrament centered in the Eucharistic celebration
- This calls us to social justice to service those in need and to work together for God and one another



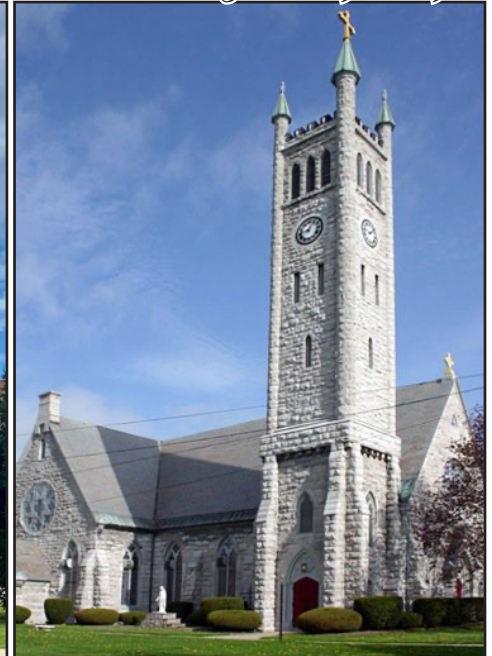
Rev. James D. Fennessy

## *St. Patrick's Church*



95 West Bayard Street • Seneca Falls, NY 13148  
Masses: Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

## *St. Mary's Church*



33 Center Street • Waterloo, NY 13165  
Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM • Sunday 9:30 AM  
Monday 5:30 PM • Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM  
Confession: St. Mary's Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appt.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon. Nov 4** (Phil 2: 1-4/Lk 14: 12-14)  
 5:30pm – (SM) Communion Service

**Tues. Nov 5** (Phil 2: 5-11/Lk 14: 15-24)  
 8:30am – (SM) Deceased members of the Anderson & Maleski families by Frank & MaryJoan Maleski

**Wed. Nov 6** (Phil 2: 12-18/Lk 14: 25-33)  
 8:30am –(SM) Art & Mark Hall by family

**Thurs Nov 7** (Phil 3: 3-8a/Lk 15: 1-10)  
 8:30am – (SP) David Bellomo

**Fri. Nov 8** (Phil 3: 17-4:1/Lk 16: 1-8)  
 8:30am – (SP) Lester, Alice & Roger Youngs by Martha & Al Uticone

**Sat. Nov 9** (Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12/1Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2 : 13-22)  
 8:30am – (SP) Eleanor Shaffer by family  
 5:00pm – (SM) Carl & Marie Sassano by Cindy & Greg Brown

**Sun. Nov 10** (1 Kgs 17: 10-16/Heb 9: 24-28/Mk 12: 38-44)  
 8:00am – (SP) Bernice & Joseph Pesesky by Social Ministry  
 9:30am – (SM) Gordon Heinzman by family  
 11:00am – (SP) Clement family by family

**ST. MARY’S**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 11/9 & 11/10/24**

**LECTORS/COMMENTATORS**

5:00 pm –Lector: J Bells, Commentator: T Smith  
9:30 am –Lector: R Capozzi, Commentator: L Shipley

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00 pm – C Felber, E Hughes, S Scarpa  
9:30 am – M Grillone, D Duprey, N Dinan

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 pm – as per sign-up sheet  
9:30 pm – as per sign-up sheet

**MONEY COUNTERS FOR 11/4**

Team #2

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 11/5**

N Pluretti	D Bender
K Peters	C Ralston
R Costantino	

**COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NURSING HOMES**

November 7, 2024 - **Huntington** - 2:00pm  
Mary Ann (P)  
Jackie, Tony, Ed, Mary E

**CALENDAR**

**Monday Nov 4**

Social Ministry Mtg - Min Ctr	4:15pm
RCIA - Min Ctr	7:00pm

**Tuesday Nov 5**

Free Pancake Breakfast – Min Ctr 8:30-10am

**Wednesday Nov 6**

Eucharistic Adoration - SP Church	5-6:00pm
Rosary - Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries	SM Church 7-8:00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Penance Workshop - SP Church	6:30pm

**Thursday Nov 7**

Eucharistic Adoration - SM Church 9:30am-4pm

**Friday Nov 8**

**Saturday Nov 9**

Baptism Prep Class – Min Ctr 9:00am

**Sunday Nov 10**

**NO RE**

**Confession** - St. Mary's - Saturday - 3:30-4:30pm  
 St. Patrick's - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday's - 9:00-10:00am  
 or by appointment

**Real Christmas Searching for Living Waterloo & Seneca Falls Veterans in Our Parish...**The Annual Real Christmas will be on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7 from 3-6:00 PM at the Waterloo Recreation Center. This year’s honorees will be living veterans from Waterloo and Seneca Falls. If you are or know of a living veteran, please call the Ministry Center and leave the name/s. Thank you.

