

COLLECTION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 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
0.....	60.00 - 70.00
1.....	50.00 - 60.00
4.....	40.00 - 50.00
3.....	30.00 - 40.00
3.....	25.00 - 30.00
8.....	20.00 - 25.00
16.....	15.00 - 20.00
10.....	10.00 - 15.00
37.....	5.00 - 10.00
30.....	1.00 - 5.00
TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS...113	
TOTAL ENV COLL.....\$1,716.00	
LOOSE CASH.....\$ 155.75	
GRAND TOTAL.....\$1,871.75	
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION WAS...\$16.56	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.	

Mother of Divine Grace
Important Information

There are a few things going on during the next week and your response is very important, if you are interested!

~ The Closing Liturgy Committee has ordered beautiful brass Christmas Ornaments as a memento of Mother of Divine Grace Church. These etched ornaments have been custom made to commemorate Our Mother of Divine Grace, the Church itself, the dates of Opening and Closing....and of course, our motto... "Ave Maria, Gratia Plena". The ornaments are available for \$7 each, and may be pre-ordered by completing the "coupon" at the bottom of this page.

~ Envelope Contributions Letters will be mailed during the first two weeks of October. Once the September envelopes have been processed after our last Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27th, the information will be sent to you. Please retain this information for tax purposes.

~ New contribution envelopes: You should be receiving your contribution envelopes from Infant of Prague Parish shortly. If you do not receive your bi-monthly envelopes, please contact the Rectory at Infant of Prague. If you have chosen to attend Mass and belong to a parish other than Infant of Prague, please contact them to Register in person.

Memory Lane...

Our deepest appreciation goes out to all the Members of the Closing Liturgy Committee, who have already spent, and will continue to spend, their valuable time in making our Final Mass a memorable and blessed occasion.

You may continue to order your MDG Ornament until Sept. 30th. Those who have already placed an order and pre-paid may pick them up in the Library after Mass on Sept. 26th or 27th.

We have some extra copies of the MDG Pictorial Directory, which will be available after Mass for \$5 also.

There is a **very Special** DVD being made commemorating Mother of Divine Grace...church, people, etc. We will take orders for the DVD which will be available for \$5 per copy. The DVD will be completed **after** the Closing Mass and Dinner Celebration. If you would like a copy, please complete an order form. We will contact you when they are ready. Thank you to Chris, Adam and Matthew Duke for all their hard work in creating this memory!

Calendar for the Week

Saturday, September 19th - St. Januarius

10:00 AM AA Meeting
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass (Edward Roetzer)

Sunday, September 20th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass (Jim & Jack Dolan)
Pancake Breakfast in Cafeteria after Mass
11:00 AM Choir Practice
11:30 AM Mass (Arthur Duszynski)

Monday, September 21st - St. Matthew

8:15 AM Mass (Anna Maria Cedrone)

Tuesday, September 22nd -

8:15 AM Mass (Lester Getz)

Wednesday, September 23rd - St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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

Thursday, September 24th -

8:15 AM Mass (john Kujawa)

Friday, September 25th -

8:15 AM Mass (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, September 26th - SS. Isaak Jogues & John de Breboeuf and Comp.

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

Sunday, September 27th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 AM Final Mass (Parishioners)

Open Halls

We have had many requests from those who plan to attend our Final Mass, asking for permission to walk through the school, one last time! The corridors will be open for those interested in viewing class pictures, or classrooms.

Dinner Reservations

Those guests who have made their Dinner Reservations will be asked to "check-in" at the door. No walk-ins can be accommodated. (sorry!) At the check-in, you will receive a place-card reflecting your reservation, so that you may set it at a table of your choice. The place-cards will allow you to "save" your spot, and mingle with other guests. No table reservations are being taken.

Catechism Questions for the Week
The Sacrament of Matrimony

343. "How is the sacrament of Matrimony celebrated?" Since Matrimony establishes spouses in a public state of life in the Church, its liturgical celebration is public, taking place in the presence of a priest (or of a witness authorized by the Church) and other witnesses.

344. "What is matrimonial consent?" Matrimonial consent is given when a man and a woman manifest the will to give themselves to each other irrevocably in order to live a covenant of faithful and fruitful love. Since consent constitutes Matrimony, it is indispensable and irreplaceable. For a valid marriage the consent must have as its subject true Matrimony, and be a human act which is conscious and free and not determined by duress or coercion.

Caritas In Veritate
The Dignity of Life

In the context of these challenges, Pope Benedict XVI, stresses that an "openness to life is at the center of true development." In his sweeping new encyclical on social and economic justice, *Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth)*, the document reaffirms the "strong links between life ethics and social ethics," between social justice and the Gospel of life:

"When society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good."

