

COLLECTION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY
JUNE 28, 2009

NO. OF CONTRIBUTION	AVERAGE OFFERING
1.....	Over 100.00
0.....	90.00 - 100.00
0.....	80.00 - 90.00
0.....	70.00 - 80.00
1.....	60.00 - 70.00
0.....	50.00 - 60.00
1.....	40.00 - 50.00
3.....	30.00 - 40.00
6.....	25.00 - 30.00
5.....	20.00 - 25.00
9.....	15.00 - 20.00
9.....	10.00 - 15.00
39.....	5.00 - 10.00
27.....	1.00 - 5.00
TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS...101	
TOTAL ENV COLL.....	\$1,431.00
LOOSE CASH.....	\$ 152.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$1,583.00
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION WAS...\$15.67	
SALESIAN MISSION COLLECTION...\$547.00	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.	

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK: especially for Delphine Wojtan, Larry Kiener, Ron Passmore, Henry Dombrowski, Jim Bowback, Gloria Kunkel, Marla Kracker, Mary Kometh, John Wild, Sarah Benhatzel, Brian Heitman, Carmella Crimaldi, Marsha Lempke and all those in hospitals.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Our departed brothers and sisters, especially for Marjorie Kometh.

H.I.A.S.

(Happiness Is Active Seniors)

The H.I.A.S. group of Infant of Prague is looking for new members. Our meetings are every Thursday at 1pm at Infant of Prague. We are very active ~ daily and weekly trips! If you are interested, please contact Irene Schmidt at 634-0781.

Please check the appropriate box:

- 1 [] Join Class on Being Catholic
- 2 [] To Become a Catholic
- 3 [] To Be Confirmed (for Adults)
- 4 [] Need Transportation to Mass

Complete the information below and drop in collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



**Year of the Priest
Proclaimed by His Holiness
Pope Benedict XVI**

June 2009-June 2010

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2009 to June 2010 as the Year of Priests. The theme for the priestly year is "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests." Its purpose is to encourage what the Pope calls "the yearning for spiritual perfection" in priests.

But the Year for Priests also gives lay people a special opportunity to learn more about priesthood, to recognize and honor priests, and to encourage priestly vocations.

The Year for Priests coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, a 19th century parish priest who transformed the lives of villagers in France through his example of holiness, his celebration of the Mass, his teachings, and his ability to touch people's souls in the Sacrament of Penance.

A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to

follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience the joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

St. John Viannry, pray for us

With gratitude to Almighty God, The Diocese of Buffalo joyfully announces the Ordination to the Priesthood, to be conferred through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by Bishop Edward U, Kmiec on Saturday, August 8th at 10am at St. Joseph Cathedral. To be ordained:

Rev. Mr. Ryszard S. Biernat
Rev. Mr. David E. Tourville

**Calendar for
the Week**

Saturday, July 4th – St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Independence Day!

10:00 AM AA Meeting
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass (Eugene Kujawa & son)

Sunday, July 5th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass (Dennis & Chester Fink)
11:00 AM Choir Practice
11:30 AM Mass (Arthur Duszynski)

Monday, July 6th -

8:15 AM Mass (Floyd Stoeckl)

Tuesday, July 7th -

8:15 AM Mass (Peg Ullenbruch)

Wednesday, July 8th -

8:15 AM Mass (Parishioners)
6:30 PM Benediction/Novena & Confessions
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, July 9th -

8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Friday, July 10th -

8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Saturday, July 11th - St. Benedict

10:00 AM AA Meeting
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass (Amber & Nick, In Thanksgiving on the Occasion of their Wedding)

Sunday, July 12th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass (Cindy Behlmaier)
11:00 AM Choir Practice
11:30 AM Mass (Glenn Ryan)

Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

Do not be fooled by those who see you as just another consumer in a market of undifferentiated possibilities, where choice itself becomes the good, novelty usurps beauty, and subjective experience displaces truth... ~Pope Benedict XVI at Work Youth Day, June 2008.

