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BLESSED MARY ANGELA SAYS: (Foundress of the Felician Sisters)

*"I wish I could multiply myself
a thousand times and travel to
all parts of the world bringing
God's love and mercy to all
people."*

CATHOLIC Q&A

A Church teaching
about Mary.

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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Lenten Calendar of Events

03/01: Monthly visit to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy from 8:45am to 12:30pm.

03/04: Monday Morning Lenten Prayer Service on Zoom with Madonna & Felician University from 8:45am to 8:55am on Zoom.

03/05: Lenten-themed Bible Study at 11:15am in Campus Ministry Office.

03/06: Liturgy of the Hours at 11:15am in College Chapel.

03/11: Monday Morning Lenten Prayer Service on Zoom with Madonna & Felician University from 8:45am to 8:55am on Zoom.

03/18: Monday Morning Lenten Prayer Service on Zoom with Madonna & Felician University from 8:45am to 8:55am on Zoom.

03/19: Lenten-themed Bible Study at 11:15am in Campus Ministry Office.

03/20: Lenten Season Mass with confessions after Liturgy at 11:15am in College Chapel.

03/25: Monday Morning Lenten Prayer Service on Zoom with Madonna & Felician University from 8:45am to 8:55am on Zoom.

03/26: Lenten-themed Bible Study at 11:15am in Campus Ministry Office.

03/27: Rosary at 11:15am in the College Chapel.

Easter Triduum Explained

By Brother Jason Damon, OFM

The Easter Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – are considered to be the holiest days in the Christian calendar. Also known as the "Paschal Triduum," it begins with the liturgy of Holy Thursday, when Christians commemorate Jesus' Last Supper, His washing of the disciples' feet and His arrest by the Roman authorities.

Good Friday is the most solemn day in the Christian calendar. It is on this day that Christians recall the Passion (sentencing to death, scourging, carrying the Cross to Calvary) and Crucifixion of Jesus. The word "Good" in this sense comes from the Old English meaning of the word as "holy" or "pious," not "good" as in the sense of something being morally positive. It is a day of fasting and solemn remembrance of Jesus' death.

The Triduum reaches its climax on the evening of Holy Saturday. On that night, the Easter Vigil is celebrated. It is a moving liturgy in which many Christians formally enter the Church by way of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation and which recalls the story of salvation history, from Creation to the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt to the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is a liturgy that remembers the themes of light and darkness, and is the day when the Paschal candle is formally lit and used to bless the baptismal font.

Easter Sunday is a day of great joy as Christian communities recall the Resurrection of Jesus and, subsequently as His followers, our own future Resurrection. It is a day that reminds us that death does not have the final word: life does.

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28TH - 2024
GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29TH - 2024
HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30 - 2024
EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31ST - 2024



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



OUR CORE VALUES

Respect for
Human Dignity

Compassion

TRANSFORMATION

Solidarity with
People in Need

Justice
and Peace

2023-2024 Focus

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY A VILLA COMMUNITY PARTNER PROFILE:

MVP: Most Valuable Parent

Every Most Valuable Parents (MVP) is an organized body of concerned Citizens (parent's) and organizations who stand in unity to make Buffalo, NY a better and safer place to live. We are Concerned Citizens who stand in solidarity to address issues that affect our City and communities. Our Target Area is wherever our services is needed the most, starting with Buffalo's East Side where crime and violence is most pervasive and where Programs, Intervention, Representation and Awareness is required.

We have come together because we believe it is our duty and responsibility as parent's to do our part to make our City a safe and prosperous place to live. We believe that it's necessary to stand in solidarity to extinguish any negative stereotypes place on us as parents. We believe that our voices will be respected and heard by the Youth of our communities along with the political and non-political leadership if we speak with one united voice.

It takes a village to raise a child, so please don't hesitate! Participate and fill out the form on this page to become a member of the MVP's of Buffalo, NY! Bridging THE Gap" stands as an initiative launched by MVP on May 14, 2022, at 2 pm. The inaugural gathering took place at a community center owned by our brethren in the Bangladesh community. The primary objective of this meeting was to foster unity and productivity among individuals from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and professions.

Recognizing the potential for collective action in addressing issues such as violence reduction and enhancing the quality of life in our community, MVP believed that a unified effort could yield more impactful results. Currently, our focus is on strategic planning, in collaboration with the Collaborative Center for Social Innovation. In the realm of community service, our belief is that irrespective of one's color, financial status, or educational background, we are all equal contributors. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Mission: To perpetuate a nonstop membership drive of Parents who are willing to meet, network, lift their voices, pool their Resources and Volunteer their Services to Enhance the quality of Life in our Community!



MOST VALUABLE PARENTS OF BUFFALO

The Time is Now, Time to Take Back our Community!

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MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Get to know...



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: First Franciscan Women

Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of St. Francis of Assisi. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide.

At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula

received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant.

The 41 years of Clare's religious life are scenarios of sanctity: an indomitable resolve to lead the simple, literal gospel life as Francis taught her; courageous resistance to the ever-present pressure to dilute the ideal; a passion for poverty and humility; an ardent life of prayer; and a generous concern for her sisters.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

BLESSED MARY ANGELA: Foundress of the Felician Sisters

Born in 1825 in central Poland Sophia felt called, like St. Francis, to serve God by working with the poor, including street children and the elderly homeless in Warsaw's slums. In time, her cousin joined her in the work.



In 1855, the two women made private vows and consecrated themselves to the Blessed Mother. New followers joined them. Within two years, they formed a new congregation, which came to be known as the Felician Sisters. As their numbers grew, so did their work, and so did the pressures on Mother Angela (the new name Sophia took in religious life).

Mother Angela served as superior for many years until ill health forced her to resign at the age of 44. She watched the order grow and expand, including missions to the United States among the sons and daughters of Polish immigrants.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



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