On the other hand, openness to life makes us more capable to help each other.

"By cultivating openness to life," the Pope tells us, "wealthy peoples can better understand the needs of poor ones; they can avoid employing huge economic and intellectual resources to satisfy the selfish desires of their own citizens." Instead, they engage in virtuous action that is morally sound and "respects the fundamental life of every people and every individual."

An openness to life is part of the moral ecology of Catholic social teaching that helps us to be open to the needs of others. The Pope explicitly links the life issues with other social issues:

"...if there is a lack of respect for the right to life and to a natural death, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology."



Memorial Mums to Decorate

Help make our Closing Mass special by donating potted Mums to decorate the Church. Donate Mums of any color or size in memory of someone who was a member of the parish, or someone you wish could be here to share in this occasion.

Donated plants should be dropped off to the Library, Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, Thursday, Sept. 24th or Friday, Sept. 25th 9 to Noon or 5-7pm. Tags will be available to mark YOUR plant.

After the final Mass on the 27th, the Altar servers will return the plants to the library where you can pick them up (before or after the Dinner). Plant them at home where you can enjoy them for many years to come! If you are interested in helping with the decorating, we will begin Saturday, Sept. 26th at 10:30am in the Church. Call Jenny at 833-3204 for questions.

Holy Name Meeting

The Holy Name Society meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 24th in the Green Room at Infant of Prague at 7pm. All current members, and men over the age of 18 from IOP and MDG, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Environmental Committee Meeting

The Infant of Prague Environmental Committee warmly welcomes new members (from MDG and IOP) to join us on Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 3pm in the Parish Center meeting rooms as we begin our planning for the liturgical year changes in our worship areas.

In keeping with the mission, the Environment Committee prepares the Church, Chapel, Sanctuary and Altar in order to create a fitting and meaningful atmosphere in which to celebrate the Liturgical seasons. Please call Fran Riso at 836-2479 for further information.

Spiritual Life Committee

The Spiritual Life Committee will begin their monthly meetings starting on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22nd at 7pm in the Parish Center. We warmly welcome all new members to join us for an evening of Spiritual Planning as we celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in word and sacrament. Contact Fran Riso at 836-2479 for any further information.

Happy Birthday:



- September 20th** - Joyce Franz, Bernice Warejko
- September 21st** - David Fenz, Melissa Smith, Laura Borowski, Paul Zimmerman, Thomas Krauss, Kimberly Fay
- September 22nd** - Kevin Denz, Dawn Damian, Margaret Hillyard, William Filarecki
- September 23rd** - Christina Tabak, George Waddy, Janie Mc Intosh
- September 24th** - Lauren Zaborowski
- September 25th** - Melvin Szramkowski
- September 26th** - Ryan Vallery, Christine Klaffka, Charles Horey
- September 27th** - Rose Ann Sutter, Amber Kobel, David Mc Namara, William Mc Ilhagga
- September 28th** - Geri Machtel, Anna Kujawa, Daniel Tigue, Dorothy Klein
- September 29th** - Ella Sconfietti, Anita Kapron
- September 30th** - Glenn Krawczyk

RESPECT LIFE

When abortion claimed the lives of both her unborn grandchild and her daughter. Mrs. Eileen Smith and she and her husband Tom experienced a 'baptism of fire' into the pro-life movement. She vowed that she would tell Laura's story in the hope that at least one woman would choose life after hearing it...Since then, she has heard about several...young women who have turned away from abortion after hearing about Laura's death. *NRL News*, May 2008.

Choose Life Now Available Online!

The Outreach Dept. is pleased to announce the brand new layout of its web site. The web site will be kept up-to-date with new information on the work of the various outreach departments so check back often to stay informed. Visits us at www.nrlc.org/outreach.

WE ARE CATHOLIC, LET IT SHOW!



Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf and Companions: Martyrs (USA)



From among the members of the Society of Jesus who were taking care of the rugged mission territory of New France in the middle of the seventeenth century and bringing great glory to the early Church in North America, God chose for Himself eight most pure victims, who were sacrificed in various localities now included within New York State and Ontario, Canada.

Regarded as the leaders and guiding spirits among them are John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, valiant men, inflamed with an apostolic zeal for souls, practicing mortification to a heroic degree, keeping close to God by prayer. Similar virtues adorned the lives of the priests Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier and Noel Chabanel, as well as the lives of their helpers, René Coupil and John Lalonde.