Tip for the Week: Recycle!

Buy products in containers that are recyclable or reusable...and recycle! Many states offer free to low-cost recycling services and ten states even offer refunds for turning in used beverage containers.

Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Catechism Questions for the Week
The Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Mission

321. "What are the sacraments at the service of communion and mission?" Two sacraments, Holy Orders and Matrimony, confer a special grace for a particular mission in the Church to serve and build up the People of God. These sacraments contribute in a special way to ecclesial communion and to the salvation of others.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

322. "What is the sacrament of Holy Orders?" It is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his Apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time.

When Someone in Unemployed Formulating an Action Plan

Experts agree that forming an action plan will structure your day and balance your spiritual, physical and emotional needs as you look for a new job:

~ Before getting out of bed each morning, turn your entire day into a prayer by offering God all of the things that you think, do, feel, and say.

~ Go to daily Mass. Take a few minutes throughout the day to turn your breathing into a prayer. Imagine that you are breathing in God's love and breathing out tension, worry, and fear.

~ Reflect on the gifts and talents God has given you. Identify your strengths and record them in a journal. Jot down ideas and inspirations that come, especially during times of prayer.

~ Remember that your full-time job is to find a job. Learn the latest trends in job searches. You may be surprised to discover that things have changed.

~ Let everyone know that you're looking for a job. Networking is important. Keep your name and your resume in constant circulation.

~ Eat well-balanced meals and limit caffeine intake. Set aside time each day to work out, jog, or just take a walk.

~ Keep busy. Find creative ways to use your extra time, whether it's volunteering, fixing things around the house, or learning something new.

~ Be open to whatever comes along. Maintain a positive attitude.

~ Join a support group or find someone to talk with about your feelings. Stay was from people who undermine your self-confidence.

(excerpted from When Someone is Unemployed, Our Sunday Visitor, Inv. No. P911)

MDG/IOP Merger News

The Transition Team has sent all Mother of Divine Grace Parishioners an "Affiliation Letter". We ask that you complete the response card that was enclosed with the letter, and return it to the Rectory by July 12th. This is a very important part of our merging process and we need to hear from *each and every one of you!*

Join Us!

A committee is being formed to plan the Closing Liturgy for the final Mass at Mother of Divine Grace Church, which will be on Sunday, September 27th at 11am. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please attend the meeting on **July 19, 2009 at 9:45am in the cafeteria.** We will discuss what we need to address and break into groups to cover these areas. Please RSVP to Elaine @ 633-4677.

In Recognition

Monsignor Ayoub would like to invite our volunteers to a "Thank You" reception on Tuesday, August 18th from 5:30-8:30pm in the Cafeteria. Please RVSP to the following people who are accepting your reservation until August 4th:

Lectors: Charlie Wright (836-4002)

Euch. Ministers: Judy Monaco (684-1624)

Choir: Elaine Kishbaugh (633-4677)

Coffee-Hour Volunteers/Counters/Ushers: Theckla Mullen (835-9489)

St. Vincent De Paul Society of I.O.P.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society of Infant of Prague is looking for new members. The Society meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm. We are also members of the Inner City Conference. For more information, call Al Brownsey at 833-5408.

Ha, ha! Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft... Today, it's called golf.



Happy Birthday:



July 5th - Anita Jenison, Judith Dolecki, Eugenia Zygaj, Deborah Kokscho, Eileen Piontek

July 6th - Karen Thomas, James Renzi II, Delores Horey

July 7th - Brian Wendel, Edward Petrow, Christina Boris

July 8th - Gregory Pittman, Joseph Hughes, Grace Freitas

July 9th - Patricia Pittman, Maria Fazzio, Rachael Filarecki

July 10th - Cailyn Busch, Megan Muehlbauer, William Mc Convey, John Strausser

July 11th - Melanie Horton, Dorothea Manning

RESPECT LIFE

It is not enough for us even to defend innocent human life. Of course, if we fail to do this, we fail in our most urgent task. But by good deeds of love and charity, we must build this active culture of life that is ready and capable of turning back hell itself. If we won't put the abortionist out of business we are pitiable souls. If we don't enact laws and work tirelessly to change human hearts so that life is forever revered and protected, we have not fought the good fight which is our charge as the Church Militant. As warriors we must first beat back the enemy. But then let us not forget that we are warriors for the victory of life! ~Most Rev. Robert W. Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Address to Gospel of Life Convention, April 18, 2009.

