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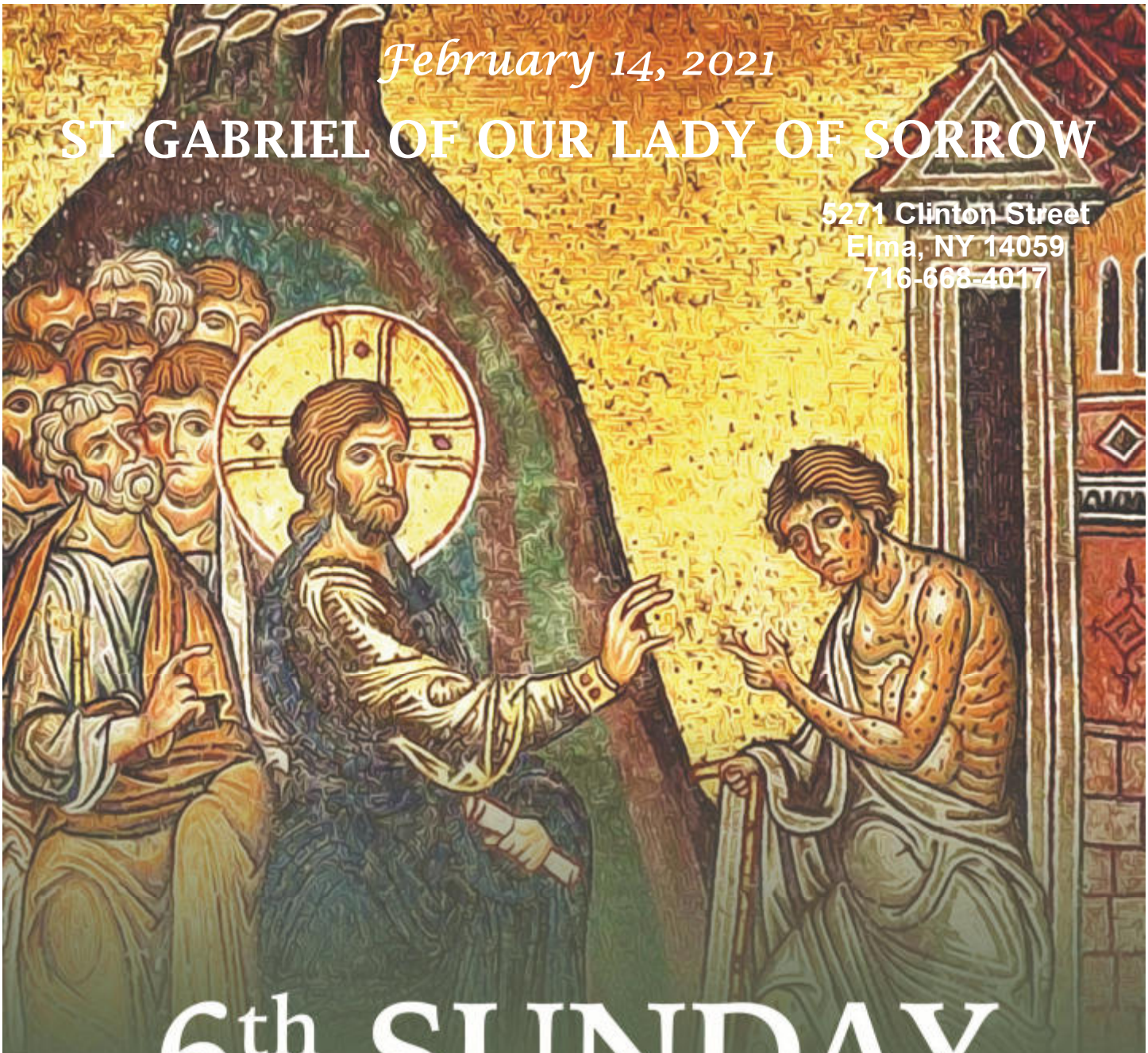

