

# Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13TH AND 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)

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)  
Deacon .....Roy Dibb  
Parish Business Manager .....Sarah Jo Schmitt  
Faith Formation Coord. .... Tracy Tremblay  
Music Director.....Amelia Wroblewski  
Cantor/Leader of Song.....Anna Fera  
Facility Coord. (Volunteer) ..... Mary Ann Gabel  
Maintenance (Volunteer) ..... Roger Powenski

PARISH LAY TRUSTEES..Daniel Gabel • Bonnie Hohman

### PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chairperson ..... Roger Powenski  
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### PARISH MINISTRIES

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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 sent Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save and to heal.

Throughout history, humans have had a tendency to choose what is the easier— but not necessarily the better— path. The easier path often leads away from God and into the darkness of sin. Christ's way is the way of light. We are called to be his disciples, to let go of preferences and actions which keep us in the dark, and to take the path which leads to truth and goodness.



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

**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 Kathy Saab  
11:00am (C) Cooper Utley  
By Kevin, Beth, Dylan, Stella, & Ezra Hoffman

**Monday, March 15th: Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners  
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

**Monday, March 15th: Anointing Mass**  
6:30pm (C) For All Sick & Suffering in our Parish  
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

**Tues, March 16th: Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am (C) +Wayne & Bobby Mc Nerney  
By Janie Bettinger

**Wed, March 17th: Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am (C) +Otto Werneth  
By Hilde Werneth

**Thur. March 18th: Lenten Weekday**  
8:30am (C) +Chris Enser  
By Roger and Kathy Powenski

**Friday, March 19th: St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Mother**  
8:30am (C) +Roy Hornberger  
By Betty and Family

**Sat, March 20th: Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
4:00pm (C) Fr. Mitch Byeck Ordination Anniversary into  
the Diocese of Buffalo  
By Toni & Elane Wittmeyer

**Sun, March 21st: Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
8:30am (C) +Collin Renaldo and Lauren Crawley  
By Pete and Cindy Renaldo  
11:00am (C) +Rita Gabel  
By Norbert Gabel and Family

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is lit this week for  
Otto Werneth as requested by Hilde Werneth.*

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this  
week for Genevieve Austin's 100th Birthday as requested  
by the Family.*

**Readings for the Week of March 14th**

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-51, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 19-21, 24a  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



Weekly Collection (03/07): \$4,301.00  
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$64,743.60

***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 (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, Phyllis George, Art Gernatt, Mike Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, 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](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.



**Happy 100th Birthday Genevieve!**  
**On March 14th Genevieve Austin celebrates her  
100th Birthday!**  
**Join the Family for a Drive-by parade to  
celebrate.**

**Those interested are asked to meet in the  
Church Parking Lot at 1:30pm on March 14th.**



**Epiphany of Our Lord's Spring Breaded Pork  
Chop Dinner**  
Sunday April 18th 2021  
11am-Sold Out  
DRIVE-THRU TAKE OUT ONLY

**Menu:**

Breaded Pork Chops (from Three Star Restaurant)  
Glazed Carrots, Salt Potatoes, Apple Sauce, Roll and Butter  
Homemade Dessert

Tickets: \$12 each available from the Parish Office and Big Lou's  
Langford Superette.

*Pre-Sale Tickets Must be Used by 1:30pm.*

### 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 696 Have been sold!*

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

### Fourth Sunday of Lent Reflection

In the Star Wars movie "The Empire Strikes Back," the young Luke Skywalker asks the Jedi Master, Yoda, if the dark side of the Force is stronger than the light, and Yoda answers, "No, no no. Quicker. Easier. More seductive."

Quicker, easier, more seductive. Isn't this the inherent challenge of the Christian life, struggling against the allure of the quicker, easier path. Today's first reading draws attention to this desire: *Early and often, it says, did the Lord, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to [his people], but they rejected them. Why? Because to accept the message would mean to change, to grow, to face their own wickedness. The people preferred the quicker path, the easier path. They chose their ways over God's ways.*

In John's Gospel, Nicodemus has come to Jesus to ask him about the signs he is doing. What we do not hear today, but what John writes a few verses prior to this, is the time of Nicodemus' visit to Jesus. He did not come in the daytime, when anyone could see him. He came at night, under the cover of darkness. He could not step fully into the light, because he had not yet chosen God's way over that of his own religious cohorts.

Jesus says to Nicodemus: *This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.*

The people preferred their way; they preferred darkness to light; and their behaviors and works were evil. *Quicker. Easier. More seductive.*

Evil thrives in darkness. *Everyone who does wicked things hates the light*, because light exposes those deeds. But shadows and darkness make everything unclear and hard to navigate, and God's people were never going to find their way back to God without help. And so God sent his only Son into the world— as the light of the world— not to condemn it but to save it. For only light can lead us to truth; only light can show us a path to follow; only light can dispel darkness.

In the quote above, Yoda did not say the darkness was stronger, only that it had more allure. This is analogous to the Christian life. All of us are familiar with the temptation and allure of sin. But Jesus Christ as the light of the world saves us from the darkness of sin and death. Freedom comes in knowing that the light is stronger; the yoke is lighter. The saving power of God brings love and mercy, healing and salvation, to the world.



### 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](mailto: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.*

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