Life, the first right:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"



St. Maria Goretti

St. Maria Goretti was born of a poor family in Corinaldi, Italy, in 1890. She was of a pious nature and often at prayer. In 1902 she was stabbed to death, preferring to die rather than be raped. Without warning a vicious stranger burst upon her, bent on raping her and destroying her childlike purity. With splendid courage she surrendered herself to God and his grace and so gave her life to protect her virginity.



"The life of this simple girl—I shall concern myself only with highlights—we can see as worthy of heaven. Even today people can look upon it with admiration and respect. Parents can learn from her story how to raise their God-given children in virtue, courage and holiness; they can learn to train them in the Catholic faith so that, when put to the test, God's grace will support them and they will come through undefeated, unscathed and untarnished. "From Maria's story carefree children and young people with their zest for life can learn not to be led astray by attractive pleasures which are not only ephemeral and empty but also sinful. Instead they can fix their sights on achieving Christian moral perfection, however difficult and hazardous that course may prove. With determination and God's help all of us can attain that goal by persistent effort and prayer. "So let us all, with God's grace, strive to reach the goal that the example of the virgin martyr, Saint Maria Goretti, sets before us. Through her prayers to the Redeemer may all of us, each in his own way, joyfully try to follow the inspiring example of Maria Goretti who now enjoys eternal happiness in heaven." (Excerpted from a homily at the canonization of Saint Maria Goretti by Pope Pius XII.)

Celebrate with Children

Celebrate the Fourth with children. The little ones make holidays special and can be grateful for just a little extra attention. Even if you can't host a big picnic or go to a Fourth of July event, you and your children can make some memories while creating inexpensive crafts and holiday treats together. If you're a neighbor and know some young ones who could use a little attention, reach out and help. You'll get more than you give. Catholic Charities ~ empowering people for 85 years. 856-4494.

Parenting Perspective

You may often say, "I love you" to a child, perhaps less often to teens lest you embarrass them. Sometimes changing the language can make it sound less routine and more hip. Why not teach your child how to say it in sign language. You can subtly send a message across a room. You can choose a simple sign that's just "yours". It signals a connection that's unique to you and each of your children. Try it. It really works!

It's Free!

Summertime free Toolbox is filled with practical ways to make summertime a sacred time. It is a perfect companion for your family throughout the summer months when vacationing or being at home. Celebrate the glory of all God's creation! For your FREE 2009 Tool Box, contact your Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or long on to our website www.familife@buffalodiocese.org.

Father John Corapi

On August 15th, Father John Corapi will be making his first and only public speaking appearance in two years at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo. Joining him will be Raymond Arroyo of EWTN and mast of ceremonies Jerry Usher. The best seats are going fast. This event is sponsored by The Station of the Cross, Catholic radio. Get details and register at www.fathercorapilive.com or call 888-223-6000.

We Are Catholic, Let It Show!

The Lord is slow to anger and rich in kindness

Vocation View

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that when we are weak He makes us strong. God promises that His grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon anyone who accepts the call to a church vocation. If you think God is calling you to serve, call Father Walter Szczesny at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website at www.buffalovocations.org!

Mother of Divine Grace Church
120 Old Maryvale Drive
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Pastor - Rev. Msgr. S. Paul Ayoub

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Mass Schedule:

Mon-Fri8:15 am
Weds...Benediction/Novena..6:30-7pm
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sundays.....9:00 am, 11:30 am
Holydays..... 8:15 am and 7:00 pm
Saturday...Confessions.....3:45 pm

Rectory Business Hours: Mon - Fri., 9am - Noon. If you need a priest, call anytime.

