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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT + DECEMBER 13, 2020 + ORDER of WORSHIP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Recited after the bell during the procession to the altar.)

PEOPLE:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done // and in what I have failed to do,
(we strike our breasts three times during the next line:)
thru my fault, thru my fault, thru my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRIEST: May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**
PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. **ALL: Christ, have mercy.**
PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA *(Not said on Sundays in Advent and Lent.)*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE

My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LEADER: Alleluia, Alleluia. ALL: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

LEADER: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

ALL: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, / maker of
heaven and earth, / of all things, visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only Begotten
Son, of God, / born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, / begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven.

(*ALL BOW...*) and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, / and became man.

(*ALL STAND ERECT...*)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on
the third day / in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead / and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS DURING the OFFERTORY

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru
your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become
for us the bread of life. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru
your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become
our spiritual drink. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and
yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

ALL: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

SANCTUS

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy / Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

PRIEST: The mystery of faith:

ALL: (*The people pray aloud one of the following options*)

**A We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again. or ...**

**B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again. or ...**

**C Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.**

GREAT AMEN

PRIEST: Through him, with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*Recited when the Priest receives the Body of Christ.*)
PEOPLE: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not
fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Ann, Barbara G, Maria B, Ann Burgstrom,
Rob Cole, Jim and Joyce Dengler, Peter & Mary Ellen
Eppolito, Gordon Fenton, Janet, Barbara Kulig, Jody L.,
Phyllis Laurito, Helen Merrill, Nancy Mosier, Beverly
Mulkin, Linda Phillips, Dave Scholand, Norma St, George,
Pat Schwertfager, Mario Serio, Jeanne Seybold, George
Watson, Katie Yates, Fr. Charles Zadora, missionaries and
military personnel who serve away from home, and all who
suffer or are in special need.

*Names remain on the list for a period of three months. If one
desires to renew that request for subsequent three-month peri-
ods, please phone or email the office staff. Requests for sacra-
ments for persons who are sick or homebound may also be re-
ferred to the office staff.*

RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Don't risk being unable to attend mass on Christmas because you didn't make reservations! For masses at St. Joseph (Dec. 24th at 4 PM and 9 PM) call Janice Stokes at 672-4255; for masses at St. Anthony (Dec. 24th at 4 PM and Dec. 25th at 9:30 AM) call Debbie Cosme-Rodriguez at 679-4096. Be ready to give you name, phone number and the number of people in your party. Reservations will be accepted until Thursday, December 17 at 3:30 PM.

COVID-19 UPDATE: SUPREME COURT RULING

Late on November 25, 2020, the Supreme Court of the United States issued an opinion in the case of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, New York vs. Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York. The 5 to 4 decision pertains to the state's ability to restrict capacity in houses of worship.

The Governor's executive order would have attempted to restrict the number of persons in a house of worship to twenty-five in an "orange zone" and ten in a "red zone." The Diocese of Brooklyn argued that these regulations imposed more stringent regulations on churches than on other comparable secular activities and were therefore discriminatory and unjust.

The effect of this ruling recognizes the right of churches to self-regulate—something that the Catholic churches of the Diocese of Buffalo have been doing all along, in line with Bishop Scharfenberger's instructions.

In keeping with the Diocese's priority to mitigate risk of infection and protect those most vulnerable, parishes must continue to:

- Follow all CDC guidelines and advice of medical professionals, including continuing to observe six foot physical distance;
- Continue to require the use of face masks at all liturgies and follow other well-established diocesan policies for the celebration of Masses;

Worship may be conducted, with no finite maximum, maintaining six feet of physical separation, as this is still a cautious approach, which experience has shown over the last several months in a variety of settings to be safe. The diocese's guidelines temporarily suspending congregational singing and providing for the sanitation of frequently touched surfaces remain in effect.

Individual parish capacity will be determined by the size of the worship space and continued social distance requirements. The DISPENSATION regarding the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and other Days of Holy Obligation is still effect; Catholics DO NOT SIN if they miss mass while this dispensation is in effect—which it will be for the foreseeable future. Once again, those wishing to attend liturgy in person should maintain six feet social distance from others (from other households) while in

attendance. Persons who are particularly vulnerable are encouraged to exercise even more caution.