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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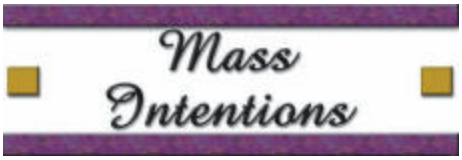

Monday, February 15, 2021
8:00AM Helen Bertha Shirmer Azzi by Ed & Marybeth Schober & Tracy Elkum
11:30AM Joseph Bukowski by Dave & Sharon Kurdziel

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
8:00AM Florence Wasielewski by St. Gabriel's Ladies Guild
11:30AM George & Hattie Krieb by Nawrocki Family
6:00PM Shrove Tuesday Service

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
6:30AM All Souls
8:00AM Debbie Domino by Gerald & Susan Oleksy
11:30AM All Mothers
6:00PM Geraldine Fink by St. Gabriel's Ladies Guild

Thursday, February 18, 2021
8:00AM Intentions of St. Gabriel's Parishioners by Fr. Walter
11:30AM Helen & John Krieb by Nawrocki Family

Friday, February 19, 2021
8:00AM John Nawrocki by Family
11:30AM Stanley Slaberski Jr. by Sophie Osika

Saturday, February 20, 2021
8:00AM Rita Snois by Estate

Sunday Vigil
4:00PM Havens & Skrzypczak Families by Paul & Dawn Havens
6:00PM Joan Pace by St. Gabriel's Ladies Guild

Sunday, February 21, 2021
6:00AM Intentions of St. Gabriel's Parishioners
8:00AM Nicholas Dziama by Maria & Ted Szymanski
10:00AM Nico Van Remmen by Grandparents, Kathy & Mario Anibaldi
12:00PM Joseph P. Mazurkiewicz by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Syroczynski

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

If you will be itemizing your taxes this year and need a statement of contributions for 2020, please drop a self addressed stamped envelope in the collection and we will send one to you.

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory.

Distribution of Ashes

We have had a year filled with different ways of living and praying. There are fewer people in church. No water in the font. Less singing. Communion primarily in the hand. No coffee and doughnuts on the way home. Yet we still pray.

Instead of giving ashes as a cross on the forehead - unsafe in this COVID time - we can still receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head (permitted by our ritual rules).

Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance: "Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads" (Neh 9:1)

We will look a little cleaner. We can still repent, and believe in the Gospel. We will still bear ashes home to begin our Lenten practices, borne of our hearts.

ST. GABRIEL'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

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In working together, we share our gifts and proclaim:
We are a family that is welcoming and caring, that celebrates our faith.

LENTEN SEASON IS UPON US…

It is hard to believe that the short "Ordinary Time" between the Christmas season and Lent is coming to the end.

On Wednesday, February 17th we will celebrate the First day of Lent with Ashes on our heads.

In the past we made the cross from ashes on our foreheads. This year, because of the virus pandemic, we will receive our ashes on our heads. We will bow our head in front of a priest, deacon or minister, and they will "spread" a very little portion of ashes on our heads.

The day before, on Tuesday, we will have a short liturgical celebration before burning our old palms for ashes. After that, all participants will receive a traditional "Pączki" - individually wrapped. Once again, because of Covid-19, we will not have our gathering in our Parish Center, but, you will take one home with you or eat it as you wish.

On Fridays, we will have our traditional Stations of the Cross; one after the 11:30am Mass, and again at 6:30pm for the convenience of the people who work during the day.

Our Holy Name Society will be having their "Annual Lenten Fish Fry"; it requires a lot of work and preparations. It will only be drive thru pick up. Please support this event so they may have a successful season.

Last week, our Ladies Guild had their virtual "Gift Card Meat Raffle". It was great and successful thanks to the teamwork, all the volunteers and those who supported this fundraiser in any way. May the Lord bless them.

