

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm

Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Monday-Friday and First Saturdays

(All Masses are Live-Streamed on our Facebook Page as well)

CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).

Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

To listen to Mass on the Radio from the Church Parking Lot: 88.5FM

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

DeaconRoy Dibb

Parish Business ManagerSarah Jo Schmitt

Faith Formation Coord. Tracy Tremblay

Music Director

Cantor/Leader of Song

Facility Coord. (Volunteer) Mary Ann Gabel

Maintenance (Volunteer) Roger Powenski

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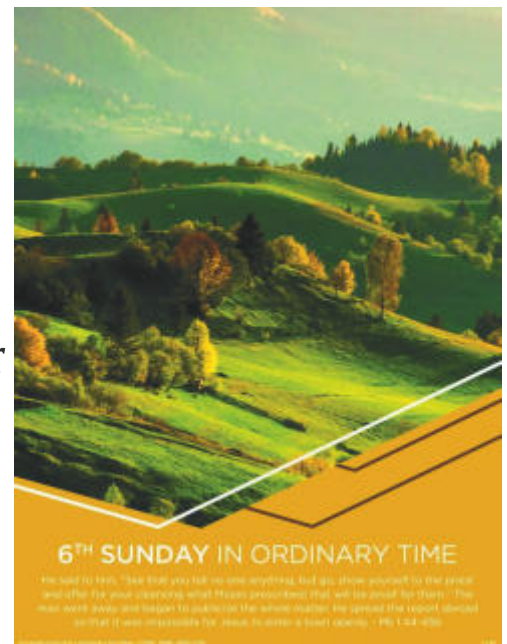
Compassion Ministry..... Anne Schmitz

Bereavement..... Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact the Parish Office 716-337-2686 .

For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

God is the source of our being and sustenance. Jesus is *moved with pity* for the hungry crowd that had been following him for three days. He sees their need and provides for them. If our faith is strong and we say *yes* each day to God working in our lives, he can do the same for us.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of February 14th
(C) Church**

Sat., Feb. 13th *Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm (C) +Chris Enser
By Norbert Gabel and Family

Sun, Feb 14th: *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am (C) +Christine Enser
By Family of Clyde Dole
11:00am (C) +Rita Gabel
By Her Grandchildren

Monday, Feb. 15th: *Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Roy Hornberger
By Betty and Family

Monday, Feb. 15th: *Anointing Mass*
6:30pm (C) For All Sick and Suffering in Our Parish
By Father Mitch Byeck

Tues, Feb. 16th: *Weekday*
8:30am (C) +All Souls
By Parish All Souls Intentions

Wed, Feb. 17th: *Ash Wednesday*
8:30am (C) +Edwin Gabel
By Allen Schmitt
7:00pm (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Thur. Feb 18th: *Thursday After Ash Wednesday*
8:30am (C) +Pearl Winter
By Mary and Mike Gattie

Friday, Feb. 19th: *Friday after Ash Wednesday*
8:30am (C) +Babs Reid
By Ronnie and Monnie Geiger

Sat, Feb 20th: *Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent*
4:00pm (C) +Marcella Emerling
By The Family

Sun, Feb 21st: *First Sunday of Lent*
8:30am (C) +Alice Gates
By Family and Friends
11:00am (C) +Theodore Kaczanowski III
By Aunt Betty Hogan

The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for Edwin Gabel as requested by The Family.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for Jim Skora, Albert & Florence Schmitz, and Walter & Ann Skora as requested by Mary Ellen Skora

Readings for the Week of February 14th

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Weekly Collection (02/07): \$2,091.00
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year:
\$53,979.60



We must continue to sanitize the pews, door handles, bathrooms, and other areas of the Church after every Mass. We are in need of volunteers to help us accomplish these tasks. All supplies are in the first pew, with instructions on what needs to be done.

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 (Achtyl) Alessi, Tony Andolina, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Tony Andolina, Ann Andzel, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Jason Gallaway, Mary Gattie, Art Gernatt, Mike Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Robert Hogan, Jeanne Hutchings, Jane Johnson, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Mark Kozub, Jean Luno, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Lou Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNeerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Bonnie Redding, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Levi Rothfuss, Wesley Schmitt, Kathy Smith, Sr. Lucina Stang, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter.



