

# St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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MARCH 28, 2021 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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.

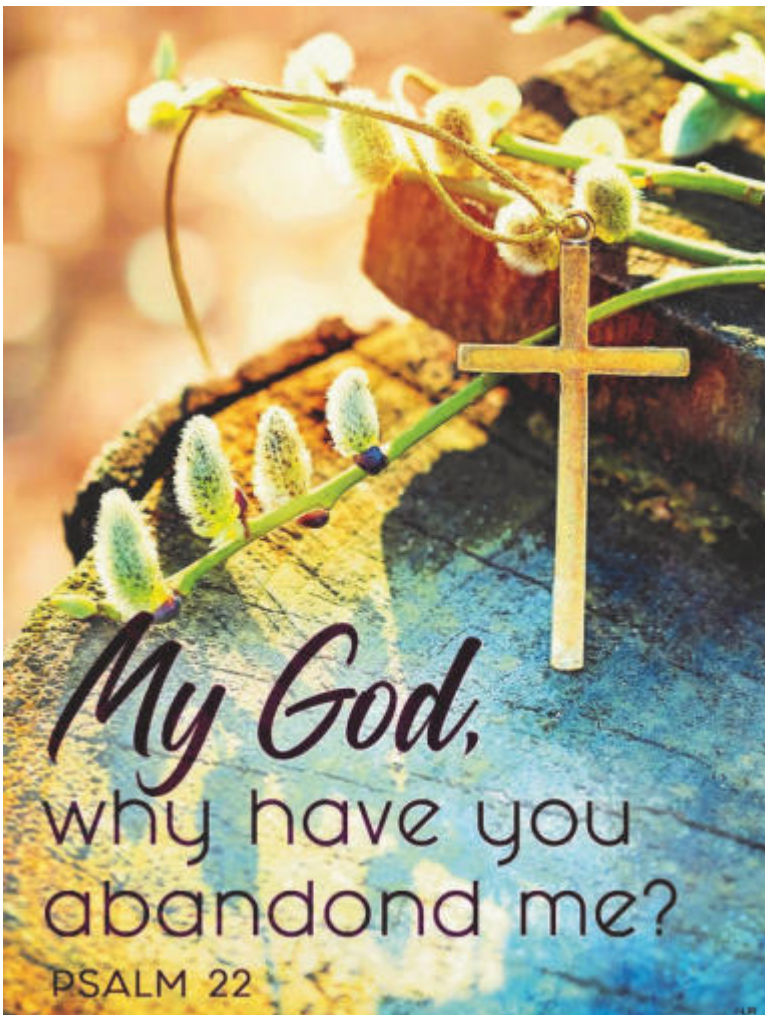
**BAPTISMS:** On Sundays. Parents should notify the rectory before the birth of the child, to make arrangements to attend a pre-baptismal class.

**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.



## Mass Schedule

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 29—Monday of Holy Week

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate  
9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30—Tuesday of Holy Week

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31—Wednesday of Holy Week

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate  
9 AM +Edward J. Piersa Sr. of Karen & Paul

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1—HOLY THURSDAY

7PM For the people of the parish

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2—FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

3 PM Service of Passion & Death of Our Lord  
6:30 PM Rosary recited by Holy Name Society

### SATURDAY, APRIL 3—HOLY SATURDAY

1 & 3 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets  
8 PM For the people of the parish

### SUNDAY, APRIL 4—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9 AM +Leonard Szrama of wife & children  
10:30 AM +Stanley A. Moskal Jr. estate  
NOON +Virginia Piersa of Karen & Paul

#### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

March 20 & 21 \$1543 / Maintenance \$28  
Split Club \$5 / Fuel \$464

*God bless 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 **+EUGENE DERYNGOWSKI (90)**. We express our deepest sympathy to his family and pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

#### CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

If you would like to partake in the consecration, the next suggested timeframe would begin March 30, culminating on the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1. For more information, visit <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-joseph>.



#### 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



As we approach the mid-point of **Appeal 2021**, we would like to remind you that your support of the Appeal enables us to continue our efforts to improve the lives of those we serve. All told, your gifts helped us bring hope to 149,000 lives last year through Catholic Charities and helped the Diocese to support spiritual care and compassion through 14 Fund for the Faith programs. In the spirit of thankfulness, we share our 2021 Appeal prayer to Patron St. Ignatius Loyola: "St. Ignatius, help us to be grateful and generous. To give and not count the cost. To labor and not seek reward. To share God's love with our neighbors in need. To meet them where they are in life and let them know they are not alone. Help us to be poor in spirit - to realize our dependence upon God. And to do all things for the greater glory of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus through your intercession. St. Ignatius, pray for us!" (*Imprimatur: Most Rev. Michael Fisher*)

Thank you for helping us be **HOPE for all seasons**.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

*In re The Diocese of Buffalo N. Y.*  
Case No. 20-10322

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N. Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

**The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").**

**If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.**

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

**IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

**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

**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.

**HOLY WEEK**



"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved, and made free."

-Galatians 6:14

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