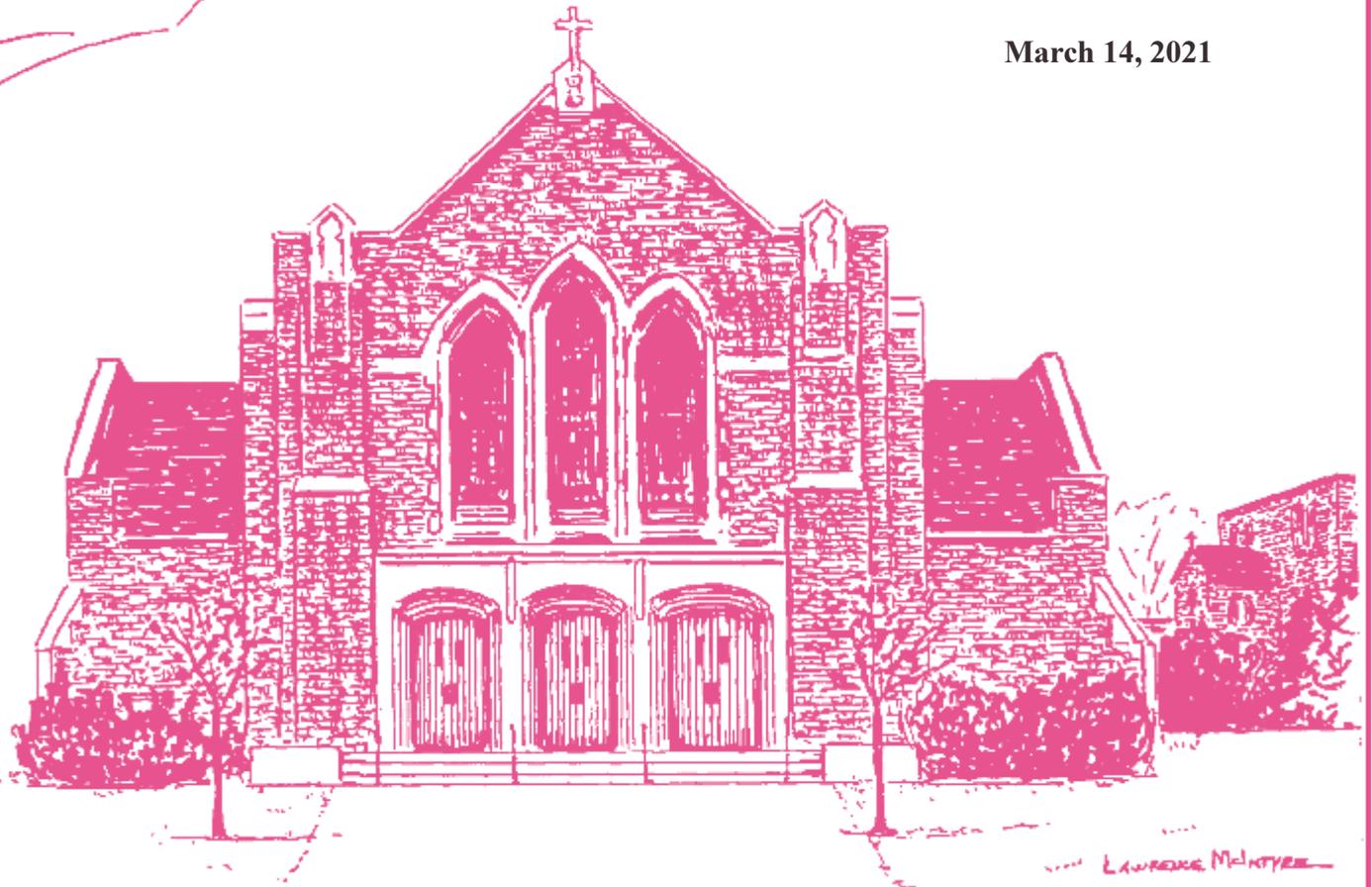


March 14, 2021



# st. margaret's parish news

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#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

(Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit)  
Sunday - (7:00 am at Holy Spirit) 8:15 and 9:30 am at St. Margaret (11:00 am at Holy Spirit)

#### HOLY DAY MASSES:

Please see Mass schedule in Bulletin

**DAILY MASSES:** Mon. & Thurs. 8:00 am

Wed. 6:15 pm Holy Spirit

Fri. 8:00 am Holy Spirit

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm;

Wed. 2:00 - 6:00 pm



**CONFESSIONS:** Please call the rectory for individual appointments or for Pastoral counseling appointments.

**BAPTISMS:** By prior appointment. Preparation course required.

**MARRIAGES:** Make arrangements well in advance of date by contacting your parish priest at St. Margaret's.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Grades 1-10 at Holy Spirit, Sunday 9:30 - 10:45 am.  
Miss Karen Adamski (Phone: 876-5318).

**ST. MARGARET'S CREDIT UNION:** All parishioners and their families can join the Crossroads Community Credit Union located at 971 Kenmore Ave. Buffalo, NY 14217 (874-7284).

