



4125 Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York 14225

March 24, 2013

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
 Sunday: 7:00 AM (chapel); 9:00 & 11:00 AM (church); 1:30 PM (chapel) - Tridentine Mass
 Daily: 8:15 AM (chapel)

HOLIDAYS:

Holiday Vigil: 4:00 PM in the new church; 7:00 PM (Tridentine Mass) in the chapel
 Holiday: 8:15 AM, 12:00 PM; 7:00 PM (chapel)

NOVENA in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Our Lady Help of Christians every Wednesday at the 8:15 AM Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Infant baptisms are administered on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM, and on the fourth Sunday of the month at the 11:00 AM Mass. Pre-baptismal Class for expectant parents is given on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, in the rectory. Please call the rectory for reservations.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Chapel): Wednesdays at 7:30 AM; and Saturdays at 2:30 PM; as well as anytime upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements to be made in person no less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Attendance at Pre-Cana is a requirement.

CARE/ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The family or friends of anyone going to the hospital or nursing home, or confined to home, are asked to call the rectory. Bringing the sacraments to the home can easily be arranged. Anointing of the sick will also take place during Mass on the first Wednesday of the month.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

New members are most welcome. Registration is arranged by a personal visit to the rectory office, or by telephoning the rectory.
 Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY:

All buildings are handicap accessible.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES and SERVICES

“Adore the Lord in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth.” (Psalm 96:9)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - March 24, 2013

4:00 pm, + George and Alice Karins - req. by Ray & Margie Hauser

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7:00 am, + Carmella Koestler - req. by Josephine Bellomo & Angeline Pache

9:00 am, + Jane Fanning - req. by Daughter, Lynne

11:00 am, + Helen Mulak - req. by the Battaglia Family

1:30 pm, Living and Deceased Members of the Hanley Family - req. by Family

Monday of Holy Week - March 25th

8:15 am, + Henry and Mary Kaczanowski - from the Estate

3:00 pm, Cluster Reconciliation Service at Queen of Martyrs Church

7:00 pm, Cluster Reconciliation Service at Queen of Martyrs Church

Tuesday of Holy Week - March 26th

7:30 am, Confessions

8:15 am, + Helen Sullivan - req. by Gene & Millie Holbel

Wednesday of Holy Week - March 27th

7:30 am, Confessions

8:15 am, + Frank and Helen Strusienski - from the Estate

8:45 am, Novenas: Miraculous Medal; O.L. Help of Christians

4:00 pm, Confessions (chapel)

6:30 pm, Confessions (chapel)

HOLY THURSDAY - March 28th

(There is no morning Mass on this day)

6:30 pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (chapel) - For the Parishioners

(The Mass concludes with the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, where adoration continues until 10:30 pm.)

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - March 29th

(There is no morning Mass on this day)

12:00 pm, Good Friday Liturgy (chapel)

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross (chapel)

6:30 pm, Divine Mercy Novena begins (chapel)

The Good Friday offering is the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your kind and generous gifts will help support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East, as well as protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines.)

HOLY SATURDAY - March 30th

(There is no morning Mass on this day)

- 11:00 am, Blessing of the Easter Foods (*chapel*)
- 12:00 pm, Blessing of the Easter Foods (*chapel*)
- 1:00 pm, Blessing of the Easter Foods (*chapel*)
- 3:00 pm, Divine Mercy Novena (*chapel*)

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO AFTERNOON MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY, at any parish. The only Mass permitted on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil which begins at...

8:00 pm, The Easter Vigil and Mass (*main church*) - For the Parishioners

SOLEMNITY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION - March 31st

- 7:00 am, + Leroy Williams - req. by Two Ladies at the 7:00 am Mass
- 9:00 am, + Rudolph Froehlich - req. by Randy & Mary Jost; Nora Conway
- 11:00 am, + Leonard Dzimian - req. by Richard & Carol Schreckengost
- 1:30 pm, + Eugene Pachetti - req. by Wife

If the Mass is being offered for your loved one, or for your intention, and you would like to carry the Offertory Gifts, please tell an Usher before Mass.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today Jesus tells us, "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today we publicly confirm our baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves". Selfless service defines a person as Christian.