2021 Grand Raffle

Our 13th Annual Grand Raffle will take place on Tuesday, March 23rd 2021. Each ticket is \$20; there will be 30 winners and the prizes are:

1st Prize: \$4,000
2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$1,000
4th-6th Prizes: \$500 7th-10th Prizes: \$250
11th-20th Prizes: \$100 21st-30th Prizes: \$50

Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets to make the Grand Raffle a success. That means we need everyone to help. Tickets have been mailed out to all registered parishioners. If you need more tickets, they are available at Church or in the Rectory.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be having the reception this year. We will draw the tickets with a small audience, and all winners will be posted in the parish bulletin as well as on our Parish Facebook Page.

So Far 603 Have been sold!

Roger Powenski was the winner of the Early Bird Drawing for \$250.

Consecration to St. Joseph

The Diocese of Buffalo will begin a 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph on Monday February 15th that will continue through March 19th. This is to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named "Universal Patron of the Church" and Pope Francis call for a Year of St. Joseph, as well as the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Buffalo, and named Cathedral.

Bishop Mike will celebrate Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday March 19th at 12:10pm, at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Buffalo to conclude the consecration.

More information can be found at www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-stjoseph

Printed copies of the "33 Days of Prayer and Daily Challenge" is available by contacting the Parish Office.

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten-8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship application process is now open for new families. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2021. Scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size and the school's tuition cost. The highest scholarship amount for the 2021-22 school year is \$2,500 per child.

Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education.

Website: www.bisonfund.com

The Season of Lent

Lent is ordered to prepare for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal Mystery for both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance.

The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper. From the beginning of Lent until the Paschal Vigil, the *Alleluia* is not said.

Ash Wednesday

We have had a year filled with different ways of living and praying. There are fewer people in church. No water in the font. Less singing. Communion primarily in the hand. No coffee and doughnuts on the way home. Yet we still Pray. Instead of giving ashes as a cross on the forehead- unsafe in this COVID time- we can still receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head. Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance: "Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads" (Neh 9:1). We will look a little cleaner. We can still repent, and believe in the Gospel. We will still bear ashes home to begin our Lenten practices, borne of our hearts.

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. 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 February 21, 2021 (First Sunday of Lent) and May 30, 2021 (Trinity Sunday).

Lenten Schedule:

Ash Wednesday Mass: February 17th 8:30am and 7pm

Stations of Cross: Each Friday following Morning Mass and Wednesdays at 7pm starting February 24th.

Private Confessions: Wednesdays 7-8pm in the Hall starting March 10th and Thursdays 12pm-1pm in the Church starting March 11th.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflections

God created us because he wants to be in a relationship with us. He does not have to love us. God *wants* to. The reason we exist is *relationship*. We were made for love. This is a kind of Good News that is not possible without the Divine, for no other love for us is so pure, so unconditional, so freely given.

But, in spite of the perfection of this design, we are also broken by sin. Even though we are made for relationship, so many things separate us and limit the love for which we were created.

Our first reading reminds us that physical circumstances such as illness can separate us from one another. There are many other physical forms of separation, such as a job that takes a loved one far away, an emotional wound that demands physical distance as a response, and, of course, death itself.

But spiritual separation also wounds us. Just as leprosy could be passed from one person to another, so also sin infects and hurts those around us. We can see how gossip or lack of integrity influences others. Selfishness or greed hurts those who are most vulnerable. The damage of sin is infectious, just as physical illness is contagious.

This is the brokenness into which Jesus enters with his mercy. *If you wish, you can make me clean.* The leper's faith can lead us also to this confidence today. Jesus, the eternal Word of God, *moved with pity*, draws near to us! He reaches out to us, in a particular way through his sacramental presence in this Mass, because he *wants* to heal every separation, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual. He does *will* to make us clean.

What wounds can we bring to him today? What broken relationship, separation, or sin needs his healing presence? This is why Christ invites us here, this is why he draws near and reaches out to us. *I do will it*, he tells us, *be made clean.*



Friday Lenten Fish Fry February 19th, 2021 4:00pm-7:00pm or Sold Out

Drive Thru Event
St. Aloysius Parish Hall
190 Franklin St.
Springville NY 14141

Dinner Includes: Krolick Fish Fry, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll & dessert.

Price: Pre-Sale \$12 or At Event \$14

Guarantee availability by calling the school office at 592-7002 to get your pre-sale ticket(s) or a member of the STARS Family.

All Proceeds benefit St. Aloysius Regional School.



Langford New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company Chicken Barbecue Sunday February 14th, 2021

11:00am until Sold Out

TAKE OUT ONLY

Tickets must be used by 2:00pm

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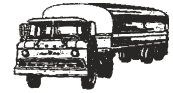
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