The Diocese's guidelines for parishes can be found at: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/coronavirus>

In the Supreme Court's majority opinion, Justice Neil Gorsuch stated, "Government is not free to disregard the First Amendment in times of crisis. At a minimum, that Amendment prohibits government officials from treating religious exercises worse than comparable secular activities[.] ...At the same time, the Governor has chosen to impose no capacity restrictions on certain businesses he considers "essential." And it turns out the businesses the Governor considers essential include hardware stores, acupuncturists, and liquor stores. Bicycle repair shops, certain signage companies, accountants, lawyers, and insurance agents are all essential too. So, at least according to the Governor, it may be unsafe to go to church, but it is always fine to pick up another bottle of wine, shop for a new bike, or spend the afternoon exploring your distal points and meridians. Who knew public health would so perfectly align with secular convenience?"

The Diocese of Buffalo's Apostolic Administrator Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger—who holds a licentiate in canon law from Catholic University of America (1980) and a law degree from Fordham University (1990), and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1991—welcomes this ruling. He commented, "We have an obligation to do everything we can to protect one another from the threat that the coronavirus poses. At the same time, we welcome this decision that upholds the First Amendment's 'free exercise' clause. Food and drink for the soul are as essential as food and drink for the stomach."

DAILY READINGS

Daily Readings can be found at the usccb.org website. Simply click on the tab "Daily Readings" and select the day you are looking for. You can also subscribe and have the daily readings sent directly to your email every morning.

VOCATIONS

John the Baptist urged his followers to turn away from sin and renounce anything that was keeping them from doing God's will. What can you turn away from in order to hear God's call more clearly and answer more readily? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

PARISH INFORMATION

PERSONNEL

Rev. Joseph Anthony Walter, *Pastor*
Deacon Michael Lemieux (*St. Joseph*)
Deacon Matthew Hens (*St. Joseph*)
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CONTACT INFORMATION & OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: M-W-Th-F (*closed Tuesdays*)
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MASS SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Weekends:

St Anthony: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:30 am
St. Joseph: Sun. 8 am, 11:15 am

Weekdays:

St Anthony: 8:15 am, Monday thru Friday

Holy Days:

Please check bulletin for schedule

CONFESSIONS

By appointment (*until further notice*)

FREQUENTLY-REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS

St. Anthony Cemetery: 672-6657
St. Joseph Cemetery: 679-7728
Northern Chautauqua Catholic School: 366-0630



COLLECTION TOTAL

December 6

St. Joseph: \$2,046, Electronic \$245
St. Anthony \$3,487

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 12

4:00PM SA - Linda (Mancuso) Seybold -

Ron & Kris Gloss

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 13

8:00AM SJ - People of St. Anthony & St. Joseph Parish

**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM SA - Jeffrey Huestis - *JoAnn Catalano*

11:15AM SJ - Nancy Chesbro (First Anniv of Death) -
Walter Sedlmayer

MONDAY, December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15AM SA - Phillip Saeli - *Mom*

TUESDAY, December 15

8:15AM SA - Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY, December 16

8:15AM SA - Thank You St. Joseph - *S.F.*

THURSDAY, December 17

8:15AM SA - Luca Calanni (Birthday) -

Grandpa & Grandma Calanni

FRIDAY, December 18

8:15AM SA – Thank You Blessed Mother - *S.F.*

SATURDAY, December 19

4:00PM SA - Deceased Members of the Adamczak & Liebler Families - *Paula & Dennis White*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 20

8:00AM SJ - John Dybka - *Marianne & Family*

**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM SA - Mary Ann Burgess (Anniv of Death) -

Family

11:15AM SJ - People of St. Anthony & St. Joseph Parish

SA = at St. Anthony Church / SJ = at St. Joseph Church

Mass via Livestream: 1. Go to youtube.com. 2. Search for St. Joseph Fredonia & go there. 3. Click on the icon for the Mass that you desire to view.

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.*

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