A MOMENT WITH MARY: *"The whole world is indebted to Jesus for His Passion. Similarly, all of us are indebted to our Lady for her compassion."* (St. Albert the Great)

HEALING PRAYERS: Our Heavenly Father is sensitive to our cries and groans. Instead of complaining to everyone, we need instead to try crying and groaning to our Loving Father Who can heal us and set us free. We can never approach Him too often. Usually we go to Him less often than we need to... *"Father, I come to You with my cries and groans and ask You to hear me and heal me. I trust in your love."*

Week 1. Paul Buckenmeyer, John Heffron, Chester Jaworowicz, Lorey Kubera, Alice Kwandras, Bob Lawrence, Michael Mankowski, Helen Mohalski, Marge Newman, Judith Perrino, Paul Plekan, Richard Schuler, Cece Seifert.

Week 2. Barbara Bargnesi, Rebecca Beres,

Albert Dorer, Douglas Fox, Jane Funk, Margaret Harris, Dawn Seifert Hough, Steve Kolis, Don & Annette McElligott, Anna Miller, Mary Jane Mueller, Lee Nowak, Edward Nowicki, Mary Shincarick, Dawn Simano, Shear Lee Streicher, Esther Stuber, Lil Tursi, Chris Wilczewski, Alyssa Lily Wolf

Week 3. Nina Amoroso, Charlie & Gert Anderson, Dan Barnobi, Leonard Busshart, Lisa Cooper, James Gottstein, Marvin Hines, Louis Juliano, Michael Kolis, Claude Lemley, Eunice Linsler, Samantha Lunz, Marcy & Tom Mateczun, Dalen Shepard, Mildred Sikinoff, Deacon Jim Smith, infant Kate Updike, Kathleen White, Marie Williams, Alice Zych.

Week 4. *(This is the final week for this listing. If you wish to continue the listing, or if you wish to add someone to the listing, please notify the rectory office. Thank you for keeping us updated.)*... Patricia Cyprys, Vince DiJoseph, Norma Gerland, Anthony Guadagna, Ed Kresin, Christina Lewis, Monica Mietus, Ruth Mollvarec, Alice Pacer, Bethany Rohloff, Rose Roll, Grace Tomasello, infant Caylee Zaluski.

SOCIETIES... MEETINGS...

GATHERINGS

Monday, Mar. 25th

3:30 pm St. Vincent DePaul Society
(chapel sacristy)

Tuesday, Mar. 26th

6:30 pm Scouts
(parish hall)

Wednesday, Mar. 27th

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
(main church)

7:00 pm S.G.T.V. Edelweiss
(upper parish hall)

Thursday, Mar. 28th

1:00 pm Chapel Seniors
(parish hall)

The St. Vincent DePaul Society frequently receives calls from neighborhood households for assistance, in particular food assistance. Because of the kindness of many parishioners through their offerings to the Poor Boxes in the church and in the chapel, the Society is able to respond to those calls, and offer that assistance. Thank you for your offerings, and may the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance... And, if you would like to respond to the Society's appeal for additional membership to assist them in the charitable works which they carry out in the name of the entire parish community, please come to one of the Monday afternoon meetings, as listed above. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Thank you to Mrs. Kraus' and Mrs. Mongiovi's sixth grade Religious Education Program classes for their presentation of the *Living Stations of the Cross* for the students in our Religious Education classes and their parents.

