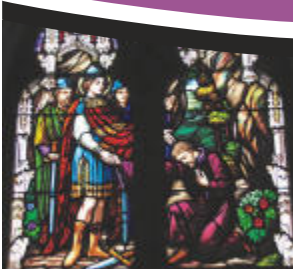


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FEBRUARY 28, 2021 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday–Friday: 9AM–12noon. No office hours on Holydays and Holidays. Other hours call for an appt.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles should be submitted 10 days prior to the published Sunday date.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Polish), Noon  
Monday–Friday..... 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM  
Holyday Vigil ..... 4:00 PM  
Holyday ..... 9:00 AM and 12:15 PM

**ROSARY:** Recited at 8:30 a.m. second Sunday of every month by Holy Name Society members.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 3:30 PM.

**BAPTISMS:** On Sundays. Parents should notify the rectory before the birth of the child, to make arrangements to attend a pre-baptismal class.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Issued only to parishioners in good standing, i.e. they attend church & support it and registered at least 3 months.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** During office hours for all adults 18 years and older. Registration forms are also available in the church vestibule and can be returned in the collection basket.

**IF YOU ARE MOVING,** please notify us of your change of address. Consider remaining a parishioner, even if you have moved out of the area.

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4 PM +Genevieve Jernatowski of Terry Maxson

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9 AM +Geraldine Serwon of Greg & Sue Serwon & family  
 10:30 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate  
 NOON +Ellen & Dennis Quigley of Dr. & Mrs. Thomas O'Connor

### MONDAY, MARCH 1

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate  
 9 AM +Ellen Markle of Teresa Lawrence

### TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8 AM +Hedwig, Stephen, Phyllis, Zenon & Anne Lepczyk estate  
 9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3—Saint Katharine Drexel

8 AM +Hedwig, Stephen, Phyllis, Zenon & Anne Lepczyk estate  
 9 AM For the people of the parish

### THURSDAY, MARCH 4—Saint Casimir

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate  
 9 AM +Eugene Holstin of Lawrence Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate  
 9 AM +Peter J. Kowalewski of family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 6

4 PM For all those memorialized in the Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel

### SUNDAY, MARCH 7—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9 AM +Matthew Kida of Wozniak Family  
 10:30 AM +Stanley A. Moskal Jr. estate  
 NOON +Evelyn & Joseph O'Connor of Dr. & Mrs. Thomas O'Connor

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

February 20 & 21 \$1893 / Maintenance \$109  
 Fuel \$30 / Ash Wednesday \$321 / Pew Rent \$130  
 Club \$20 / Black & Native Missions \$197  
 Cath League Assist Poland \$53  
 Catholic Home Missions \$5 / Eastern Europe \$20  
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FUEL OFFERING THIS WEEKEND AND MAINTENANCE OFFERING NEXT WEEKEND.

WELCOME, Fr. Benjamin Fiore, S.J., celebrant of today's 10:30 a.m. Polish Mass.

A funeral was celebrated for **+DOLORES PARYZ (94)**. We express our deepest sympathy to her family and pray for the eternal repose of her soul.



### FROM THE BEGINNING

Lent has been a part of the Church year from the earliest days. At the Council of Nicea in 325, the bishops were already talking about the "40 days of Lent." By the end of the fourth century, St. Cyril of Jerusalem was presenting pre-baptismal instructions, called Catechetical Lectures, and Pope St. Leo was teaching that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the apostolic institution of the 40 days."

Forty days was chosen as the time of preparation because it was symbolic of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness before embarking on his public ministry: "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished" (Matthew 4:1-2). Forty days also recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert before entering the Promised Land.  
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If you are feeling overwhelmed trying to keep up with your child's medical care and physical, dental and/or mental health appointments, Catholic Charities can help. When you are in need, they are hope. Through the Health Home Care Management program, children and their families in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties are given access to a network of providers, health plans and community-based organizations that work to ensure the child's needs are met. These needs may include physical, dental, mental health or simple support. To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, visit <http://www.carecoordination@ccwny.org> or call the helpline at 716-218-1419. HOPE for all seasons.

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year we ask our parishioners to please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities, 741 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209.**



**March 6 is Black Balloon Day.** This is a national day of mourning for those whose lives have been lost to overdose. In Erie County alone, approximately 250 of our neighbors' lives were lost to opioid overdoses in 2020. That's 250 families who have lost sons, daughters, wives, husbands, mothers or fathers. Let us remember in prayer all those who have died and for the friends and family members they left behind. Grief support is available to all. Contact Marianne at 873-6500.

**REPURPOSE OF UPON THIS ROCK FUNDS**

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to [donor.info@frcdb.org](mailto:donor.info@frcdb.org). Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled *Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc.*, Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

\*The Erie County Surrogate has required this notice be published in all parish bulletins within the Diocese of Buffalo until Friday, April 9, 2021. The notice is relative to the intent to repurpose *Upon This Rock* funds originally earmarked for the operation of Christ the King Seminary but now, rather for "Formation" expenses associated with the training of seminarians, diaconate candidates and students of lay ecclesial programs.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Lorraine Wasiewicz, Tony Lis, Patricia Kowalewski, Nancy, John J., Judy Reischuck, Gary, Kathleen Fuller, Kayli Olson, Joseph C., Bryan Krajewski, Zimny Family, Gerry Sadowski, Deanna Pacini, Michael Mazurski, Pirrami Family, Connie Meczynski, David & Elaine Piazza, Michelle Mitchell, Amanda B., Barbara Just, Rev. Emil Swiatek, Timothy Trabold, Al Nowak, Deacon Matthew & Dolores Stando, Chris, Daniel Komisarek, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Gerald Reszel, Frank Konicki, Ed & Ann Weihing, Art Miller, Rita Trzaska, Jessica Schewe, Marie Switalski, Margaret Krupinski, Kristen Smith, Christina Gravius, Joel Rivera, Jim Coburn, Wayne Gaik, Richard Kowalski, Sharon Williams, Gertrude Zygaj, Ann Fragner, Brian Oakley, Mary Lou Stachnik, Cook Family, Rev. Michael Uebler, Edward Serwon, Irene G., Lawrence & Hernandez Families, Mary J., Ed Walek, David Markiewicz, Olivia Swinarski, Teresa Chowaniec, Dr. David A., Robert & Judy Mikowski, Kevin Roland, Lloyd & Jan Smith

**STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020**, upon request only. Please contact the rectory.



**WINTER**

In the quietness of this place,  
in the sacredness of his hour,  
let us leave behind the dust  
and noise of our world  
and enter the holy hush of  
God's presence.

-Rev. Leroy Koopman

- **Lenten Fish Dinners** (Andrews BBQ) at Queen of Heaven Parish, enter 4256 Seneca Street to rear parking lot, exit Mill Road. Drive thru on **Friday, March 5 & March 19** from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Includes beer battered fish, macaroni salad, coleslaw, rye bread with butter \$12. Cash or credit. Preorder at [www.qofhcarnival.com/fishfry](http://www.qofhcarnival.com/fishfry).
- **Pierogi & Placek Sale thru the weekend of March 27 & 28** at St. John Kanty, Buffalo. Farmers cheese and kraut, sold frozen, boiled 6 per package \$10. Placek \$6. Available Saturdays 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to noon. (between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. 893-0412).

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