

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 11:15 AM

Lector: Kathy West

Eucharistic: Peter, Cheryl, Mary Jo

Server: Madalyn or Emma

Bring up Gifts: Open

### MARRIAGE MOMENT

Think of creative acts of love to surprise each other. For example: try giving your spouse an unsolicited back rub and let nature take its course or slip a little love note into their wallet. Think up your own ideas that are personal to you and your spouse.

### PARENTING PERSPECTIVE

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. Does your family know anyone who is adopted? Be a friend to them. Especially hold in your heart and say a special prayer for children in foster care who might be awaiting adoption.

### FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

It's easy to forget that there is a difference between empathy and sympathy. The scripture readings today help us understand the difference. Sympathy tends to foster pity for others in need, whereas when we empathize with others, we seek to understand their experiences and get involved to help. The widow in the first reading had empathy for Elijah and gave him the last of her food and drink. In the scripture from the Book of Mark, the poor widow had empathy for others and gave away what little money she had. Next time you are in a situation where you sympathize with someone, see if you can empathize instead. Try to identify with their needs and determine what you can do to help, even if it means a little sacrifice on your part. We can look to Jesus as the ultimate example of empathy, giving all He had so that we may have eternal happiness in heaven.

*Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at [www.faithmomentsonline.org](http://www.faithmomentsonline.org).*

### ST. AL'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Al's Regional School will host their 52nd Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, NOVEMBER 17th from 10 AM—4 PM with lunch available, and Sunday, NOVEMBER 18th from 11:30 AM—4 PM with a Chicken BBQ available at the Parish Hall, 186 Franklin Street, Springville, NY. Handcrafted items, baked goods, wreaths, theme basket raffle, craft vendors, \$1000 money raffle and more! Basket drawings begin at 2 PM on Sunday.

### CAMP TURNER'S WINTERCAMP

Camp Turner invites boys and girls, ages 7—16 to WinterCamp beginning Friday, DECEMBER 28th at 10 AM through Sunday, DECEMBER 30th at 6 PM. 3 days, 2 nights of camping fun, warm cabins and yummy food, and lots of hot cocoa breaks! We have toasty warm cabins, flush toilets, and heated shower houses! Warm meals, hot cocoa, and snacks! Our fully trained Summer Staff will return to run a mix of indoor and outdoor activities. We have fun in the snow or the mud...Sign up at [www.CampTurner.com](http://www.CampTurner.com) or call (716) 354-4555.

Remember that if a St. Mary's parishioner attends a mass at St. Joseph's, their envelopes will be returned to St. Mary's where they will receive credit for their contribution.

Please notify Father Joe at St. Joe's Rectory of anyone having surgery or who is sick and hospitalized at (716) 532-5100 (day or night).

### MINISTRY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you have a loved one, or know of someone who is unable to attend Mass. Please contact Norma Kazmark at (716) 799-5416 to make arrangements for receiving the Eucharist.

### 2018—2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Felician Franciscan Sisters in Buffalo, New York invite you to come into the restful silence of God during the upcoming retreats. These days are set apart for you to enter your heart and go inward where God longs to speak. We welcome you into our home and into our hearts at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent (Villa Maria) at 600 Doat Street, Buffalo, NY. Registration is limited. Cost of each retreat is \$25. For registration or additional information contact SM Lucette Kinecki, (716) 875-9370 or (716) 834-4282 or [lucette@roadrunner.com](mailto:lucette@roadrunner.com). Dates and Themes are:

DECEMBER 2—“Pitching His Tent Among Us,”

MARCH 3—“We Hold a Treasure,”

MAY 5—“Road of Discipleship.”

### CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY EVENTS—UPCOMING

The Christ the King Seminary community invites you to enter prayerfully into Advent with us.

†Join us to celebrate Vespers for the First Sunday of Advent, the Church's Solemn Evening Prayer, DECEMBER 2nd at 4:00 PM. The evening will feature the Seminary Festival Chorus under the direction of Alan Lukas. No registration is required.

†Advent Dinner Lecture: *Good Friday Falls on Christmas* on Wednesday, DECEMBER 5th, with dinner at 5:30 PM, and the lecture at 6:30 PM. Both of the portraits of the Madonna and Child—so popular on Christmas cards—as well as Christmas carols often contain hidden hints of the Passion and death which lie in Christ child's future. Join Rev. Xavier Seubert, OFM and Alan Lukas to explore the art and sing the carols as we enter prayerfully into Advent. Register online with your credit card or call Gayle Mann at (716) 805-1438.

### MAGNIFICAT MINISTRY

A morning of prayer, testimony, and praise! Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women welcomes a young adult member, Amanda Torrelli, to the upcoming Magnificat breakfast on Saturday, DECEMBER 8th, 2018. Amanda will share how God has shown her the beauty and benefits of “Kingdom Living” through the power of the Holy Spirit. The breakfast will take place at the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Registration opens at 9:15 AM. Program begins at 9:45 AM until 12:15 PM. Prepaid reservations may be made by sending a check for \$15 payable to: “Magnificat—Buffalo” no later than November 28th (\$20 thereafter) to *Christine Holden, 5191 Hillcrest Drive, Clarence, NY 14031* or by visiting [www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo](http://www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo). For additional information, call Chris at (716) 759-8135.

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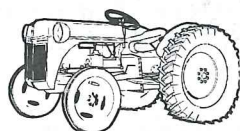
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