Their life itself was like a martyrdom because of the character and the wretched conditions of the Huron Indians of that time. This life was ended with a bloody death for all of them, and always, for the same reason, their religion, though not all were killed in the same place or at the same time. Some of them endured almost unbelievable tortures with such invincible courage as to arouse the admiration of the savage executioners themselves. Pius XI enrolled them among the Blessed, and shortly thereafter, their virtues having been attested by miracles, among the Saints. (Excerpted from Matins of the feast of SS. Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf and Companions)

Nominations for Parish Council

The nomination process for selection of new members of our Parish Council will begin this weekend with the distribution of nomination forms, and will continue until Sept. 23rd. All parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider nominating someone, including yourself, whom you feel would make a good council member. Each nominee will be contacted and invited to an informational meeting in mid-October. Each nominee who agrees to commit him/herself to serve our community as a member of the council for a 3 year term will have his/her name added to the final slate of candidates. Four adult candidates will be selected "by lot" during the masses on the weekend of October 24-25. Please look for a nomination form in the pews. Place your completed nomination slips in the collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Center (at IOP), or mail it to the address on the form by Sept. 23rd.

A Family Perspective

While it is true parents raise children, it is also true children raise parents. Children help us discover our ability to be tender, compassionate, understanding, forgiving, loving and much more. This is one of the perks of parenting: we discover ourselves. Pray: We pray for all members of families separated by anger and hurt, that they might find their way to reconciliation through the path of forgiveness. Amen.

Old priests never die they just fade away. Oops!

That's old soldiers! Sorry.
People are asking me what will I do after the merger. Well, I am retiring. The Diocese of Buffalo has 3 residences for retired priests and they are building a 4th one. I will be at the Bishop Head Residence in Lackawanna. There will be 14 of us priests. Each has a small apartment with a garage. We will have meals together. Laundry, etc are taken care of. We will celebrate or concelebrate Mass at our convenience in the chapel, as each desires. We volunteer to help parishes as they need us.

I am most grateful to MDG parishioners for all the kindnesses and support they have given me. And I wish to beg forgiveness for my many failures. One can't reach his 81st birthday without glimpsing some of his faults. You were often more of a priest to me than I was to you. Whatever parish you join, you surely will be an asset. I will miss MDG and all of you. But it is time for me to join the ranks of the retired priests. It will give me more time to thank the Lord for all he has done, and continues to do for me. ~Father Ayoub

*(God says),
do not fear, for I am with you do not
be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.
- Isaiah 41:10*

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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**

September 20, 2009

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last and the servant of all

Anytime I watched a movie about Jesus, I could always tell which one he was, because the movie always made him a little bit more handsome, or taller, or his hair a bit lighter or whatever. Yet, if he was so recognizable in real life, why did the authorities bribe Judas to point him out? The truth is that Jesus looked like everyone else, indistinguishable from his apostles.

Alphonsus Rodriguez joined the Jesuits as a brother and was a doorman, a humble position. His life was charity and gentleness to all who came. He became a saint. Andre, a Holy Cross Brother was also a doorman who used to climb the mount in front of the convent and spend time praying to St. Joseph. St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal is

his doing. He too became a saint. Neither of these two brothers had prestige or were famous or great educators or priests, bishops or cardinals. Yet they surpassed many a pope or cardinal by the holiness of their lives.

Today there appears a competition between men and women, who should be a priest, bishop or even pope. The competition is misplaced. It should be: who is to become, like Jesus, a saint. And this call to sainthood is open to all, without distinction.

When a priest celebrates Mass, it is not *his Mass*. At Mass the priest says: *pray, brethren, that our sacrifice is acceptable to God*. This says that Priest and lay people, we are all in it together.

We are Jesus and what one of us does is the doing of Jesus himself. Consider then how many thousands of children and people you have baptized in this Church,

or confirmed, celebrate their first Holy Communion and forgiven their sins in the Confessional. Often the priest is credited for all of this when actually it is the whole Church, you, lay people, along with the priest who are doing this.

But to share in the priesthood of Jesus, he tells us that we must become the least and servant of all. That we must associate not with the popular, wealthy or powerful, but with the poor and powerless and those without prestige.

And a final condition, our is not without sufferings. When we try to live our faith, the world often becomes our persecutor in one way or another. We must not be discouraged. It is par for the course. The Holy Spirit is with us. As he confirmed the martyrs, he will confirm us as well.

~S. Paul Ayoub



**Readings for the Week
September 20, 2009**

Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk971-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Closing Liturgy of Mother of Divine Grace And Opening Liturgy of New Parish Community

On Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 11am, we will celebrate the Closing Liturgy of Mother of Divine Grace Church. This is the only Mass scheduled for that Sunday.

The following Sunday, October 4th, 2009 the Opening Liturgy of our New Parish Community at Infant of Prague will take place at 10am. (This is the only Mass scheduled for that Sunday.)

The Dedication of the Mother of Divine Grace Chapel will take place on Saturday, October 3rd at 11am. Please join us for this wonderful, blessed occasion.