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A community choir will be singing again at the Real Christmas event on Saturday, December 7th! You are cordially invited to participate in singing about the true meaning of Christmas. Rehearsals will be on the four Mondays in November at 7 PM at the Waterloo Methodist Church. Please call me if you have any questions. 315-246-5318. Help us celebrate the birth of Jesus! Becky Pezzulo

**MASS SCHEDULING**

On Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will begin scheduling Masses for 2025. We will be scheduling the **entire year**, January – December. *Remember the policy is 2 weekend and 5 weekday Masses for the entire year.* You can stop in the office or call to request a Mass or Masses. I would ask that we concentrate on Masses that week and not schedule sanctuary lamps, bread & wine or angelus bells. These can be scheduled any time during the year. As always, I thank you for your patience.

**Week of 11/2 – 11/8/24**

**St. Mary's – SANCTUARY LAMP**

Deceased members of the Sabatine & Morabito families

Offered by: Mike & Lola

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**

Deceased members of the Sabatine & Morabito families

Offered by: Mike & Lola

**St. Patrick's – SANCTUARY LAMP**

David Bellomo

Offered by: family

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**

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**ANGELUS BELLS**

11/4	SM SP	Hazel Clark
11/5	SM SP	
11/6	SM SP	
11/7	SM SP	
11/8	SM SP	
11/9	SM SP	Mary Neve
11/10	SM SP	Deceased members of the Bennett family

*The cost to have the Angelus bells rung in memory of a relative or an occasion is \$10. There are many dates available.*