Let us pray together for each other that we may have a blessed and fruitful Lenten season.

May the Lord bless you all.

You are in my heart and my prayers.

Yours,

Fr. Walter

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

6:30am - Mass
8:00am - Mass
11:30am - Mass
6pm - Mass

Congratulations to the honors students of Canisius High School, Sacred Heart Academy, St. Francis High School and Mt. Mercy Academy. We are proud of your achievements!
God bless you in your studies.

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Connor Rutowski
Devin Schaefer
Benjamin Klostermann
Sean Melligan

Sacred Heart Academy
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Taylor Dembik
Cordelia Burkard

St. Francis High School
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Ethan E. Karalus
Charles J. Moore
Mason Vail
Ty T. Broad
Samuel R. Cichowski

Mt. Mercy Academy
Melina Courtney
Jayla Goodman

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

St. Vincent de Paul Parish on Rice Road in Elma is having a Consecration to St. Joseph. Meetings will be in the Church on Monday evenings at 7pm starting on Monday, February 15th through Monday, March 15th. Consecration will take place on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19th at 7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please call Joe or Evelyn at 652-2286.

Special 10 AM Children's Masses remaining for the month of February are: 2nd Grade – TODAY - February 14; 3rd Grade - February 21; 4th & 5th Grades - February 28.

THANK YOU to parents that attended the FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION Orientation meetings, as mandated by the Diocese for these sacraments. If you could not attend your parent meeting, call the FF office to find out how you can "make up" the meeting.

Father Walter and Father Patryk will have a SPECIAL TIME FOR CONFESSIONS, with 7 priests available, next month for children in Grades 3, 4, and 5. These children are asked to come to Confession on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, from 4:30 TO 6:00 pm, or from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. (These are also scheduled times for general Lenten parish confessions.) Ushers will be present to "gently" enforce social distancing and wearing of masks. Confession during Lent is a normal requirement of our Faith Formation program. This is the BEST way to prepare our hearts for remembering Jesus' great love and sacrifice on Good Friday, and His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday!

FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS will be interviewed by teachers or staff to assess readiness for these sacraments. Interview dates remaining for First Reconciliation are February 18th and 24th. Interviews for First Communion will be conducted on March 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th or 18th. If you have not yet signed up for a date and time slot for your child's interview, please call the FF office. We ask that a parent be present with the student during the interview.

To prepare your child for sacramental interviews, go to www.stgabeschurch.com, click on Faith Formation, then on Class Schedules/Curriculum and scroll to bottom of page for interview questions. For both sacraments, it is VERY IMPORTANT for children to KNOW THEIR BASIC PRAYERS! Please pray frequently with your children!

FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES are Saturday, March 13th for those students with last names A - K, and Saturday, March 20th for those with last names L - Z. For both dates, the First Reconciliation service (not a Mass) will begin at 12 Noon in church. Please call us if you need to switch your designated date.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES are Saturday, May 1st for those students with last names A- K, and Saturday, May 8th for those with last names L-Z. For both dates, the First Communion Mass will begin at 11:00 AM in church. Please call us if you need to switch your designated date.

If you wish to send an email message to the Faith Formation office please send it to ppalumbo@stgabeschurch.com. Messages sent to stgabriel@stgabeschurch.com go to the rectory and there may be a delay in our response.

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 11:59 p.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/dioceseofbuffalo 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.

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Mailed envelopes	2017
Returned by mail	40 - 50 weekly
Envelopes received	526 envelopes returned
Online giving	**788 Parishioners**

"PLEASE REMEMBER ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL"

May God reward you a hundred-fold for every act of generosity to our parish. We are grateful to each of you for every donation. May our appreciation for the treasure that is St. Gabriel's parish be expressed in our unselfishness and self-sacrifice. Thank you to all our generous parishioners and friends for the support of our parish. **GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS LEFT!"**

YOUTH CORNER

Our monthly Youth Masses have been very well attended both in person and virtual. We are so glad to connect with our young people in the sharing of the Eucharist! The Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, call us into community and restores our fractured lives.

