

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20TH & 21ST

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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
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Music Director.....Amelia Wroblewski
Cantor/Leader of Song.....Anna Fera
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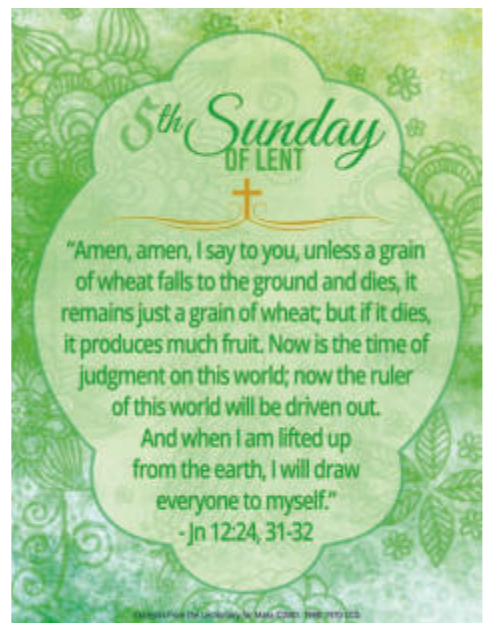
Baptismal Prep FormationTina Kron
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Compassion Ministry..... Anne Schmitz
Bereavement Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

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.

We follow and serve with hearts remade in Christ. To make us his people and show us his love, God established a covenant with us. Christ came to usher in a new covenant—one that would reconcile us to God and draw all people to himself. With hearts remade, we follow and serve him.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of March 21st
(C) Church**

Sat., March 20th: Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm (C) Fr. Mitch Byeck's Anniversary of Incardination
into the Buffalo Diocese on March 27th
By Toni & Elane Wittmeyer

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

Monday, March 22nd: Lenten Weekday
8:30am (C) +Jane Rozborski
By John and Annette Noto

Tues, March 23rd: Lenten Weekday
8:30am (C) +Jane Rozborski
By Bern Folts

Wed, March 24th: Lenten Weekday
8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Thur. March 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord
8:30am (C) +All Souls
By Parish Intentions

Friday, March 26th: Lenten Weekday
8:30am (C) +Joe Stefan
By Ronnie & Monnie Geiger

Sat, March 27th: Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4:00pm (C) +Albert Schmitz
By Mary Ellen Skora

Sun, March 28th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:30am (C) Isabel Moran
By Phil & Tracy Tremblay
11:00am (C) +Eugene and Angela Kehr
By Pete & Sue Kehr

*The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for Wayne
McNerney's birthday remembrance as requested by Janie
Bettinger.*

Readings for the Week of March 21st

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-30
Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47



Weekly Collection (03/14): \$2,120.51
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$66,864.11

**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 McNerney, 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.

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

Immediately following the Noon Service on Good Friday, the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet will be started, and then will continue to be prayed for 9 days at all of our Masses.



**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 755 Have been sold!

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent Homily

In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus in Jerusalem. He knows that *the hour* is at hand, when he will drive out *the ruler of this world*, the devil.

Jesus know he is about to die and he knows how it is going to happen, as he refers to be *lifted up*. *I will draw everyone to myself*, he says, a fitting reminder for us that he does not give his life only for the sins of a few, but so that all may be forgiven and redeemed. Jesus chooses to become that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that it may produce the fruit of salvation for all who believe. He tells us that if we are to serve him, then we must follow him, taking up our crosses and joining him at Calvary— that one day, we all may share in his victory.

In our baptism, we too, are like a grain of wheat: dying to sin, that we may come alive in Christ Jesus. As the Letter to the Hebrews tells us, on the cross Jesus *became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him*. The Lord teaches us about the cost of discipleship. Jesus held nothing back in obtaining salvation for us by defeating our greatest enemies of sin, Satan, and death. We are called, likewise, to make an investment in our salvation, to be willing to work for it and suffer for it just as he did.

On the cross, Jesus fulfills the new covenant called for by Jeremiah in today's first reading. No longer will God's law be carved in stone. Instead, in Christ, God's law is written on the human heart with the blood of Jesus. *I will be their God, and they shall be my people*, Jeremiah says, prophesying a new beginning and a fresh start for God's people: *I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more*. As God is so willing to freely and frequently overlook the wrongs we have done, so are we commanded to do the same.

As our Lenten journey inches closer to the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we turn our focus to Jesus as he approaches "his hour" on the lonesome road to Calvary. As Jesus *offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears* for us and for our salvation, so, too, we join our pains and sufferings with his. We bring him our fears, faults, and failings, even our lack of forgiveness, that all might be washed away by the holy water and blood that flows from his side on the cross.



Memorial 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 Egg Hunt & Blessing of Baskets

-Holy Saturday April 3rd-

This year our **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held in the Parish Hall at 10am on Saturday, April 3rd. There will be activities and prizes for children ages 0-10.

The **Blessing of Baskets** will be held after the hunt at 10:30am.



We welcome everyone to bring **BELLS** to ring during the Glorious and Joyful return of the "Gloria" during our **Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Masses.**

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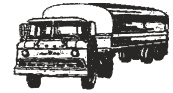
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