

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 3RD AND 4TH

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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.

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PARISH STAFF

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

Together with the Church throughout the world, we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. Jesus is risen from the dead; he appeared to his disciples. His rising to new life foreshadows what God intends for us: eternal life. The darkness of sin and death has been defeated by the Light of Christ, who died for us. Together, let us sing our praise to God. Alleluia!



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of April 4th
(C) Church**

Sat Apr 3rd: *Vigil 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

Monday, April 5th: *Monday within the Octave of Easter*
8:30am (C) +Ed Wittmeyer
By Toni & Elane Wittmeyer

Tues, April 6th: *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*
8:30am (C) +Bernard George
By Mary Gattie

Wed, April 7th: *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*
8:30am (C) +Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Buffalo
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Thur. April 8th: *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*
8:30am (C) +All Souls
By Parish All Souls intentions

Friday, April 9th: *Friday within the Octave of Easter*
8:30am (C) +Sally Wittmeyer
By John and Annette Noto

Sat Apr 10th: *Vigil 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)*
4:00pm (C) +Pat Schmitt
By Pete & Sue Kehr

Sun Apr 11th: *2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)*
8:30am (C) +Deceased Member of the LNOFD
By Langford New Oregon Fire Department
11:00am (C) +Tom Powenski
By Teresa and Family

*The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for the
Edward Wittmeyer's Wedding Anniversary as requested by
Elane & Toni Wittmeyer.*

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

Readings for the Week of April 4th

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



Weekly Collection (03/28): \$1,490.00
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$79,470.09

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.**

On Sunday April 11th, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will hold
a special Holy Hour at 3pm in the Church with Adoration,
hymns, psalms, and prayer. All Are Invited to Join Us!

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 Gallaway, Mary
Gattie, Phyllis George, Art Gernatt, Mike Gernatt, Norm Grapes,
Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob
Holbrook, Jeanne Hutchings, Jane Johnson, Tom 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, 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.
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.



**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.

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.



Easter Memorial Flowers

Wayne & Bobby McNerney
Raymond Michalski
Ida Daugherty
Elaine & Marshall LaFave
August Militello
Paul & Lorena Stuhlmiller
Robert Stuhlmiller

Deceased Members of the Schmitz & Stuhlmiller Families

Genevieve Austin's 100th Birthday

Hohman and Noto Families

Cherie Hohman Piniewski

Peter Muehlbauer

Paul Bantle Family

Max Muehlbauer Family

Edward Muehlbauer

Laura Scheetz

Werner Stang

Dean and Deanie Gallaway

Walter, Kate, Rose, Mary and Stacey

Ralph, Anna, Elaine, Jim

Deceased Members of Joseph Schmitt Family

Jim Skora, Schmitz and Skora Families

Eddie Gabel

Deceased Loved Ones of Marland and Chips Schmitt

Donna Motak

Dave Schmitz

Judy Trembath

Mary Ellen Winter

Jim & Phyllis Schmitz

Mike & Lottie Sessanna

Lore Kowal

Skip & Lois Polzin

Ed & Ruth Gabel

Earl & Arlene Rechter

Harold & Lucille Polzin

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Mr. & Mrs. Walter Geiger

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Stuhlmiller and Mittler

Families

Ron & Connie Gabel

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Frank & Lois Kron

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Collin Renaldo

Clyde & Betty Dole

Alice and Howard Dole

Peter and Jenny Renaldo

Easter Sunday Homily

The passage from John's Gospel takes place *on the first day of the week*. This is reminiscent of the Creation account in Genesis which narrates the events of creation and the Fall in a garden. So, now again, God brings life in the garden where Jesus' tomb was located. Mary Magdalene *came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark*. In John's Gospel, darkness represents a time of lack of faith. Mary is not expecting the Resurrection; she comes to mourn the death of Jesus. When she discovers that the tomb is empty, her first thought is that the body of Jesus has been stolen. She returns to the disciples and tells them; *we don't know where they put him*.

When the two disciples arrive at the tomb, they find it just as she described it. But while Peter seems to not understand, the *other disciple ... saw and believed*. He understands what the others will come to know when the risen Christ appears to them: Jesus is risen. The burial cloths that were left behind are of no need to one who has conquered death.

We have no burial cloths here— but we do have the bread and wine that will become the body and blood of our Lord. Easter is the oldest feast in the Church year. From the day of Resurrection, through this moment (and into the future), the disciples of Jesus gather to celebrate and remember the saving events of his death and being raised from the dead.

Saint Peter, at the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius, recounts *what has happened all over Judea* concerning Jesus. Peter's sermon describes the good deeds of Jesus, who was anointed with the Holy Spirit. But, *they put him to death by hanging him on a tree*. After God raised him from the dead, Jesus appeared to his disciples and commissioned them to preach the Gospel. This is what Peter is doing for Cornelius' household. We learn in subsequent verses that their response to Peter's words is to accept the faith and be baptized.

Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is our Paschal Lamb *who has been sacrificed* for us. This imagery, reminiscent of the first Passover, indicates that the shedding of Jesus's blood has redeemed us. In light of this, Paul calls us to lie in newness of life, putting aside our old ways and embracing the *unleavened bread of sincerity and truth*.

From that first Easter moment, the Church began to grow. This is the core belief of our Christian faith: It is the risen Lord who gathers us together around his table to listen to the sacred stories about our faith, and then he gives himself to us in the form of bread and wine, as he did with his disciples on the night before he died. We share in the life of the risen Christ now, as Cornelius and his family did; as Paul and the Corinthians did; and, until Christ comes again, as our children will. God be praised for this gift of salvation to the world.
Amen.

Catholic Charities

Goal: \$9,984

Total as of 3/29: \$6,630

In the Christian faith, Jesus is the epitome of HOPE for All Seasons. His death and Resurrection showed us that after a definitive amount of time, ultimate good can be dispersed to all. Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Ignatius Loyola who called us to respond in faith, and to find God in all things. We thank you for being attuned to God's presence in everyday circumstances as he taught us, and responding in faith with a gift to the Appeal. With your help, we give HOPE for All Seasons.

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