

# Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 29TH AND MARCH 1ST

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**Parish Office Hours:** Mondays: 9am to 12pm (Temporary Change)  
Tuesdays: 9am to 12pm  
Wednesdays: 9am to 12pm  
Thursdays: 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm  
Fridays: 9am to 12pm

*If you need to meet with Sarah Jo outside of office hours, please call for an appointment.*

## MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: Monday–Friday 8:30am in Rectory Chapel  
(Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 8:00am with the Rosary to follow Monday–Friday in Rectory Chapel)  
Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays from 12pm–2pm in the Rectory Chapel  
Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00pm • Sunday: 8:30am and 11:00am

## CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each weekend Mass or by appointment during office hours

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)  
Deacon .....Roy Dibb  
Parish Business Manager .....Sarah Jo Schmitt  
Faith Formation Coord. ....Tracy Tremblay  
Music Director .....Jason Baer  
Cantor/Leader of Song .....Molly Baer  
Facility Coord. (Volunteer) .....Mary Ann Gabel  
Maintenance (Volunteer) .....Roger Powenski

**PARISH LAY TRUSTEES..**Daniel Gabel • Bonnie Hohman

## PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chairperson ..... Roger Powenski  
Secretary ..... Bonnie Hohman  
Vicariate Council Representative ..... Marty Ptak  
Vicariate Council Representative ..... Mary Richmond

## PARISH MINISTRIES

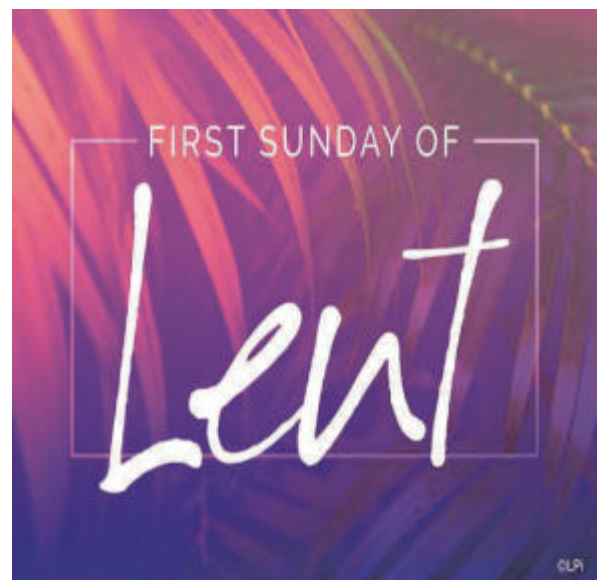
Baptismal Prep Formation .....Tina Kron  
Finance Committee ..... Colleen Hornberger  
Liturgy Committee..... Annette Noto

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Compassion Ministry..... Anne Schmitz  
Bereavement ..... Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

**PARISH HALL RENTAL:** To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.  
*For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.*

*The season of Lent calls us to humility, to an honest understanding of who we are. Humility is not false modesty, but the awareness of who we are: Sons and daughters of God, created by God. Yet we, like Adam and Eve, are often tempted to think of ourselves as more than creatures, as in control of the world. May God give us the grace to allow him to be God.*



## Mass Intentions

**For the Week of March 1st**  
(C) Church (R) Rectory Chapel

**Saturday, Feb. 29th: Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm (C) +Dorothy Hoffman  
By Mary Richmond

**Sunday, March 1st: First Sunday of Lent**

8:30am (C) +Rita Gross  
By Roger and Kathy Powenski  
11:00am (C) +Gary Webster  
By Roger and Kathy Powenski

**Monday, March 2nd: Lenten Weekday**

8:30am (R) +All Souls  
By Parish All Souls Intentions

**Tuesday, March 3rd: Saint Katharine Drexel**

8:30am (R) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners  
By Father Mitch Byeck

**Wednesday, March 4th: Saint Casimir**

8:30am (R) +Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Buffalo  
By Father Mitch Byeck

**Thursday, March 5th: Lenten Weekday**

8:30am (R) For All Parents and Children  
By Father Mitch Byeck

**Friday, March 6th: Lenten Weekday (First Friday)**

8:30am (C) +Rita Gernatt (Anniversary of Death)  
By John and Annette Noto

**Saturday, March 7th: First Saturday Devotions**

8:30am (R) For Those Who Uphold the Sanctity of Life  
By Father Mitch Byeck

**Saturday, March 7th: Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm (C) + Chuck Richmond Sr.  
By The Pastoral Council

**Sunday, March 8th: Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30am (C) +Ed Gabel  
By Pete and Sue Kehr  
11:00am (C) +Tom Powenski  
By Norm and Sylvia Grapes



*The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for All Souls in Purgatory.*



Sunday Collection (02/23/2020) \$2,297.00  
Total Budget (9/1/19-8/31/20): \$150,000.00  
Budget Remaining: \$77,413.75

### Readings for the Week of March 1st

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sun: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Ministry Schedule	March 7th 4pm	March 8th 8:30am	March 8th 11:00am
EMOHC	Elane and Toni Wittmeyer Leonard Muehlbauer	Robin Hohman Tina Kron Bonnie Hohman	Mary Szeplowski Peg Siegle Marty Ptak
Lectors	Sylvia Michalski	Molly Kruszka Paul Hohman	Bridget and Amanda Tartick
Altar serv.	Guadalupe Ramirez	Ryan and Brianna Kruszka	Joshua and Thomas Tartick
Greeters	Mary Richmond	Andre and Ginny Kowal	Mary Strickfaden Dorothy Bracikowski

## Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Kimberly Bartlett, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Theresa Butzer, Mary Jean Conti, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Jason Dibb, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, Knoah Duggan, John Duggan, Karen Duggan, Suzanne Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Diane Enser, Ronald Enser, Sharon Fry, Frances Gardner, Art Gernatt, Bernard George, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Jeanne Hutchings, Daniel Kozub, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Dawn Davison Mammoser, Diane May, Donna Motak, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Erik Powenski, Pat Ricotta, Dylan Rusiniak, Pat Sackett, Mike Schreiber, Norm Schuster, Barb Scott, Danielle Stark, Lorriane Stark, Joe Steffan, John and Laura Thiel, Marie Thiel, Donelle Thomas, Ed Urban, Carol Waterman, Trisha Weiss, Gary Wentland, Loretta Winkelman.

