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St Philip
THE APOSTLE
Roman Catholic Church

February 28, 2021

Lenten Confessions

Saturdays - 3:30 pm

<u>Wednesday, March 24</u>
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm &
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Every Friday
during Lent including Good Friday

6:30 pm
in Church

Feel free to also tune into our Live Stream on our website to follow along at home!

St. Philip the Apostle Church

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Pastor: Rev. Jerome E. Kopec

We are now live streaming all of the Masses in Church. Visit our website above and click on the "Live Stream" button on our main page to join us!

Rectory

Office Hours
9:00 am - Noon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Phone: 716-668-8370
Parish Secretary x 211
Carol (Bookkeeper) x 210
Fax: 716-668-3824
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Bulletin Submissions

Due by Friday at Noon one week before the published Sunday. Please email to: lauren@spaparish.org

Outreach

Coordinator: Jim Calamita
Phone: 668-8370 x 220
Email: outreachspa@spaparish.org

Music Ministry

Director: Don Jenczka
Call/Text: 716-335-1570
Email: jenczka@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27
Confessions every Saturday from 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
4:30 pm Donald Bauman - Sharon & John Knoph
***6:30 pm** Rita Ersing - Maureen & Ed Oakley

Sunday, February 28 *Second Sunday of Lent*
8:30 am Ronald Rudnicki - Tom & Helen Piatkowski
***10:30 am** Demont Family - Family
Noon Robert Meiler - Dudley Family

Monday, March 1
9:00 am Richard Donati - Wife & Children

Tuesday, March 2
9:00 am Jerome Kobos - Carol Miller

Wednesday, March 3
9:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Philip's

Thursday, March 4
9:00 am Doreen Ballard - Chuck & Carol Monkelbaan

Friday, March 5
Noon Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen P. - Verostko Family

Saturday, March 6
Confessions every Saturday from 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
4:30 pm Joseph Szafranski Sr. - Matt & Geri Kizielewicz
***6:30 pm** Robert & Magdalene Liegl - Grandson, Greg

Sunday, March 7 *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:30 am Florence Kania - Family
***10:30 am** All Souls
Noon Rosario Priore - Wife, Natalie

** Denotes Mass is in our Parish Center. All other Masses are in Church.*

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:

Donald Bauman

Requested By: Colleen & Mark Petruniak

COLLECTIONS

2/21/21
Envelopes: $7,525
Loose: $ 272.23
Black/Indian Mission: $863
Online Giving: $960
Total: $8,757.23

Weddings

Arrangements are made with the Rectory & Pastor with at least 6 months notice.

Baptisms

Arrangements are made with the Rectory. A Letter of Recommendation for the Godparent or each Godparent is required before scheduling a date. Attendance to a Baptismal preparation class is also required within the past 3 years at our Parish.

Letters of Recommendation

For Parishioners:
These are issued to members of our Parish who are registered and practice the faith through Mass attendance and receiving the Sacraments.

For Sponsors not from Our Parish:
They should be Baptized, Confirmed, and a practicing Catholic. Out of town college students should receive a letter from their Campus Minister. Military personnel should receive the letter from their Chaplain.

Funerals

Scheduled through a Funeral Home or the Rectory. Normally scheduled every day but Sunday at 10:00 am, except Fridays which are at 9:30 am.

Parish Membership

To become a member of our Parish, please contact the Rectory to register or head on to our website under "Our Parish," "Parishioners," and click on "New Parishioners."
For current Parishioners, please remember to inform the Rectory if you change your information or if you will no longer be attending our Parish.

Prayer Shawls

There are always blessed Prayer Shawls available in the Rectory for anyone suffering from any illness.

Sick List

Please contact the Rectory to add a Parishioner or remove them from our Sick List. Permission from the person must be given.

FIRST Reconciliation

On Tuesday, March 2nd the following children will be celebrating their First Reconciliation at 6:30 PM in the Church.

Malana Bell
Olivia Benzin
Thomas Brennan
Logan Buckley
Jack Caffery
Jacob Danahy
Madeline DiBartolomeo
Blake Dunworth
Samuel Eberl
Bryce Ertel
Isabella Fasciana
Gabriella Ferrucci
Jacksyn Hanson-McDonald
Jackson Hensley
Carson Komasara
Andrew Larroque
Ethan Nowak
Anya Pfeiffer
Griffin Potter
Xavier Rak
Aria Scheffer
Sawyer Sheldon
Joshua Staszak
Lillian Suchocki

May God bless them all and may they always remain close to Jesus.