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| Geavanna Bonafede | Madison Heide |
| Amber Buchholz | Danielle Karnyski |
| Le Cao | Talia Koller |
| Vincent Cao | Athena Mackowski |
| Jacob Chimera | Timothy Richardson |
| Kennedy Craven | Bill Rozler |
| Christian Gueth | Jenna Zielkiewicz |
| Victoria Hawbaker | |

EIGHTH ANNUAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN: March 25th is normally

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM*(Pinnacle of the Church Year)*

The *Paschal Triduum* (Latin for "three days") commemorates Christ's redemptive passage through death, burial and resurrection to new life. The church observes the Triduum as a single event made up of three distinct parts. In accordance with the custom of biblical times, each "day" begins in the evening (hence our anticipated celebration of the Sunday Mass at the beginning of Saturday evening throughout the year.)

The first day of the Triduum is filled with the action of Christ's sacrifice. The Mass of the Lord's supper on the evening of **Holy Thursday** commemorates Christ's command that we "*love one another*". Symbolized in the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet, the Great Mandate of Christ is made concrete in the Eucharist as well as in Jesus' crucifixion on Calvary. The first day of the Paschal Triduum culminates in the solemn veneration of the Cross on **Good Friday**.

The second day of the Triduum is filled with the silence of the tomb. The solemnity of Good Friday continues throughout the day on **Holy Saturday**. The Church celebrates no eucharistic liturgy during the day, but silently prepares for the Easter Vigil celebration in the evening. As Jesus remained in the tomb, so the Church as a whole awaits the coming of the Lord's Kingdom.

The third day of the Triduum is filled with the wonder of the resurrection. The **Easter Vigil** is the high point of the liturgical year. The drama of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle, and the Easter Proclamation in the candle-lit church set the stage for the recounting of the story of salvation in the Scripture readings. "*Alleluia*" once again greets the Gospel, and following the homily we celebrate the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist wherein our Catechumen and Candidates are received into full communion with the church. And all who are present are invited to renew their baptismal promises, and are sprinkled with the newly-blessed water reminding them of their entry into the church through the waters of baptism.

The Paschal Triduum officially concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, but the wonder of the Easter Season extends for a full fifty days, that is, until the Feast of Pentecost which this year is celebrated on May 19th.

celebrated as the Solemnity of the Annunciation, marking the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary announcing that she had been chosen to be the Mother of the long-awaited Savior, Jesus, the Christ. However, this year the feast is displaced by the Holy Week observance. Nevertheless, a *Mass for the Unborn*, for the eighth consecutive year, will be celebrated at 7:00 pm, at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church (157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga). Preceding the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 pm. All are welcome, and invited to bring a friend. Information: 833-1715.

REPORT OF INCOME (3/17/13): Sunday Offering, \$8,531.36 (envelopes, \$7,798.36; loose, \$736.00); Monthly (add'l.), \$109.00; Votive Candles, \$322.29; Abitibi (paper recycling), \$23.00; Insurance Reimbursement, \$501.74; Easter Flowers, \$2,114.00; Black & Native American Missions (add'l.), \$188.00;

Misc. Holy Day and Special Offerings, \$20.00 (Envelopes: 1,198 issued; 516 used, or 43%)...**Tridentine Mass:** Sunday Offering, \$509.31 (net); Monthly (add'l.), \$11.00; Easter Flowers, \$159.00.

We also gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the Chapel Preservation Fund: In loving memory of + Paul Tachok, \$295.00 (various donations)... In loving memory of + Frederick Wieczorek, \$140.00 (from Lisa Cooper, John & Marge Finster, and Bill & Pauline Janish)... In loving memory of + Gary Roncone, \$625.00 (from Katherine Roncone, Kevin & Sharon Chudy, Sharon Koller, Elizabeth Chelgren, Anthony & Stefanie Simonetta, Rudolph & Ann Casarsa, James & Sue May, Helen Zgoda, James & Jean Willard, Rosemarie Rogers, and anonymous.)

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OR
ON EASTER SUNDAY

Our regular schedule of Friday evening and Sunday evening games will resume on Friday, April 5th.

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