### Mass Intentions for 2020 may now be scheduled!

To schedule a mass please contact the parish office!  
A \$15 donation is asked for each Mass requested.

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit, please contact the Parish Office. A \$10 donation is asked per week of the Sanctuary Candle being lit.

### 2020 Grand Raffle



The 2020 Grand Raffle is under way! The Raffle tickets are available in the back of church, at the side door, or in the rectory during office hours.

*The early bird drawing winner for \$250 was Roy and Maureen Schmitt.*

The Grand Raffle Reception and drawing will take place Saturday, March 21st at 7:00pm. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served. One ticket stub enters one person to our Reception. **Over \$10,000 in prizes!** Sellers have the chance to win as well!

1st Prize- \$4,000.00  
2nd Prize- \$1,000.00  
3rd Prize- \$1,000.00  
4th-6th Prizes- \$500.00  
7th-10th Prizes- \$250.00  
11th-20th Prizes- \$100.00  
21st-30th Prizes- \$50.00

*So far 569 tickets have been sold!*



### Family Faith Formation News

Saint of the Month: St. Katharine Drexel

**FAITH FORMATION**

*March 1st: FFF Family Classes  
March 2nd: CGS 2 4-6pm  
March 8th: FFF, CGS Level 1, Teens  
March 9th: CGS 2 4-6pm  
Confirmation Class 6:30-8pm  
Sat. March 14th: First Penance Retreat 9am-1pm*

### Your Lenten Journey Spiritual Opportunities

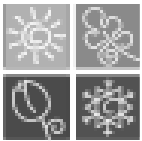
If Jesus were beside you right now, in this time and place, what would you ask of Him? Who would you mention to Him? What favor would you beg of Him, for yourself, your family, your friends, your community, your world? How will YOU share His journey of Passion, death and resurrection? *Please take a moment to write your prayer request on the purple crosses you will find in the pews. These petitions may be a single word, or a whole list or letter. You are invited to write several. Then take YOUR CROSS, the symbol of your trust in Him, and place it in the basket at the foot of the cross.*

*Wednesday's of Lent:* We will begin the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in Church starting March 4th.

*Friday's of Lent:* Daily Mass will be celebrated in the church and Stations of the Cross will be prayed immediately following.

*Parish Retreat:* Will take place March 30th, 31st, and April 1st at 7pm in the Church. Our Retreat leader will be Frank Runyeon. More information to come.

"Lent is a the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (Catechism of the Catholic Church)



### 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal

2020 Goal: \$13,155.00  
2020 Total: \$2,300.00

One On the Road participant was hesitant about attending the weeklong leadership training for high-school students, but at his parents' urging, he went. To his surprise, it turned out to be quite the impactful week! "On the Road was truly a life-changing experience for me. The most significant thing I learned was different ways to pray that were comfortable to me. Since On the Road I have begun to incorporate prayer into songs that I write," he said. "I am so grateful for this amazing experience!" Your gift to the Fund for the Faith through the 2020 Appeal can help other young people like this young man find new inspiration and strength in their faith. Will you think of him and so many others like him? Make a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling (716)218-1400. Think of Me.



**Round and Square Dance  
March 14th 2020**

**Music will be provided by  
Country Memories**

**\$25 for Family; \$8 for adults;  
\$15 per Couple; \$5 for Children (ages 10-15)**

**Call for table reservation  
Mary Richmond- (716)337-3952**

**Refreshments Available for Purchase**

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ♦ **Sun. March 1st:** Card Party 1pm in Parish Hall.
- ♦ **Wed. March 4th:** Stations of the Cross 7pm in Church
- ♦ **Wed. March 4th:** Private Confessions 7-8pm in Church
- ♦ **Fri. March 6th:** Daily Mass and Stations of the Cross in Church 8:30am
- ♦ **Wed. March 11th:** Stations of the Cross 7pm in Church
- ♦ **Wed. March 11th:** Private Confessions 7-8pm in Church
- ♦ **Wed. March 11th:** Men's Group in the Parish Hall following Stations of the Cross

### Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**Easter Duty:** After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year (Canon 989). This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between March 1 (First Sunday of Lent) and June 7 (Trinity Sunday).

### Small Group Faith Sharing

Small Group Sharing will take place on Fridays in March and Friday, April 3rd at 1pm. The sharing will take place at Esther Dittenhofer's home and will continue the study from the Fall. For more info, contact Annette Noto.

### This Week's Second Collection

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the good news of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

### Around the Area

**Rosary Musical: Sorrowful Mysteries** on Saturday, April 4th at 7:30pm at Queen of Martyrs Church, 180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga. Quiet Waters Productions will perform the Sorrowful Mysteries in song, interspersed with everyone praying the rosary. This is a moving depiction and spiritual experience for all ages. The production lasts about 50 minutes and the performance will feature costumed participants accompanied with a sound system and special lighting. All are welcome; event is free.

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