

April 18, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

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**MASSES:**

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am  
Weekdays: 8:00 am  
Holy Days: As Announced

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday at 3:30 pm  
or at anytime by calling the Rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Contact the Rectory to register as members of our parish family.

**MARRIAGES:**

Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least four months in advance. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

Anthony A. Kalinowski - 1-585-535-0488

**PRAYER WHEEL:**

If you need prayers for yourself or others, call 740-8679, 652-4111, or 652-7572 **anytime**.

**BAPTISMS:**

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. All parents must attend a class before Baptism. Call the Rectory to register.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Letters of Recommendation are given only to registered parishioners in good standing. Please call the Rectory to obtain a letter.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Administered at the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday. Please contact the Rectory prior to the Wednesday you would like to be anointed.

**HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND:**

If you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory 652-6400.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

8:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

8:00 AM Robert McCormick ~

Joseph McCormick Family

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**St. Anselm ~ Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM Dorothy Borrello ~

Sarah and Jess Tarantino

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

8:00AM All Souls Intentions

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

8:00 AM Ron Stumpf ~

Lynn O'Connor and Family

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

4:30 PM Jerry Lyons ~

Burt Foster Family

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

8:00 AM Bill Crissy ~ Don and Maris Vidler

9:30 AM Tom Kuzma ~ Daughter

11:15 AM Theresa Nixon ~ Don and Maris Vidler

### April 24/25

#### LECTORS

4:30 PM T. Cich      9:30 AM P. Shea

8:00 AM K. Frost      11:15 AM P. Murak

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM A. Carney, C. Burgess, C. Cich  
D. Baker

8:00 AM D. Bodekor, K. George, K. Schneider  
D. Dombrowski

9:30 AM A. Kwaizer, C. McCann, \_\_\_\_\_  
T. Lilley

11:15 AM C. Peters, J. Duttweiler, F. Hoffman  
J. Keem



#### My Dear Friends, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am delighted to offer this first in a new weekly series of reflections by me, as well as others, on the person and example of Saint Joseph. You may remember that this past February we announced a year-long focus across the Diocese on the earliest protector of our Lord Jesus Christ, Saint Joseph, and invited all in their parishes to reflect on this timeless example of faithfulness, care and concern, and to indeed, consecrate themselves to his intercession.

In December 2020, we marked the 150th year since Pope Pius IX proclaimed Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Pius, during what was a particularly trying time for the Church, wanted to emphasize that because of the **“sublime dignity which God conferred on His most faithful Servant, the Church has always most highly honored and lauded the Most Blessed Joseph next after his spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, and has implored his intercession in all her great necessities.”**

Recognized throughout the centuries as the “father of Christian people,” Saint Joseph reminds us that heroic faith and witness to God’s call can be demonstrated in very unassuming ways, remaining faithful and persistent; pursuing our life’s purpose and work with quiet resolve and dedication, and even when circumstances are not altogether clear or easy.

Though we know very little about Saint Joseph, apart from what the Gospel writers Matthew and Luke provide, affirming that he was a “just man,” we know that he was Mary’s courageous and faithful protector from the moment she was found to be with child; he was guardian of the infant Jesus who demonstrated a father’s loving heart. No doubt, he influenced our Lord throughout his childhood and early adulthood, providing guidance and teaching, as well as an example of fatherly love and devotion.

Pope Francis, in announcing the **Year of Consecration to Saint Joseph** in his apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), makes clear: **“Each of us can discover in Joseph, the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”**

Joseph played a profound role in the history of salvation, protecting the infant Jesus from Herod who sought to eliminate all of the first born of the Israelites. He cared for Mary as a loving and faithful husband and raised the boy Jesus in the Jewish faith, nurturing in Him the love of the traditions that defined the Jewish people in his day.

At a time when our young people need role models and references that will guide them and nurture their faith, I encourage you to reference Saint Joseph and to relate his faithfulness to his family, and to the call of God in his life, to their young lives. When things don’t make sense for us at times, you can be sure that things didn’t quite make sense for Joseph either in his day and time. **And yet, he trusted that God would be true and that his faith would not be in vain.**

May you find in Saint Joseph your personal guide and inspiration to be faithful and true to the call of God and subtle promptings of His Holy Spirit. Through his intercession, may we together embrace the Lord Jesus who gives ultimate meaning and purpose to our life’s work and all our actions. And, may we reveal Him and His abundant love constantly to others.

May the Lord bless and protect you-and all whom you love. **Saint Joseph, pray for us!**

+ Bishop Mike

**SECOND COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEKEND  
APRIL 24-25**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL**

“Home Missions” is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. **Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people.**

**Where are the home missions?**

Surprisingly, the Catholic Church is poorly established in many parts of our country, especially Appalachia, the South, the Southwest along the Mexican border, the Rocky Mountain States, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and remote island chains like the Marshalls and the Carolines in the Pacific. Generally speaking, the home missions are everywhere that Catholics are few and the Church is fragile.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS.**



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**Or Visit the Rectory Monday-Friday  
8:30AM-3:30PM**

**Fish of East Aurora**

**FISH** is collecting **Baked Beans** during the month of **APRIL**. There is a collection bin in the church vestibule. We are grateful to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** for coordinating this collection.

As you begin to **change your wardrobe** from **Winter to Summer**, please remember that **there is a BLUE BIN for clothing in our parking lot.**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



**YOUTH MINISTRY  
CALENDAR**

<b>Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	ICY Junior High* <b>6:00-7:30PM</b>
<b>Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	ICY Senior High* <b>6:00-8:00PM</b>
<b>Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	ICY Junior High* <b>Movie Night 6:00-10:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	ICY Senior High <b>Via ZOOM 7:30-8:30PM**</b>

**\*\* ZOOM meeting links**  
may be obtained by emailing Denise York at  
**[youth@icchurchea.org](mailto:youth@icchurchea.org)**

\*Our ICY Nights are open to new people at any time throughout the year.

We know that families are busy,  
so we do not require young people  
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You may also find this information on our website:  
**[www.icyyouthea.org](http://www.icyyouthea.org)**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Are any of the Catholic Charities Appeal donations allocated to programs and ministries of our Diocese?**

For many years, the Appeal has supported programs and services of Catholic Charities, and programs and ministries of the Diocese through the Fund for the Faith. Catholic Charities receives the majority of the funds. The Diocese's segment provides for vital ministries and missions, which in turn provide the faithful with pastoral care for various spiritual needs, leadership development and faith formation programs. Most Dioceses across the country conduct a Bishop's appeal and then distribute funds to church programs or agencies like Catholic Charities. Here in Buffalo, Catholic Charities has been the primary face of the Appeal with the involvement of the Bishop and the Diocese.

**To date we have reached a  
TOTAL of \$109,900  
93% of our Goal**

**Only \$7,637.65 to reach our goal!**

**Thank You for your continued support of  
Appeal 2021.**

World Day of Prayer for  
VOCATIONS  
will be observed on  
Sunday, April 25, 2021  
also known as  
"Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "**Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest**" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, **it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.** While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries, priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, in all its forms— male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes **in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.**

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical Franciscan life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

**Please continue to pray for vocations.**



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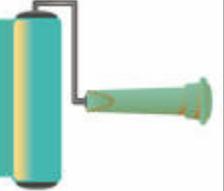
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