# Mass Intentions for the Week



## MONDAY, March 15, 2021

8:00 AM Annie Gertrude & Patrick J. Dowdall  
req. Estate

## THURSDAY, March 18, 2021

8:00 AM Bonnie Brisk req: Kay Diffley

## SUNDAY, March 21, 2021

8:15 AM For All Parishioners Intentions  
9:30 AM Antonina, Prospero & Giuseppe Tabone  
req: Concetta Tabone



## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP February 7, 2021

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## ASSISTING ON THE ALTER:

### Lector:

*Sunday, March 21, 2021*

8:15 Kate Mazzarini  
9:30 Frank DiLeo



### Eucharistic Ministers:

*Sunday March 21, 2021*

8:15 AM: Cheri Frank & Bob Esposito  
9:30 AM: Sr. Karen Marie & Toni DiLeo

**Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners.** If you or someone you know from the parish is in a nursing home (or is a shut-in in their own home) and would like Communion brought to them, please call Fr. Joe (876-5318) or Sister Karen Marie (331-8846) and we will be happy to bring Communion to you. Please leave a name and contact phone number.

## Religious Education News:

This is the week when we actually celebrate our two March Saints: St. Patrick (the 17th) and St. Joseph (the 19th). Look up the prayer "The Breastplate of St. Patrick." Pray it for yourself and your family, and ask St. Joseph to protect and guard our diocese and the universal church. He is also the patron of a happy death.

On Ash Wednesday we listened to the song "Ashes". The words say "we offer you our failures. Our attempts gifts not fully given, dreams not fully dreamt. Our stumblings, give direction, our visions wider view, an offering of ashes, an offering to you." With this in mind- our offerings, however complete or great or small, are the object of our "Works of Mercy Tree" upstairs in the school. Each week we have been asking the students to take a card home to complete one work of mercy as a family or individual during the week. Then we asked them to bring it back to place in our "offering basket" to bring up at the Offertory of Mass at the end of Lent.

Congratulations to the following children who are celebrating Reconciliation for the first time: Monica Gracie, Connie Hoffman, Ava King, and Giavanna Richardson. Pope Francis recently said, "The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need."

**\*\*\*This coming Saturday is our First Communion Retreat in the church hall. It runs from 9AM to 12 noon.**

**HEAVENLY PENNIES & MORE...**our Religious Education Program will be collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters etc. during Lent for Catholic Charities. Your wonderful support and the students great enthusiasm has helped us reach or surpass our goal every year! It really is like "pennies from heaven!" When put together these pennies are helping everyone, everywhere. Thank you for your support! Penny jars are at the doors of the Church.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES: When you are troubled, we are hope.** The opioid addiction crisis hasn't left one corner of Western New York untouched. To combat this serious problem that's plaguing our communities, Catholic Charities provides a **Chemical Dependency Treatment Program**. Our outpatient program is New York State OASAS-licensed and seeks to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** helps us continue to provide treatment for those who are most in need. To donate or to seek help, please call Helpline at 716-218-1419 or visit [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation). Multiply God's goodness. For more information about the outpatient program, visit [www.ccwny.org/addictionhelp](http://www.ccwny.org/addictionhelp). In the darkest days, we are **HOPE** for all seasons.

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

We recently received from the Diocese a 12-page instruction regarding the rubrics for this year's celebration of Holy Week, with adaptations to be observed during the coronavirus pandemic. What I found reassuring in this document is the degree to which Holy Week will in fact be allowed to be celebrated. For sure, there will still be the required use of facial masks by all age two and over, as well as the observance of a six-foot social distancing between non-household members. But we have been following these safety protocols faithfully ever since churches were allowed to reopen last June. And it seems certain that such public health measures will continue to be required until such time as the pandemic is determined to have ended.

There are some relatively minor adaptations noted in the instructions. For example, the palms on Palm Sunday are to be distributed by gloved volunteers at the church entrances, instead of being left on a table. This is meant to reduce the amount of handling of the palms before you receive them. The Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday is to be observed by a simple bow before the Cross, instead of the more traditional kissing of the Cross. This would come as no surprise in a time of pandemic. Since the Gospel on both Palm Sunday and Good Friday involves congregational participation, I would recommend that you bring your missalette with you. For those who have not yet taken a missalette to be their own this year, I will be sure that a quantity of the new, never yet used, missallettes will be available for you to take with you.

But what I would like to point out is something that is not specifically stated in the above-mentioned 12-page instruction. And that is the vast difference between Holy Week this year and Holy Week last year. You will recall that last year, as we were then at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, all liturgies had been cancelled throughout New York State as of mid-March 2020. Holy Week as such did not exist last year. I do not remember there being any public observance of Palm Sunday, Holy Week or Easter anywhere in the world last year, including Vatican City State. That being said, there is much for which to be grateful this year. Thanks to our volunteers who continue to sanitize the church after each Mass (weekends and weekdays), and thanks to you for your proper wearing of face masks and observance of social distancing, we are able to worship God together while doing our utmost to maintain public health and safety.

I am encouraged by all who have come back to church, and am hopeful that more and more will continue to join us at the Lord's Altar as their circumstances allow. I am grateful for your continued prayerful and financial support of the parishes during this past year, a year which has been unlike any that we have seen before. When I consider those three long months of mid-March to mid-June 2020, when we were not allowed to have any Masses together, then I realize just how far we have come, and how extraordinary it is that we can realistically plan for Holy Week this year. Since it could not be celebrated at all in 2020, Holy Week 2021 may indeed be all the more reason to give God thanks.



Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe

## Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-5

## UPON THIS ROCK UPDATE

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](mailto: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.

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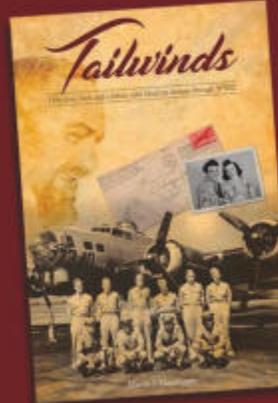
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