

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6TH AND 7TH

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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)

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

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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)
DeaconRoy Dibb
Parish Business ManagerSarah Jo Schmitt
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Cantor/Leader of Song.....Anna Fera
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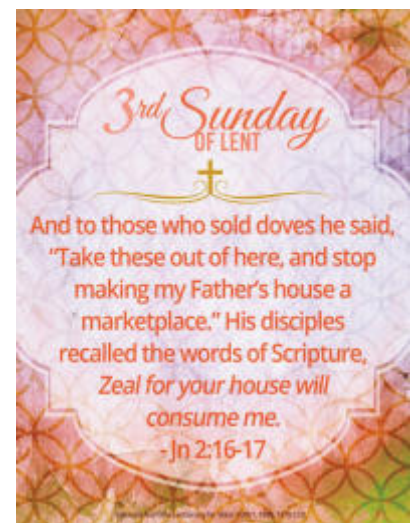
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Bereavement Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

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.

Eliminate what distracts us from God. The first of God's commandments— that he alone is God and we shall not have other gods or idols— reaches beyond simply “not offering sacrifices to pagan deities.” Rather, it includes avoiding anything that we “rank above” God of that prevents us from worshipping him. The importance of this commandment is seen in the way Jesus reacts against those who have made commerce— selling animals and changing money— their gods, their idols.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of March 7th
(C) Church**

Sat., March 6th: Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent

8:00pm (C) +Robert Kirst
By Mary Gattie

Sun, March 7th: Third Sunday of Lent

8:30am (C) +Donna Motak
By The Family

11:00am (C) +Theresa Butzer
By Harold Butzer

Monday, March 8th: Lenten Weekday

8:30am (C) +Rita Gabel
By Roger and Kathy Powenski

Tues, March 9th: Lenten Weekday

8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Wed, March 10th: Lenten Weekday

8:30am (C) +For All Souls
By Parish All Souls

Thur. March 11th: Lenten Weekday

8:30am (C) +Theresa Butzer
By Ott & Arlene Duggan

Friday, March 12th: Lenten Weekday

8:30am (C) +Joseph Gavin
By The Szeglowksi's

Sat, March 13th: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00pm (C) +Marion Gamel
By Joyce Schmitz & Dave Winter

Sun, March 14th: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am (C) +Eleanor Avery
By Kathie Saab

11:00am (C) Cooper Utley
By Kevin, Beth, Dylan, Stella, and Ezra Hoffman

The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for all those who are suffering in our Parish Community.

Readings for the Week of March 7th

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



Weekly Collection (02/28): \$1,837.00

Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$60,442.60

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.

Word of Life

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”

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, 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 Galloway, 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 Mc Nerney, 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.

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. (“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.

**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 11:59p.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.

The Season of Lent

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.

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).

Parish Lenten Schedule:

Stations of the Cross:

Held in the Church each Friday of Lent (excluding Good Friday) following the 8:30am Daily Mass.
Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church starting February 24th.

Private Confessions:

Wednesdays from 7-8pm in the Hall starting March 10th.
Thursdays from 12-1pm in the Church starting March 11th.

Private Confessions are available after each daily and Weekend Mass. Please see Father Mitch after Mass if you would like him to hear your Confession.

Private Confessions can also be scheduled by contacting the Office.

Lenten Penance Service:

Wednesday, March 24th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Stations of the Cross will also be held in the Hall this evening during the Penance Service.



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. If you need more tickets, they are available at Church or in the Rectory.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, 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 639 Have been sold!

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Each of us longs to know and love God better. Each of us needs the grace of God in our lives. Today's readings subtly teach us something important about receiving grace and instruction from God. First, he must cleanse us. First, he must make room in our hearts so that he can fill us with his grace.

We notice in today's first reading that before God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, writing his law on their hearts, he had to get them out of Egypt. He had to free them so that they could be free to love and serve him. In today's Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, making a *whip out of cords* and overturning tables! But then, he teaches. He prophesies his glorious resurrection.

Lent is a time for examining what obstacles to grace and instruction from God may be in our lives. Remember that God respects our free will, and so he doesn't "force" his grace upon us; we have to cooperate. And so we, in humility, ask ourselves: What do we need to "cleanse" in order to "make room" for God's abundant grace? What false idols might we rank higher than God, even unconsciously? We know that *the temple of [Jesus'] body* was destroyed and raised. Therefore, we can trust that the same God who raised Jesus from the dead can also cleanse and breathe new life into our hearts.

To the world, it may seem foolish to place God and his commandments first in our lives, above money, power, and pleasure. But Saint Paul reminds us that to unbelievers, the simple fact that we glorify Christ crucified— Jesus killed as a criminal, is foolish, at best. God, in his infinite wisdom, desired this to be the way humankind was saved, and so we proclaim with joy: Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.

As we approach the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, let our simple prayer be: Jesus, I want to cleanse my heart to make more room for you.



Easter Flower Sale

Memorial Flower Envelopes can be found in the back of Church, at the side door, and from the Rectory. Memorials are \$10 each.

Easter Flowers for Home can be ordered by contacting the Parish Office (716-337-2686 or epiphanyparish@gmail.com) All flowers for home are \$10 each.

Orders must be in by Thursday March 18th in order to insure delivery for Palm Sunday.

6" Single Bloom Lily

3 per pot Hyacinth

6" Yellow Daffodil

6.5" Easter Mum

Catholic Charities Message

Epiphany's 2021 Goal: \$9,788

Total As of 3/02: \$3,215.00

When you are hungry, we are hope. Catholic Charities maintains nine food pantry and outreach centers in Western New York. Seven sites are in Erie County (Central, East and South Buffalo, Getzville and Lackawanna) and one each, in Allegany County in Wellsville, and in Cattaraugus County in Franklinville. Each location has emergency food pantry service and offers information and referrals to other needed services to those how are food insecure, free of charge. Show your support of our food pantries by donating to Appeal 2021. Call 716-218-1419 or visit ccwny.org/donation. For more information on our pantries, go to ccwny.org/food. With your support, we can continue to be HOPE for All Seasons.

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