

St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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MARCH 21, 2021 • FIFTH 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.



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24

Mass Schedule

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

MONDAY, MARCH 22

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM +James O. Lawrence Jr. of Lawrence Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 23—Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM For the people of the parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

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

9 AM +Fr. James Erving of Lawrence Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 25—THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM +Jesse W. Lawrence of Lawrence Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

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

9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

4 PM In thanksgiving for 99th birthday of Denise Okoniewski

SUNDAY, MARCH 28—PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9 AM +Irene J. Peltz of Tom Peltz

10:30 AM +Stephan Balaban of Jadwiga Balaban

NOON For the intention of Tom & Marie O'Connor of Siobhan O'Connor

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

March 13 & 14 \$2409 / Maintenance \$205

Fuel \$120 / Parish Club \$125

Black & Native Missions \$20 / Pew Rent \$30

Thank you for your continued support!

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

A funeral was celebrated for **+PAUL S. LUCZAK (84)** and a Memorial Mass was celebrated for **+DAVID HENRY MIETUS (78)**. We express our deepest sympathy to their families and pray for the eternal repose of their souls.



THE LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter.

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love.

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen.

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 Chowanec, Dr. David A., Robert & Judy Mikowski, Kevin Roland, Eleanore Szymczak



We are in need of a volunteer, temporarily, to help wash the altar purificator cloths and towels. The cloths will need to be ironed. If need be, the rectory appliances can be used. Please see Fr. Mike or Fr. Paul.

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for +Adolph A. Peltz, requested by Tom Peltz.



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY

7 p.m. - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Church remains open until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

3 p.m. - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion,
 Blessing of the Sepulchre
 6:30 p.m. - Holy Name Society leads the rosary

HOLY SATURDAY

1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets/
 Swieconka
 Private Visitation of the Tomb of Our Lord
 8 p.m. - Easter Vigil/Wigilia Wielkanocna

Please note: there is no 4 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil begins at 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

9 a.m. - Holy Mass
 10:30 a.m. - Msza sw. po polsku/Mass in Polish
 12 noon - Holy Mass



When you are troubled, we are hope. If you have a child, ages 12 to 17, who is displaying chronic behaviors such as: noncompliance,

verbal and/or physical aggression, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity in two or more environments (home, school and/or community), consider Catholic Charities' Multisystemic Therapy Program. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention provided in the natural environment of the youth. Interventions are research-based and the program offers 24/7 availability. Call 716-204-0555, ext. 330, or visit ccwny.org/mst.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we ask our parishioners to please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities, in the envelope they provided.

PLEASE SUPPORT APPEAL 2021

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
 Matthew 25:40

LECTORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Two lectors will be needed at the Palm Sunday Mass

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.

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