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March 21, 2021

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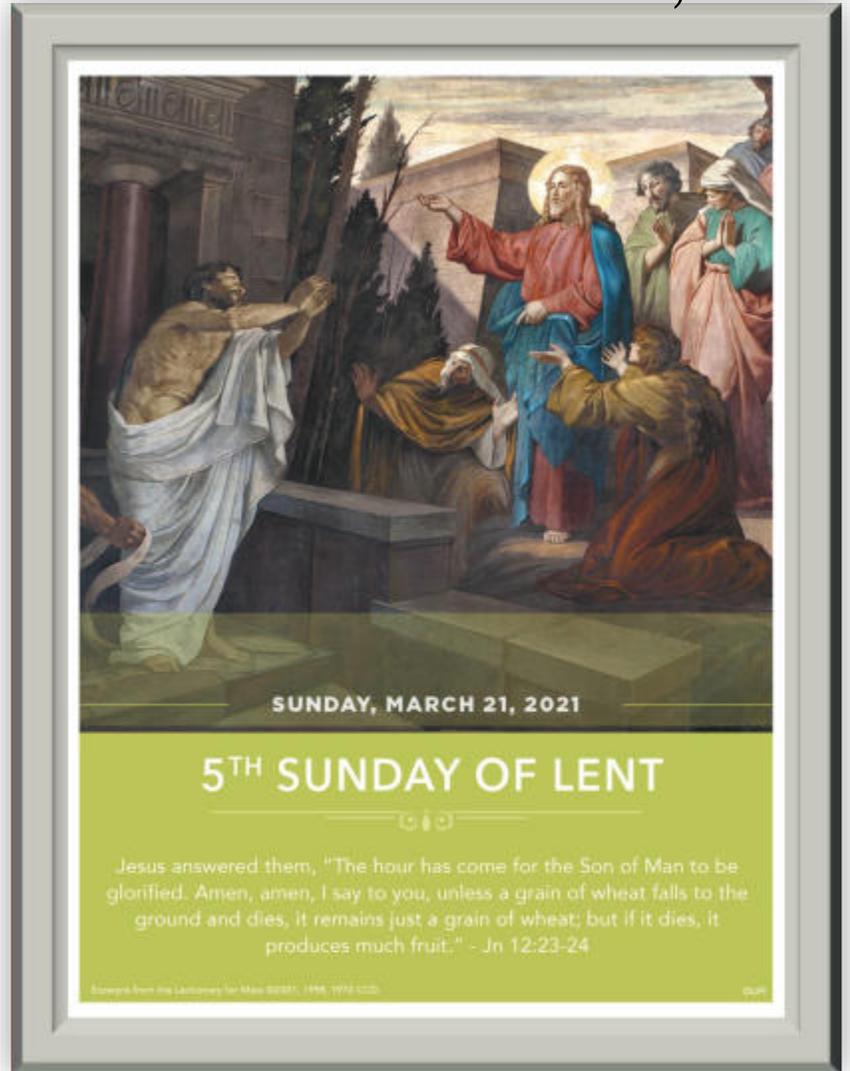
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:430pm
Daily Masses: Mon: 5:30pm
Tues-Thurs.: 8:15am
Fri: 8:15am Communion Service
Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:15—4 p.m.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Our Mission Statement

The mission of St. Mary of the Lake Church is to be a welcoming, vibrant community, living the gospel of Jesus through loving service, while sharing our Catholic faith with future generations.

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___ I would like to join St. Mary's
___ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith
___ I would like a Priest to visit someone in my family
___ Here is my address
___ I am moving; please remove me from the mailing list

Palm Sunday is next week!

Due to Covid 19, we will not gather in the Gathering Space this year. Rather, simply be seated before Mass in the body of the church. We WILL have palms this year; however, they will be laid out on tables (in the Gathering Space) in separate piles.

Please only touch the palms you take.

They will be blessed during the entrance procession (of the clergy) into church. It is customary to wear something red (which is the Liturgical color) on this day. If you have a missalette, please bring it for the proclamation of the Gospel. A lector will also read the part of “the crowd” proclaimed by the congregation.

A Note About Collections

Mail in your envelopes

We have established regular office hours and all correspondence should be sent to 4737 Lake Shore Road

Drop off your envelopes

stop by the Parish Office from 9 am to 1 pm (4737 Lake Shore Road) or...

*the Residence **anytime***

(4857 Kennison Pkwy, Norton side door has a mail slot)

Or join our “Electronic Giving” program

Call the office (627-3123) or go to our Website (smolparish.org)



Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon, Mar 22 : Clemencia Duran, by family

Tues, Mar 23: Andrew & Helena Youngers, by Evelyn Palladino

Wed, Mar 24: Parishioners of St. Mary of the Lake Church

Thurs., Mar 25 : *Feast of the Annunciation*

8:15: Russell Healy, by family

6:30 pm: Henry & Cecelia Syzmanski, by family

Fri, Mar 26: *Communion Service (no Mass)*

Sat, Mar 27: Lois Crandall, by Dick Crandall

Sun. Mar 28:

9am : Josephine Richard Givens, by John Nowak

11 am : Living & Deceased Ballesteros & Jackson Family,

Combined Parish Penance Service

A “Combined” Parish Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7PM at JPII Church in Lakeview. All SMOL parishioners are encouraged to attend. In addition, please consider our parish confessions from 3:15 to 4 pm every Saturday.

Please remember in your prayers:

Fred Nappo, Patricia Brick, Mike Peglau, Joseph Pritzky, Mary Jane Jakiel, Cathy Drew, Kevin Johns, James Golombek, Audrey Scott, Nick Nowak, Reagan Lombardi, and those who have nobody to pray for them. Pray also for those are sick with or who have died from the Coronavirus. May all who suffer disease and illness be united in strength with the grace of God’s unending, healing love.