Faith Formation

Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - Noon; Friday: Closed
Phone: 716-668-3344 *Email:* spareled@spaparish.org
Directors - *Grades 1-6:* Ronald Szczerbiak *Grades 7-10:* Sharon Pikul

Good Sunday Morning!
This week I'd like to bring a bit of a saintly biography to you:
St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite nun whose winning personality and popular writings about prayer made her one of the most popular saints of the 20th century.
She called her approach to God "The Little Way."
She did not aspire to great deeds but sought sanctity in faithfulness to little things:
"every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least action for love."
In the convent, Therese dedicated her life to praying for others, especially the missionaries.
Recognizing her impact on Catholic spirituality, Therese was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997.
She is one of only four female Doctors of the Church.
(Taken from: *Called to be Catholic*)
How could you use her "little way" to enrich your Lenten experience?

Peace,
~Sharon Pikul

Family Mass

Faith Formation Students in Grades 1-3 and their parents

Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 PM in Church

Remember to wear your mask and please be in the church no later than 6:20 PM so we can get everyone seated.

If you are planning to attend the mass please call Ronald Szczerbiak at 668-3344, ext. 2.

Please join us as worship our Lord Jesus together during these difficult times.

Drive-Thru

Polish Platter Dinner

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Pick-Up at the Parish Center from
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

$16 per person

Reservation and pre-payment required.
NO WALK-INS.

To make a Reservation:

- **Stop by the Rectory from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday**
  (except between Noon and 1:00 pm)
- **Mail in your payment with a note of a contact phone number or email, how many dinners are being ordered, and who will pick them up to the Rectory at 950 Losson Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14227**

Cash or Check Accepted.
Checks should be made out to St. Philip the Apostle Parish.
Mailed in reservations MUST be postmarked March 10 to be valid.
Deadline for reservations is:
Tuesday, March 16 at Noon or until sold out.
There will be NO ACTUAL TICKETS.
Your reservation will be confirmed at the time of receipt. As you drive thru to pick up your dinner, your name will be checked.

Dinner includes:
1 Golabki (cabbage roll), 2 Pierogi (1 sauerkraut, 1 cheese), 2 Polish Sausage pieces (1 smoked, 1 fresh), sweet & sour cabbage, and rye bread & butter
NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR CHANGES

Lenten *Holy Hour*

Wednesday, March 3rd
Noon to 1:00 pm
in Church

A time of prayer and meditation in person before the Blessed Sacrament.

Masks & Social Distancing Required.

Also available via Live Stream on our website.

The recording can be viewed at any time afterwards on the "Live Stream" page of the website.

Please remember in your prayers...

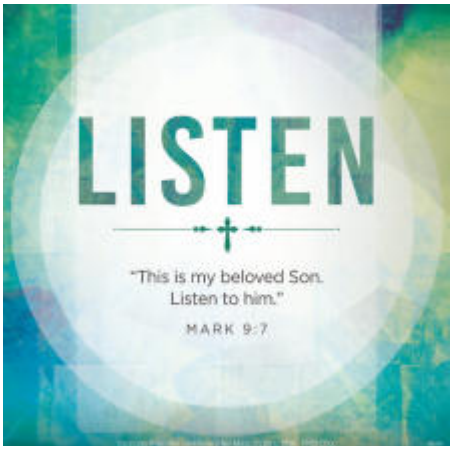
Our Dearly Departed

Katherine Ball

Those in poor Health

Don Bartus, Sam Cascio, Daniel Lawicki Sr., Richard, Carol Monkelbaan, Matthew Sanscrainte, Ron & Karen Strozyk, & Delphine Wachowiak.

We also pray for those in nursing homes, the home bound, and anyone with serious physical or mental illness.



How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things.

First, there is God's call.
We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen.

Second, there is a request.
We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make.

Third, there is trust.
Do we trust this call and request?
Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are.

Finally, we are asked to act.
We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way.
Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence.
God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him," This is the call and the request.
Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

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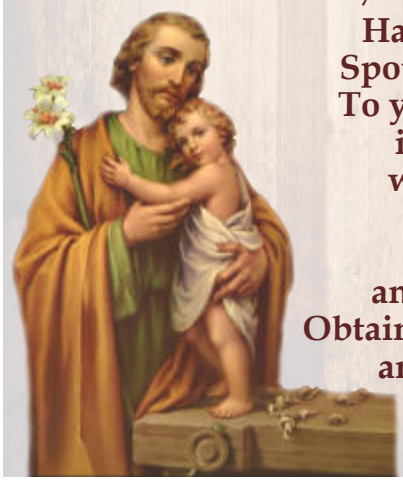
Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to 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.

Prayer to St. Joseph



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

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