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Welcome Back: They say that it's autumn but so far the changes have been very subtle. Look at the clouds; they're heavier, denser, the evenings and mornings are chilly, the leaves are slowly starting their yearly change from green to orange, red, or yellow. I guess our lives can be likened to the changing of the seasons. We go from birth, to infant, child, teen, young adult, old adult, and then death, and rebirth in paradise. The seasons are

like that, too. They go from spring to summer, fall, and winter, and then back to spring, again. We are now in the young adult phase of the year, and like all phases of our lives, we need to live in the present and enjoy the gifts that God has bestowed upon us.

Take time to check out the subtle changes of fall and to thank God for all that He has gifted us with!

Upcoming classes: Saturdays – Grades Pre K through 5 – October 5th, 19th, 26th. There will be no class on October 12th in honor of Columbus or Indigenous People Day. November 1st, 9th, 16th, 23rd. We will not be holding class on Saturday, November 2nd, because we will be meeting on Friday, November 1st for All Saints/All Souls Day Mass at 7:00 PM. (More information to follow.)

Saturdays, - Grades 6 – 10 – October 5th, 26th. November 1st, 9th, and 23rd. November 1st is the All Saints/All Souls Mass at 7:00 PM. (More information to follow.)



God's Little Angels: our service group, which is held after Saturday morning classes on selected days will begin on Saturday, October 5th from 10:30 AM until 12:00 Noon. We will begin with a snack and a prayer. All members of the parish are invited to help create handmade holiday items for shut ins and those who reside in nursing homes. Our

Halloween creations will go to Eden Heights. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Service opportunities and special events will be sent home soon to students in grades five through ten. We are asking them to complete at least **five hours** of service, hopefully to the Fourteen Holy Helpers community. We have a lot of things to keep us busy! Please stay tuned!



The parent meeting for First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, October 26th at 9:15 AM (right after opening prayer). Second grade parents, whose children are eligible to receive this sacrament, will receive a letter from our office. Please bring your child in and then plan on staying with us for the entire class time. Light refreshments will be served.

Please check the schedule that you were given in September so that you know what stations will carry the weather related closing of our program. Also Facebook members, please ask to become a member of our page, "Fourteen Holy Helpers. I will be posting upcoming events, closings, etc. If you did not receive a schedule, please ask for one.



We invite all members of our parish and the West Seneca Community to attend a Halloween party in Ebner Hall on Saturday, October 26th from 5 - 7 PM. - Please see attached flyer for information!

One of Our Confirmation Candidates, Michael Jones, will be holding a collection for the SPCA on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th after each Mass and at the Pet Blessing.

He chose this day because St. Frances is the patron saint of animals. The SPCA is looking for pet food and treats, towels and blankets, kitty litter, collars, leashes, and harnesses; just about anything a pet could need. Please be generous and help Michael's Confirmation project be a huge success.

By the way, thank you to all who assisted another Confirmation Candidate, Chris Doyle, with his project; collecting donations and selling articles to benefit, WNY Heroes, during the Summerfest. We have many wonderful young adults who are lending a hand to local charities as they're learning to follow Jesus by serving others!

Upcoming Parish Activities:

- Blessing of the Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Sunday, October 6th at 1:30 PM, in front of the church.
- The Living Rosary will be said in the church on Friday, October 11th at 6:30 PM. October is the month of the rosary. Please plan on attending.
- The parish will be holding a fall meat raffle on Saturday, October 12th. Doors open at 6 PM and first spin is at 7PM. The theme is Oktoberfest, so wear your leiderhosen! Call the rectory at 674-2180 to purchase your tickets.
- The Sodality of our Lady is holding a retreat for all ladies of the parish and friends. It will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM.