Pastor's Corner

As our Lenten journey inches closer to the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we turn our focus to Jesus as he approaches “his hour” on the lonesome road to Calvary. As Jesus “*offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears*” for us and our salvation, so, too, we join our pains and sufferings with his. We bring him our fears, faults, and failings, even our lack of forgiveness, that all might be washed away by the holy water and blood that flows from his side on the cross. In this way we are transformed, like a “*grain of wheat*” that becomes something new; a plant that can “*bear much fruit.*” The question is, do we have the courage to “*die to self*” and rise to the new life Jesus invites us to? Only if we can say “*yes*” can Jesus “*become the source of eternal life*” for us. It is hard to believe that Palm Sunday is only one week away! This marks the beginning of the holiest of weeks in the Church’s calendar and I hope and pray that you will be drawn to the many beautiful liturgies and events at the parish. In particular, I want to point out 8:15 am morning prayer during the Triduum” (Thurs-Sat). Although we cannot have the social gatherings and hospitality SMOL has become known for, we still need and deeply appreciate your presence.

Have a blessed Holy Week!
I hope to see you then!

Fr. Ted

The readings this Sunday are:

Jeremiah, Chapter 31:31-34

Hebrews, Chapter 5:7-9

Gospel of John, Chapter 12:20-33

Appeal 2021 Passes \$2.7 Million Mark

Since kicking off just a month ago on Jan. 19, Appeal 2021 has achieved a total of \$2,714,593.78 in cash and pledges, representing 27.15% of its \$10 million goal.

“For 97 years Catholic Charities has been supporting the community with basic and crucial needs, providing a beacon of hope to our neighbors,” said Deacon Steve Schumer, president and CEO, Catholic Charities. *“We are confident that in the days and weeks ahead, Western New Yorkers will once again show their generosity by supporting Appeal 2021 and giving hope to individuals, children and families in need throughout our region.”*

CALLING ALL CONTRACTORS

With an eye toward the future well-being of our Parish Campus, our buildings and grounds are in need of some much needed repairs/improvements. If you own or work for a company that completes work in the areas listed below, we would love to hear from you. It would be our hope to award these future projects to benefit the members/businesses of our Parish family where possible.

Roofing, Concrete, Window Replacement, Architectural Design, Commercial Lighting, Landscaping, HVAC

If you are able to help please call our offices at 627-3123 or send us an email at

secretary@smolparish.org

Our Faith Community's Gifts to God

This week

3/14/21—7,241.00 E-giving—629.05 = 7,870.05

Last Year

3/15/20—4,825.00 E-giving -439.41 = 5,264.41

In addition to our taped Masses at St. Mary of the Lake, Sunday and weekday Masses are being streamed from the following sources.

Look up your parish website for information regarding their own live streaming schedule. If you are looking to live stream your Masses to the faithful of your parish, USCCB has shared some tips on best practices, as well as how to take advantage of your Facebook page and use Facebook Live for live streaming.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church

Livestream feed: <https://nt-olc.org/live-stream/>

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8 am

St. Amelia Church

Livestream feed: [Youtube Channel](#)

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sat: 4:30 pm

St. Leo the Great

Livestream link: stleothegreatamherst.com/about-st-leo-the-great/live-feed/

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

St. Gregory the Great

Livestream link: stgregs.org/live-stream

Daily: 7:00 am, 8:00 am and Noon

Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, & 4:30 pm

St. Martha Parish

Livestream link: stmarthadepew.org/About-Us/Livestream

Daily: 8:15 am

Saturday: 8:15 am and 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am and 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Pompeii

Livestream link: olpparish.com/live-streaming-massevent-videos.html

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am

SS. Columba Brigid

Livestream link: <https://livestream.com/accounts/2315534>

Sunday: 9:00 am (Spanish) and 11:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Holy Family

Livestream link: <http://www.holyfamilyalbion.com/livestream.html>

Direct link: <https://livestream.com/accounts/13498042>

Sunday: 10:30 am

St. Francis

Livestream feed: stfrancischurch.us and click on livestream

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:30 am, and 6 pm

Monday-Friday: 8 am



A Prayer To End to the Pandemic:

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that
afflicts our world,
that our God and Father will heal the sick,
strengthen those who care for them
and help us all to persevere in faith.

Almighty and merciful God,
Source of all life, health and healing,
Look with compassion on our world, brought
low by disease;
protect us in the midst of the grave
challenges that assail us
and in your fatherly providence
grant recovery to the stricken,
strength to those who care for them,
And success to those working to eradicate this
scourge.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Address

Now that we have re-established regular office hours (9 am to 1 pm, Mon-Thu), you can send any correspondence to the Parish (Center) Office (*which is in the old school building*):

St. Mary of the Lake Church

(old school building)

4737 Lake Shore Road.

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“UPON THIS ROCK”

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.

United States Bankruptcy Court For The Western District

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/diocesefofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof claim. If you do not timely file a proof of claim, you may forfeit your right to vote on any plan or reorganization and to share in any distributions to creditors in connection with the Diocese’s chapter 11 Case.



Mass on our website

Please help us get the word out that (taped) Mass is offered on our parish website: smolparish.org

Our Famous Fall Flea Market

Our Famous Fall Flea Market is back!
The next flea market is **March 27**

Other upcoming dates are, 4/10 from 9 AM to 3 PM. At St Mary’s of The Lake.
For more information please contact Janice Misuraca at (716) 627-3619 or

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