Fax Number :834-0335

Parish useful phones:

Rectory834-8488
Food Pantry.....835-0243

Business Manager :Judith Monaco

Parish Council:Michael Luksch
Parish Outreach ..Theckla Mullen...835-9489
Music:

Folk - Elaine Kishbaugh.....633-4677
Organ - Wanda Yoerg.....839-3329

Baptism - Last Sunday of Month at 12:30 PM. Call the Rectory to enroll in Baptismal Class.

Anointing of the sick... Sat after 4:30 PM Mass. If an emergency, call anytime

Marriage - Call Rectory for an appointment.

New Registration.... Welcome! Please call the Rectory to make an appointment to Register.

Pregnancy Emergency Services:

Women Health Services.....853-4438
Our Lady of Victory Choose Life.....824-4709
Post Abortion Reconciliation.....847-8789
'Project Rachel'.....847-2205
Pregnancy Hotline.....1-800-848-LOVE
Nurturing Network.....1-800-TNN-4MOM
Bethany Christians Services.....1-800-238-4269
Several Sources Foundation.....1-800-NO-ABORT
Birthright.....1-800-550-4900
Good Counsel Homes.....1-800-723-8331
Catholic Home Bureau.....1-800-592-HELP
Separated/Divorced (Link).847-2209

Other Services in our building:

Alcoholic Anonymous.....853-0388
Kids Klub Day Care.....831-0550
Convent Apt.....856-4494-3037

Domestic Violence Emergency:

Haven House.....884-6000
Salvation Army Shelter.....883-9800
Safe Program(developmentally disabled victim of family member).....832-4444
Treatment - Catholic Charities.....856-4494

This Week At MDG

Mother of Divine Grace R.C. Church
120 Old Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

July 5th, 2009

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness

St. Paul, like the rest of us, was plagued by some weakness that tended to interfere with his mission. So he prayed, as he says, three times, to Jesus to heal him from it. What would it have taken for Jesus to do it? Nothing. Still, Jesus did not. Instead he told him that His grace is sufficient for him, for power is made perfect in weakness. What did Jesus mean by that? St. Paul already had a hint: this weakness kept him from being proud. It constantly reminded him of his humanity and the fragility that is part of it. Being an Apostle, one to whom Jesus appeared and revealed himself more than once would have tended to make him vain and proud and think of himself as someone better than others. Thus this thorn in his flesh.

But how is power made perfect in weakness? Take an example eyeglasses. One can see best when the eyeglasses are clean. We human beings are powerless, but often we think we are not. And so we act as if by our own power we can do things. When I was a child, I thought becoming a saint is feasible. All I had to do was to select one virtue a year and practice it till I acquired it. Thus in a few years I will be a saint. Not bad for a child. Now as a child of 81 yrs, I realize the years did not add holiness but sins to me. Sometimes I feel like telling God to cut his losses, I am not getting any better.

The sooner we realize how powerless we are, the sooner we turn to God and the sooner we will receive his power in us.

Jesus was telling St. Paul not to worry about his human weaknesses, but to trust in Jesus and in

his grace and keep going and doing his mission.

There is a very important lesson for all of us here. We all are plagued by some weakness or sin, be it an addiction to a sinful way or some flaw in our a character or whatever. Motivated by best intentions, sometimes we spend too much of an effort trying to eradicate this from us. We pray the Lord to heal us from it. Often it interferes with our lives.

What we need to know is that God is not so angry about our sins. Hr knows of what we are made, he knows our frailties and weaknesses and they don't bother him. So we must confess our sins and trust in God's compassion and mercy and forget them. They should not stop us from living our Christian lives, not more than they did St. Paul. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

~S. Paul Ayoub



Readings for the Week July 5, 2009

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7,28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

A general dissolution of the principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. . . While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader. . . If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security.

Samuel Adams, Patriot of the American Revolution (Sam did more than just brew beer)