**Pray for our sick & homebound**...Lee Patchen, Elizabeth Martin, Thomas P. Callaghan, Paul F. Deal, Matthew Enger, Dave Russell, Edith Greene, Helen Boenigk, H.A.D., Mila Rae, Frank & Joyce Tedesche, Christopher Podgorny, Richard Daugenti, Doug & Rosemary Plank & family, Bob & Dolly Steinhouse, Barbara Crosby, Joanna Gould, Dr. Steven Ryan, Amy Marie Maloney Farr, Dan Hogen, Sr. Catherine Judge, Judy, Glenn Paul, April Lanphear, Hannah & her family, Tenley Gurreri, Kensel McClenathan, Jayden Jensen, Kendra, Christopher Jones, Doris Crawford Mitchell, Brian Oddi, Elizabeth Babiarz, Kay & family, Lisa, Anna Boise, Nancy Versteg, James Pokrzywa, Bonnie Jones, Bruce Gilbert, Pat Panek, Todd Gaglianese, Sandy Lopez, Bill O'Hora, Georgine Rosata, Vince & Bonnie Piscitelli, Timothy Youngs, Margaret Mitchell, Linda Arichiello, Randy Doty, Don, S.M., V.C, Mary Emilius, Tish Zepp, Michele V., Parker Fisher, Anna Wilkes, Jimmy Lamson, Scott Jones, Marsha Ryck, Terri M., AMM, LMM, JAM, Madeline DiManno, Betty Bellomo Levesque, Fran Barbieri, Kaydi Heins, Kathy Harper, Keith Stahl, Bob Sandroni, Marylou Murdock, Laura Worden, Anna Ellis, Holly Jones, Judy Ellis, Stacey Jansen, David Vacca, Stanley Fisher, K.M., Patty Lewis, Cheryl DeMillo, Jeff Page, T.H., E.B.L., Joel Rivera, Kay Eighmey, Richard Schweitz Jr., Barb Twist, Megan Seneca, Jim Mooney, Gene Lopez, Dorothy Rizzo, Anne Cannuli, Keith Gibbs, Jeremy Andrews, Michele, Alexis Eldrige, Roxanne Starry, Mary Ann Dambrosia, Ellen Moon, Barb C, Bob B, Kathleen Talcott, Dolores Boeticker, Marie Ramson, Jonah Decory, Marcella Hill, Eleanor Jackson, Karen Jenkins, Jayden Moone, Loretta C, Dorothy & John Euchlund, R.C., Mary Jo Semler, Ron Barnhart, Joseph Lotto, William Cathy, Dale Trout Jr., Ellen Clark, Kathy Cole, LM, Jesse Alcott, Amber Moses, Eric Gelsomino, Felicia Strong, Asa Poorman, Marjorie Edmeston, William Johnson Jr., M. Claire M, Miranda Y, Colleen VanCamp, Cathy Woods, Tyler Sheldon, Marilyn, Amy Roepnack, Cindy Brown, Orion, John Gnell, Julia Kennedy, David Smith, Judy Walczak, Mary Harrin, Maria C. Norman, Judy Hoffman, Ann Passifione, Gianna, Ashley Stillwell, Lucille Cook, Mary Lou's Intentions, Kathy, Judy Bauer, Michael Cunningham, Judy Wheaton, Carol Eck, Mary Ebers, Rose Nehring, Margaret Nardi, Tim O'Mara, John Bennett, Kathleen Deal, Cory Steinbacker, Robin Ryan, Jarrod Ticconi, Cindy Schlegel, Emily, Venturelli, Wendy Goodman, Bonnie, Lauren, Maureen Jusko, Neal Wood, Robin Jock, Zachary M., Kelly, Jay Colin, Rebecca Carson, Rebecca Tuccio, Trevor Cauler, Judy, Patricia L., Gerald Goodman, Cheryl Lewis, Marilyn Dickinson, Lainie Forde, Seitz Family, Misty Clark, Kitty Allenza, Jesse Pardee, Pat Battley & all of our sick **Please note:** I am trying to keep the prayer list updated – if you would like to be added to or **deleted from** the list, please call the parish office at 539-2944 or 651-4349.

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way,”  
– St. Francis of Assisi

I would like to thank Sue Conner for her talk on the Family Hope Center. She represented a very wonderful organization that has helped many woman in making their decisions on choosing life. At the beginning of her talk she mentioned Proposition 1, had how we as, Catholics should be opposed to it and vote NO. The proposition would affect the ability to limit abortions in New York State. Its broad terminology can lead to future legislation that would challenge Catholic beliefs.

**It is Time to Vote. Please Pray Before You Vote  
(Part Six in a Series on the Election  
and NYS Proposal One 2024)**

Election Day is this Tuesday. Please pray that everyone exercises their right and duty to vote and that they do so with a well-formed conscience (include in your prayers those who have already voted). Please pray for yourself as you vote. As you make your choice, think of these words from today's first reading ([Deuteronomy 6:2-6](#)), *"Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey."*

**Ask yourself how Jesus would vote.**

Then, as we move past Election Day, please pray for an end to the divisions in our country, for genuine dialogue, and for truth. For more on a better way of politics, see <https://civilizeit.org/>.

On Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass at St. Mary's at 7:00pm. The Memorial Mass is celebrated in memory of all those in our parish who have died in the past year. Invitations went out to the families of the deceased, but everyone is invited to come. There will be a reception by the Catholic Daughters right after the Mass. I would like to thank the Catholic Daughters of America for taking the time to make apple pies that they will be selling. They gave me the first apple pie to make sure that it passed the taste test. I ate the whole thing and strongly recommend them.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

We are looking for a part time Business Manager to assist in management of 2 parishes. Approx. 15 hrs. a week. Responsibilities include managing vendor files, processing payroll for part time employees, helping with NYS Gaming reports, and assisting Finance Director. Starting pay \$20 an hour.

Please submit resume and letter of interest to Rebecca at [rebecca.pizzirusso@dor.org](mailto:rebecca.pizzirusso@dor.org).

