

# Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 27TH AND 28TH

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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  
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### PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

Baptismal Prep Formation .....Tina Kron  
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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 the Parish Office 716-337-2686 .  
For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

Do the choices we make reflect our own will or the will of God? Estimates say that human beings make as many as 35,000 choices each day. Through his sin of pride, the first man, Adam, attempted equality with God. Through humility and docility, Jesus put aside pride and accepted death on a cross for the salvation of mankind. In each moment, we have a choice— will we follow the example of Adam or the example of Jesus?



**Mass Intentions  
For the Week of March 28th  
(C) Church**

**Sat March 27th:** *Vigil of Palm Sunday 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 & Angela Kehr  
By Pete & Sue Kehr

**Monday, March 29th:** *Monday of Holy Week*  
8:30am (C) +All Souls  
By Parish All Souls Intentions

**Tues, March 30th:** *Tuesday of Holy Week*  
8:30am (C) Robert Eli Tremblay  
By Phil & Tracy Tremblay

**Wed, March 31st:** *Lenten Weekday*  
8:30am (C) +Jane Haag  
By Family and Friends

**Thur. April 1st:** *Holy Thursday*  
7:00pm (C) +Theresa Butzer  
By John and Annette Noto

**Friday, April 2nd:** *Good Friday*  
12noon (C) *Service Only*

**Sat Apr. 3rd:** *Vigil of Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord*  
8:00pm (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners  
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

**Sun, April 4th:** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
8:30am (C) +Veronica Calhoun  
By Maryanne Kozub  
11:00am (C) +Otto Werneth  
By Hilde Werneth

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is lit this week for  
Phyllis George as requested by Mary Gattie.*

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this  
week for Father Mitch's Incardination into the Diocese of  
Buffalo as requested by Toni & Elane Wittmeyer.*

**Readings for the Week of March 28th**

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/  
Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9



Weekly Collection (03/21): \$1,759.00

Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$68,623.11

**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 Mc Nerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Bonnie Redding, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Levi Rothfuss, Wesley Schmitt, Keith Schmitz, 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.

**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 and after each of the Masses  
(with 50/50 tickets)

*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.

Parish Lenten Schedule:

Stations of the Cross:

Last Opportunity Wednesday March 31st at 7pm in the Church

Private Confessions:

Wednesday March 31st from 7-8pm in the Parish Hall

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.



### 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**.

### 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, 2021, 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.**

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Homily

This year, as we enter our holiest week, we read the account of the passion from the Gospel of Mark. In a few days, on Good Friday, we will read the account from John.

Among all the cruel and violent persons, we hear about in Christ's suffering last hours, perhaps it is easy to overlook those who were kind. At Bethany, Simon, the leper, offers him hospitality, and a (nameless to us) woman with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil anoints Jesus. Since Jesus will soon be executed as a criminal, with the possibility of no Jewish funeral rite or burial place, this was a tender moment of deep meaning. She put herself in danger to honor him and his sacrifice.

In Jerusalem there was Simon of Cyrene who helped carry his cross, and Joseph of Arimathea who courageously asked Pilate for the body of Jesus and laid him in a new tomb. All of these people, and perhaps more whom we do not know, were glimpses of light in a day of darkness. They were peace amidst the conflict; joy amidst the sorrow; celebration in the midst of tragedy. In other words, they are a sort of allegory to the hope of Easter that was present on Good Friday.

So why talk about this contrast, this dichotomy, today on Palm Sunday? Because this day itself is one of contrasts. Our liturgy, and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, began with palm branches and songs of joy and praise for Jesus as King. He is welcomed into the city with shouts of *Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!* He will soon leave the city walls as the lowest of the low: a scourged, half-dead wreck of a man; a criminal set to be executed. In our Mass today, we will re-present his sacrifice, uniting our sins to those of the whole world and uniting our suffering to his. And in the midst of all the horror, we will celebrate, for Christ will triumph over all of sin and death.

There is a catchy little phrase that we might hear spoken of by Catholics- "we are not an either/or people, we are a both/and people." It generally means that we have the critical reasoning capacity, and the faith, to hold two things in tension without being confused. So, for example, Christ is both divine and human; the kingdom of God is both present and not yet fully realized; the Eucharist is both the appearance of bread and wine and truly Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity.

And specific to our worship today, we are both an Easter people and we live in a Good Friday world. That is to say, we believe that Christ's death on the cross transformed all suffering and that by his resurrection, we have the promise of eternal life. But we live in the here and now, with all the suffering and evil still present in the world- a world in which we are called to be active witnesses to our faith. Every moment of our lives gives us a chance to be one of the types of persons we encountered in the passion narratives. With God's help, may we be like Simon and the woman at Bethany, Simon of Cyrene, and Joseph of Arimathea- signs of hope in a world that cries out for it.

### St. Aloysius Regional School Basket Raffle

St. Aloysius Regional School is holding a Virtual Daily Theme Basket Raffle for the month of April. Tickets are on sale through March 31st with each ticket entered to win a daily theme basket. Starting April 1st, a daily ticket will be drawn for the day's basket. Each ticket is entered to win each day even if you already win a basket. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://staloyusregional.com/events/basket-raffle-daily-drawing/> or by calling the school at 716-592-7002. Winners will be notified via phone, text, or email.



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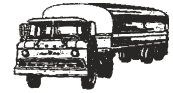
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