

L.J.C. et M I.

Dear Members of Holy Angels.

The Seventeenth of February is a very special day for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate who staff Holy Angels parish and Annunciation parish in Buffalo. It is a world wide celebration of our religious congregation that marks the approval of our rule of life by the Holy Father in 1826. Religious Congregations are born of the grace of the Holy Spirit who inspired their founders to respond to a need of the Church that gives a fuller expression to living the Gospel. St Eugene De Mazenod whose statue is found in the left front side of the church is the founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. His life and experience of the Church was deeply influenced by the French Revolution. He desired to renew and rebuild the Church by preaching the Gospel to the poor in their own patois. He formed missionaries to preach and see the world through the eyes of the Crucified Christ. Reflecting on the damage done to the Church by the revolution and the state of the people he formed the mission of the Oblates. It was his desire that the Oblates "...lead people to act like human beings first of all and then like Christians and finally like saints" The Oblates are a world wide missionary congregation preaching the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned in 57 different languages. To learn more about who we are go to our Web site: www.omiusa.org.

The Church declared the founder of the Oblates, Eugene DeMazenod a saint and in so doing declared his spirituality a gift not only to his religious sons but also a grace for the whole church. The Oblates would like to share the gift of St. Eugene's mission and spirituality. Oblate Lay Associates are people who would like to learn about the vision of St. Eugene and strive to make his vision a part of their life. The Associates grow in this vision by a commitment to work with and for the poor as they are able. The associate also makes a commitment to grow in their spiritual life through the spirituality of St. Eugene. Please keep in prayer the Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate brothers and priests so that we may live fully our vocation. Pray also for the young men in our Fallon residence who are discerning their call to religious life and priesthood. Thanks be to God for all that the Oblates have been in the Church and for all we are called to be in this day and time. Praise be Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate!

Fr. Terry

" Jesus, my Lord and my God, let me never forget who you are. Being True God and True Man, you are beyond the capability of my understanding and yet you are a constant reminder to me of God's great love for me. Through you the world was created and remains in existence , but still in your great love you became as one of us and endured all the pain that the world could offer you so that through you men and women might be redeemed and enter God's kingdom. All glory and praise to you both now and forever." Taken from

The Passion Novena a Scriptural Rosary

LIVING BOLDLY
GODLY MEN IN A SECULAR WORLD
Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 1, 2008 8:00 am to 3:15 pm
 WNY Events Center, 11163 Main Street
 Clarence , NY 14031

For information please call the Rectory 885-3767

"As iron sharpens iron, so man sharpens his fellow man" Proverbs 27:17

Lent

The Challenge of Lent and truly our Christian Catholic Life is not only to avoid sin but also to do good and cultivate virtue in our life. Every sin has an opposite virtue. " A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself." Catholic Catechism # 1803

"When we are assailed by some vice we must, as far as possible, embrace the practice of the contrary virtue." St. Francis de Sales

CHURCH PAINTING RESTORATION

Each week as the work progresses we appreciate more and more the beauty of the architecture of our Church. Phase One is the beginning of the restoration of the Sanctuary Area. Please let your friends of Holy Angels know what is being done to help us complete the whole Church.

COLLECTION NEWS

Offertory Collection - 2/3 & 2/10 \$ 3, 925.75

Thanks again to all our parishioners who continue to regularly support Holy Angels!



Angelo Travale, Mike Heaverlo and Jim Messina would like to thank the following people who worked bingo on 2/11/08. Sue Peterson, Lee De Maria, Joe Tomasello, Modesta Muniz, Dominic Molfese, Mary Ann Greco, Amelia Parrish

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Nights 7 to 8 PM Schwenker Center
 Wednesday Morning after the 8:30 mass in the Rectory.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF:
 February 17th- February 23rd**

Sunday: Gn 12: 1-4a 2 Tm 1: 8b-10 Mt 17: 1-9

Monday: Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38

Tuesday: Is 1: 1-10 Mt 23: 1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18: 18-20 Lk 20: 17-28

Thursday: Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31

Friday: 1 Pt 5: 1-4 Mt 16: 13-19

Saturday: Mi 7: 14-15 Lk 15: 1-3

Copies of our Holy Father's Lenten 2008 message are available in the sacristy for your reflection .

For alternatives to abortion and healing after abortion call **1-800-395-HELP (4357)**. This national number will direct a person in need to help in their area of the country.



February 17th - February 23rd

Sunday:

9:00 Mary Petronella

10:30 James Leary

11:00 People's Intention

12:00 Charles Migliore, Jenny Monaco and Frank Tuzzalino

Monday:

8:30 Augustus Graziano

7:00 PM No Novena Mass

Tuesday:

8:30 All Souls Intention

Wednesday:

8:30 Mark Chambers Anniv

Thursday:

8:30 Carmen Cammarata Jr. Anniv

Friday:

8:30 Mary McClure

Saturday:

8:30 Joseph Miller Jr.

4:00 PM Francine Caputo



SUNDAY JUNE 8 ,2008 10:30 AM

All couples who were married at Holy Angels are invited to a special Mass in celebration of your marriage on Sunday, June 8 at the 10:30 Mass. Mark the date on your calendar. Come and give thanks for the blessing of your marriage before the same altar where you first made you vows. Please call the rectory to confirm your presence for this mass.



Come and enjoy a great Holy Angels Lenten Tradition at our Fish Fry every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Our full menu is sure to please all ages and tastes. Eat in, take out and delivery are available. You will find great food, good company and be supporting the parish at the same time.