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

St. Francis & St. Clare Parish will again be following a food collection schedule developed by several area churches. Each church will collect specific items for the House of Concern and CAP each month. Although we are given specific items to collect, we will graciously accept **any** food or personal hygiene items. For the month of **November**, we will be collecting the following items for the House of Concern and CAP: **Peanut butter & toothpaste**. Thank you so much for your continued support. Social Ministry Committee

**Spirituality of the Prayers at Mass  
Preparation of the Gifts**

The hosts are made from wheat, and the wine from grapes which are part of God's creation. It is then made into bread and wine by the work of human hands. So we offer not only the bread and wine but ourselves as well, so that not only are the bread and wine transformed but that we too are as well.

*Bread and wine are nourishment for our bodies, once transformed they become the Body of Christ and nourishment for our souls. You can't do this at home !!!*

1. What is there in my life that needs to be transformed?
2. How can the Eucharist help with that transformation?

**DO YOU LIKE TO ARRANGE FLOWERS?**

The Environment Committee at St. Patrick is looking for someone to make 12 small flower arrangements for our Christmas décor. We will supply the materials if you can supply the time and talent. Please text or call Cathy at (315) 651-8803 if interested in volunteering.

**Jewelry and Religious Statues/Items** (used/in good condition/no longer used)...Catholic Daughters will have 2 booths at this year's annual St. Francis-St. Clare's Christmas Craft Show on November 22. These items can be brought to the Ministry Center, 35 Center Street, Waterloo, Monday-Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. Call Janet Rogers for more information at 315-719-2040.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**November 3, 2024**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33)*

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

**IT'S TIME FOR PIES**

The Catholic Daughters will be making apple pies the week of October 22-25<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$14 per pie. We will sell frozen pies in November. To purchase **frozen pies**, fill out the order form in the bulletin or contact Cathy Felber 315-730-2430 or Sara Ryan 315-539-3394. Dates to pick up the pies are Sat. 11/9 from 3-5pm or Sunday 11/10, 9-12 at the Ministry Center. If you can't make it at those times, someone will be at the Ministry Center November 13, 14 & 15 from 3-5pm.

**National Vocation Awareness Week**

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priest and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

**FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:**

11/3/24 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

*After Mass, discuss these questions & brainstorm ideas & ways to implement them this week!*

**Adults: Why is love of neighbor as important as love of God?**

**Children: What are some ways you show that you love God and your neighbor with your whole heart?**

**LET'S LIVE THE GOSPEL!!!!!!**



**Christmas Bazaar - Gift Baskets Raffle**

Please consider creating a gift basket with new gift items, donating new gift items or gift cards to be included in a gift basket, or a cash donation to help with buying small items for basket fillers, for this year's Christmas Bazaar Basket Raffle.

For more information or any questions please contact Jackie G. 315-521-0276 or Pam L. 315-651-3010.

Baskets and gift items can be dropped off at the Ministry Center until Thursday 11/21/24.

We are also in need of large baskets and paper shred all colors.

Thank you for your generosity.

**FREE MOVIE AFTERNOON**

Free Movie Afternoon will begin again on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM. This month's movie, Romero, will be shown on November 14 at St. Francis-St. Clare's Ministry Center, 35 Center Street in Waterloo. Romero was first shown in theaters in 1989. Synopsis: In El Salvador, the new bishop speaks out against the death squads and the terror campaign the government is using in an attempt to crush the guerilla war that is being waged against them. This is seen as disloyalty and the number of priests attacked goes up and even churches are shut down by the government. Based on a true story, Romero was assassinated in March 1980. The movie is 1 hour and 45 minutes long. Parking and entrance are in the parking lot behind the church. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 315-539-8006.



**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** begins October 26-27 for St. Francis-St. Clare Parish until Thanksgiving. For continuous years our parish has supported the Family Hope Center in Geneva with this fund raiser. You can take a bottle at the churches' entrances and fill it with change. OR you can take a card & envelope, put in a check or cash and mail. *Bottles can be returned to the sacristy or Ministry Center!!*

Family Hope Center is a free and confidential pregnancy center which helps mothers and preborn children before AND after birth. It is supported by donations and takes no government funding. There are 3,000 pregnancy care centers in the United States. For more information call 315-539-8006.

