

St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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MARCH 14, 2021 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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4th SUNDAY
OF LENT

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn 3:21

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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.

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

4 PM +Gloria, John, Dennis & Paul
Karaszewski of family

SUNDAY, MARCH 14—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM Rosary by Holy Name Society members
9 AM +Anthony & Irene Geraci of family
10:30 AM +Krystyna Wojcik of son Romek & family
NOON +Kay Bonaventura Ellis of Dr. & Mrs.
Thomas O'Connor

MONDAY, MARCH 15

8 AM +Nellie T. Lawrence of Lawrence Family
9 AM +Phil Szeluga of daughter Margaret

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

8 AM +James O. Lawrence Sr. of Lawrence
Family
9 AM For the people of the parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17—Saint Patrick



8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate
9 AM In thanksgiving for 75th birthday of
Annie

THURSDAY, MARCH 18—Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8 AM +Hedwig, Stephen, Phyllis, Zenon &
Anne Lepczyk estate

9 AM +Perry Seymour of Eiko Lawrence

FRIDAY, MARCH 19—SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate
9 AM +Joseph Bogdan of family

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

4 PM +Carole Kolacz of family

SUNDAY, MARCH 21—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9 AM +Adolph A. Peltz of Tom Peltz
10:30 AM +Joseph Goszewski of Denise & Annie
Okoniewski
NOON For the intention of Finnegan O'Connor
of Siobhan O'Connor

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

March 6 & 7 \$2148 / Maintenance \$191
Fuel \$37 / Easter Flowers \$50
Ash Wednesday \$5 / Split Club \$35
Pew Rent \$60

God bless you for your continued support!

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

CONGRATULATIONS, FEBRUARY CLUB WINNERS!

Kevin Junger \$47.50
Kenneth & Joan Kuciel \$28.50
Cynthia Brochowicz \$19.00
(Collected \$190; distributed \$95)



SAINT JOSEPH

According to these narratives, the Gospels of Matthew (1-2) and Luke (1-2), Joseph was of royal descent from David. Joseph's family came from Bethlehem but moved to Nazareth, where Joseph was a carpenter. After he was betrothed to Mary, an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him that Mary would bear a Child who would be the Son of God.

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to register for the census. There, they could find no place to stay, other than in a stable. After the birth of Christ, he took Mary to Egypt to escape the massacre of the infants ordered by Herod.

Joseph worked hard as a carpenter for Jesus and Mary in Nazareth, and later taught Jesus the skills of his trade. Joseph died in the arms of Mary and Jesus. His feast was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1479. Devotion to St. Joseph was especially popularized by St. Teresa and St. Francis de Sales. In 1870 Joseph was declared Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX; Pope Leo XIII declared him a model for fathers of families and also confirmed that his pre-eminent sanctity places him next to the Blessed Virgin among the saints. St. Joseph is also known as the protector of working men and social justice. We celebrate two feast days for St. Joseph; **March 19** for St. Joseph the husband of Mary, and **May 1** for St. Joseph the Worker.

ST JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!



When you are troubled, we are hope. The opioid addiction crisis hasn't left one corner of Western New York untouched. To combat this serious problem that's plaguing our communities, Catholic Charities provides a **Chemical Dependency Treatment Program**. The outpatient program is NYS OASAS-licensed and seeks to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** helps them continue to provide treatment for those who are most in need. To donate or to seek help, please call the Helpline at 716-218-1419, or visit www.ccnny.org/donation.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for +Gloria, John, Dennis & Paul Karaszewski, requested by family.



LENTEN PRAYER

Dear Lord,

During this holy season of Lent, remind us these are the days of salvation. Help us to make it through our difficulties, and the trials and temptations of everyday life. Help keep us from evil and help us avoid the pain and hurt sin causes. Remind us to be prayerful and to reflect upon the great sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us. Amen.

U.S. BISHOP CHAIRMEN FOR DOCTRINE AND FOR PRO-LIFE ADDRESS THE USE OF THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINE

Washington—On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the United States.

“The approval of Johnson & Johnson’s COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

“Pfizer and Moderna’s vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that ‘when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available...it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.’ However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna’s vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson’s.

“While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good.”



Volunteer needed, temporarily, to wash the altar purificator cloths and towels. Cloths need to be ironed. If need be, rectory appliances could be used. If you can help us out, please see Fr. Mike or Fr. Paul.

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. 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.

- **Lenten Fish Dinners** at Queen of Heaven Parish, 4256 Seneca Street, W. Seneca (rear lot). Drive thru **Friday, March 19** from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Includes beer battered fish, macaroni salad, coleslaw, rye bread with butter \$12. Preorder at 674-3468.
- **Pierogi & Placek Sale** at St. John Kanty, Buffalo, every Saturday & Sunday thru March 28. To place an order and for hours, please call 893-0412.

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