Our next youth Mass is:
6pm, Saturday, March 6, 2021

Attention High School Teens! (Service Ministry Opportunity!)
Following our Mass we will be viewing "The Passion" 7pm in the Parish Hall
For more information, call the office (716-668-2070)
Permission forms can be found @stgabeschurch.com

EDGE NIGHTS: 6:00pm - 7:15pm
7th grade - The next class is February 16, (Final Class)

8th grade - 6:00pm Tuesdays
Tuesday, February 23rd - April 20, 2021

LIFE TEEN: 6:00 - 7:30pm
9th grade - No Class on February 15th.
The next Life Teen Night is February 22nd

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Our next Confirmation Prep:
Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:30AM

All candidates please bring: bible, journal & pen. Candidates must complete their service ministry work as well as all relevant paperwork (make up lesson (s), application, saint essay). Please bring your paperwork to next class.

"Blessed are those who observe His instructions, who seek Him with all their hearts" (Psalm 119:2)

Happy Valentine's Day

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Richard Clark, Sr.
Bronislaw Brozyna
Mary "Irma" Torok
Joseph Fialkiewicz

SHROVE TUESDAY

Our Shrove Tuesday Service will be Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6pm in the Church where we will have a short prayer service and burning of the palms. If you were not able to drop off your palms on the weekend, please bring your palms from home with you.

This year we will be giving one Pączki to each participate at the end of the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we cannot meet in the Parish Hall.

Lauren Reese, A Special Intention, R&R Grabowski, Jan Parent, Barbara Wojtaszczyk, Joe W., Sr. Joseph Marie, Donna Sopczyk, Ady Cvetkovski, Stella Rose Curtin, Kim, Phyllis Giglio, John Malovich Sr., Christina Gravius, Phyllis Wainwright, Mary Popielski, Alexander Bielecki, Timothy Popielski, James Refermat, Carol Stenzel, Renee Rozanski - Branem, Elizabeth Keenan, Kathy McGee, Norm Benjamin, Peggy Widman, Matthew Mulhern, Rielly Mulhern, Rian Mulhern, Rose Marie Orlando, Laurel Cieslak, Margaret Dutka, Chet Pawlowski, Sue Stelmach, Karen Doyle, Sharon Styborski, MaryAnn Ellsworth, Richard J. Wolicki, Janice Korzeniewski, Freitas Family, Dave Denk, Eileen Dougherty, Karen Bordonaro, Nancy Bolton, Peter J. O'Scier, Patricia Marchewka, Peter Scoma, Arlene Litwin, Diane Domzalski-Power, Racheal Lombardo, Bernard Blocho, Jr., Paul Schifferle, Robert Loniewski, John Wilkosz, Carol Leli-Garcia, Karen Porter

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday ..... 8:00am & 11:30am
Saturday.....8:00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil .....4:00 & 6:00pm
Sunday 6:00, 8:00, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Rosary - Monday-Saturday……7:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
(Weekend & evenings by appointment)

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ADORATION

(First Friday of the Month)
Immediately following the 11:30am Mass
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PARISH REGISTRATION

New Parishioners are requested to register at the Parish Office during office hours as soon as possible, in person or by telephone. Please notify the Parish Office when moving out of Parish or changing address.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Following the 12 Noon Mass. Baptism preparation class required for first time parents prior to Sacrament. Call the Rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am
Tuesday & Friday 11am - 11:15am
Saturdays 3:15pm - 3:45pm

MARRIAGE

Appointments are to be made one year PRIOR to wedding day. Attendance is required at a Marriage Preparation Program.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation can be issued to members of our parish who are registered at least three months, regularly attend Mass, and receive the Sacraments. Regular use of envelopes indicates attendance at Mass. Sponsors are to be Baptized, Confirmed, and if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.