**Volunteer Needed**

There are several evergreens around St. Mary's Church that just need to be trimmed at the top as well as two bushes in front of the former rectory. If someone has an electric battery trimmer with an extension, the whole job can be done in about half an hour. If you can't do it yourself, please call 315-539-2944 and we will make other arrangements. Thank you so much.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FROZEN & HOMEMADE ANNUAL APPLE PIE SALE**



We are again selling our homemade apple pies. Pies are \$14!

Please (1) fill in the form, (2) put in an envelope with CDA written, (3) insert cash or check (to CDA 806), (4) seal envelope and (5) put in envelope collection at church OR you can hand deliver to the Ministry Center OR mail to CDA, 35 Center Street, Waterloo NY.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_ pie/s

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## THE REAL CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL/HONOR CARDS

**REAL CHRISTMAS** will be held again this year at the Waterloo Community Center, 3 Oak Street, Waterloo, NY from 3 to 6 P.M. The Memorial/Honor cards will be in LaFayette Park again. Your \$3.00 (Per name) donation will entitle you to submit the name(s) of either a deceased person (memorial) or living person (honor) on the card. Please submit the names no later than November 15, 2024. (example-Mr. And Mrs. Are 2 names and will be \$6.00.)

*THIS YEAR WE WILL BE HONORING VETERANS SINCE OUR EVENT WILL BE ON DECEMBER 7TH WHICH IS PEARL HARBOR DAY.*

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE PUT A STAR BY ANY NAMES OF VETERANS YOU ARE SUBMITTING.\*\*\*\***

1. In Memory of or In Honor of: (circle one)

2. In Memory of or Honor of: (circle one)

Donated by:

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

If more space is needed, please put the names on another paper. \$3.00 per name.

Make checks payable to: Real Christmas and mail to: Lynn Hefferon, 23H Stanton Meadows Dr., Seneca Falls, NY 13148

**Names and money must be received by Nov. 15th.**

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: [Facebook.com/RealChristmas Waterloo](https://www.facebook.com/RealChristmasWaterloo)



## HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2025

Each year in conjunction with the Diocese of Rochester graduating seniors who demonstrate Christian attitudes in service, faith and charity are recognized by St. Francis & St. Clare Parish and Bishop Matano.

### Criteria:

- The graduating Senior:
- Will have **consistently** demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example
  - Have been **actively involved** in the parish as well as their school or community
  - Have been a **positive role model** to their peers, younger children & adults
  - Are **practicing Roman Catholics** in a parish in our Diocese & Attend Mass

**NOMINATION PROCESS:** Catechetical Leaders, CYO Coaches, Pastors, Parish Committee Members, or Parishioners including family members may make nominations in writing by **Fri. Nov. 25th, 2024**



**To nominate a senior, send a letter or email to Pamela Kane, 35 Center St., Waterloo, NY 13165 or [pamela.kane@dor.org](mailto:pamela.kane@dor.org) and include the following: Name, Address, & Phone # of nominee, Name & Phone # of nominator, Reason for nomination and plan of interest after graduation if known.**



### *Advent By Candlelight:*

### *An Afternoon For Women*

**Now seeking table hostesses!**

**This is a beautiful opportunity to host a table of 8 ladies. You may invite and fill your table or provide seats for those who call in reserving a seat. You provide a nicely set table and dessert. This beautiful Advent Day of prayer and fellowship reminds us of what we should be focused on as we await Christ's birth.**

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2pm**

**Ministry Center Call Sara Ryan 315-539-3394 or Celeste Trickler 315-237-1887 for information**



# St. Francis November 2024 St. Clare

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Daylight Savings Time ends Family Mass & Faith Day 9:30am Mass at St. Mary's followed by activities in Min Ctr Conf. Yr 1 & 2 SP Rectory 5:30-7:30pm	RCIA - 7pm Min Ctr Social Ministry Mtg 4:15pm - Min Ctr	Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	1st Penance Workshop St. Patrick's Church 6:30pm	All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30pm St. Mary's Church	All Saints Day Mass - 8:30am St. Patrick's Church	All Souls Day Baptism Prep Class Min Ctr - 9am
<b>4</b>							
Veteran's Day Parish Office Closed No RE	RCIA - 7pm Min Ctr	Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	1st Penance Celebration St. Patrick's Church 6:30pm	Huntington Mass 2:30pm	Memorial Mass St. Mary's Church 7:00pm	
<b>5</b>							
RE 10:30-noon Min Ctr Conf Yr 2 Sponsor/Candidate 9:30Mass Followed by 10:30 class	RCIA - 7pm Min Ctr	Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	Bldgs & Grounds Mtg 6:30pm - SP Rectory Youth Group SP Rectory Basement 6:15 - 7:45pm	Seneca Nursing Home Mass 2:15pm	Annual Bazaar & Craft Show - Min Ctr 9am-2pm		
<b>6</b>							
NO RE							
RCIA Rite of Acceptance - 11 am Mass St. Patrick's							
<b>7</b>							
Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr Liturgy Mtg 3pm - Min Ctr							
<b>8</b>							
Thanksgiving Mass - 9am St. Mary's Church							
<b>9</b>							
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED							

***Acknowledgement of human dignity is the fundamental truth that animates our love for God and neighbor***

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

By: Fr. Daniel Condon, Diocesan Chancellor and Director of Legal Services

Today's gospel passage from Mark is the familiar account, found in each of the synoptic gospels, concerning the great commandments: first, the call to love the Lord our God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength and second to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Scribe recognizes, as I hope you do, that this truth resonates in the heart of those who are seeking holiness. As the Scribe acknowledges the impact of Jesus' teaching, Jesus affirms the Scribe's desire and the movement of the heart toward the kingdom of God. The last line of the account leads however to a confounding conclusion – "no one dared to ask him any more questions."

Perhaps some of you have taken advantage of the opportunity to cast your vote early, I certainly hope that the rest of us, who are able, will be exercising our civic responsibility and casting votes in those races that have candidates standing for elective office at the federal, state, and local level as well as on Proposal 1. This is one of the moments when we are well advised to seek guidance and to find some bit of wisdom that will help us to engage in this process with a greater sense of confidence that we are acting in an informed and conscientious manner.

We often have the sense that the love of God and neighbor is manifest in acts of piety and acts or service responding to specific human needs. However, we are also called to participate in the strengthening of the social bond, "to direct society to the pursuit of the common good, and with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goal." (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no.66)

The two great commandments acknowledged in the encounter of Jesus with the scribe are reflected in the themes of Catholic Social Teaching. It will be helpful to bring them to mind as we seek the wisdom of grace guiding us in this serious activity.

Our choices will be best informed when we remember these principles. 1) That human life is sacred, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. 2) That the way we organize our society directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. 3) That human dignity can be protected, and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected, and responsibilities are met. 4) That we evaluate our society by acknowledging the way our most vulnerable members are treated. 5) That there is dignity in work and the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative that will serve all people. 6) That we are one human family whatever our differences. 7) That we are called to protect people and the planet and so demonstrate our respect for our Creator.

These principles are not enshrined in the platform of any single party and there is no perfect candidate. The outcomes desired will never be realized in a single administration or legislative assembly. We use these principles to guide our discernment when casting votes that will choose civil leaders and adopt initiatives that best express our hopes for society. My personal reading is that the acknowledgement of human dignity is the fundamental truth that animates our love for God and neighbor. It is the most basic value that informs our understanding of the common good and our participation in the political enterprise. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us of the common good which presupposes all the conditions necessary for individuals and groups or persons to reach their fulfillment presupposes respect for the person, social well-being, and peace. These are the values that inform our conscience and guide our discernment as we consider whom we shall vote for and how we shall vote.

The Sunday 8:00am Mass as well as daily Masses are live streamed on Facebook which is accessible on the website at [sfscrc.org](http://sfscrc.org)

Total number of people at all the Masses on Oct 26 & 27 was approx. 462

**The parish appreciates your attendance and support!!**

Don't forget that we survive on the offerings of our parishioners. If you do not feel comfortable attending Mass, you can still send in your envelope or drop it off at the Ministry Center office. Online giving is also available now at <https://www.osvhub.com/sfscrcss/funds> God bless you for your support.

*The Mass, mail-in & online contributions for the week of **Oct 26 & 27, 2024** was \$10,638.61  
We thank you for your generosity!*

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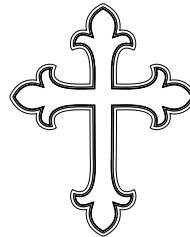
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