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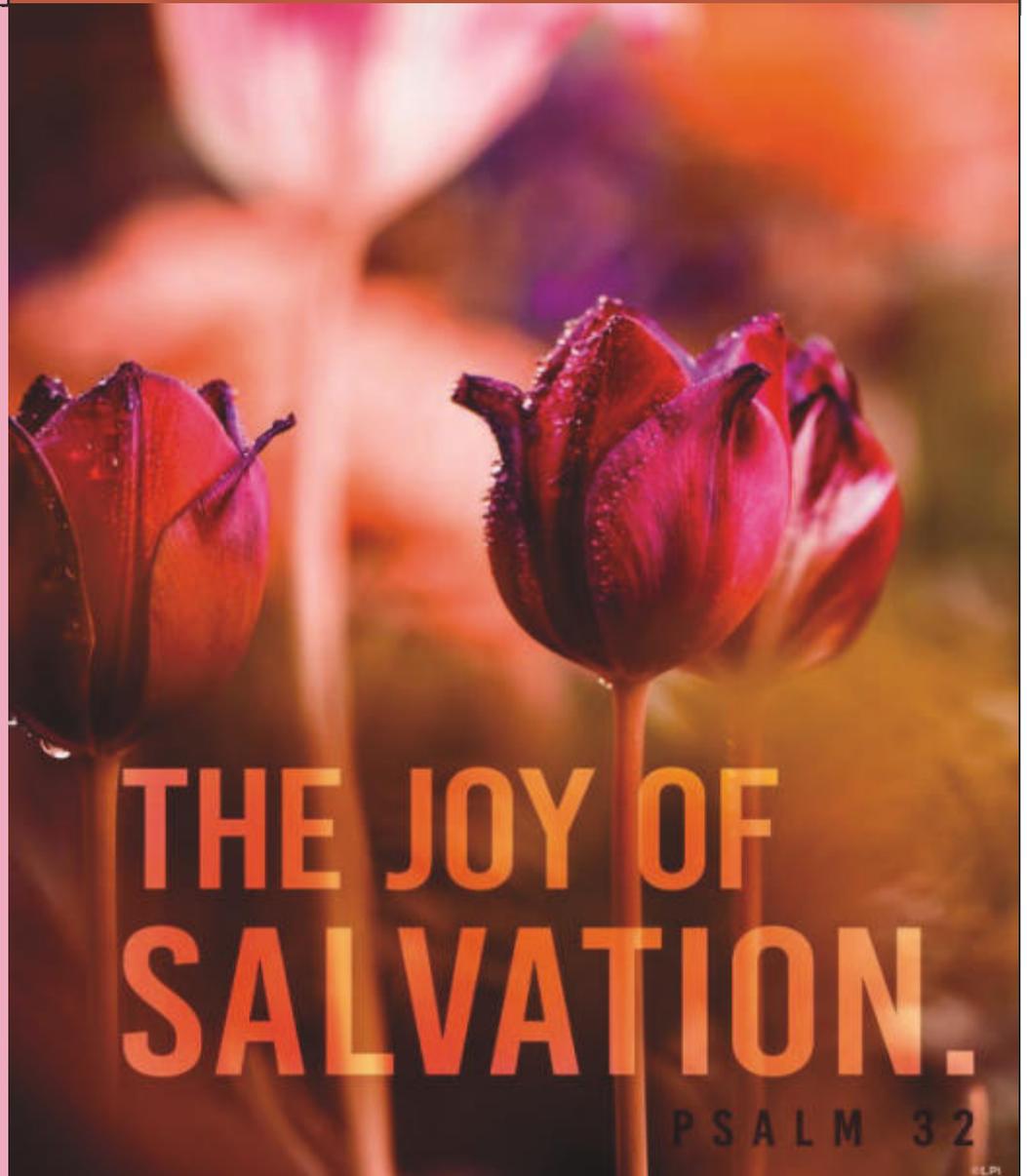
**FEBRUARY 14, 2021  
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholics who are united in Christ. Our lives are based on faith, hope and charity, guided by the Holy Spirit and sustained by the Sacraments.

Our mission is to help all people achieve salvation by spreading the message of God's love. We strive to strengthen this effort by enriching ourselves through the Scriptures and the Sacraments. We share our faith by teaching, personal witness and works of charity.



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SALVATION.**

PSALM 32



## Divine Mercy From The Diary of St. Faustina

### Value In Suffering For Jesus

#### Meditation:

I saw that God Himself seemed to be opposing [Fr. Sopocko], and I asked the Lord why He was acting in this way toward him, as though He were placing obstacles in the way of his doing what He Himself had asked him to do. And the Lord said, **I am acting thus with him to give testimony that this work is Mine. Tell him not to fear anything; My gaze is on him day and night. There will be as many crowns to form his crown as there will be souls saved by this work. It is not for the success of a work, but for the suffering that I give reward** (*Diary*, 90).

#### My Prayer Response;

Thank You, Lord, for supporting Fr. Sopocko in the work of promoting Your mercy. Thank You for the faithfulness of Fr. Sopocko in the midst of sufferings he encountered in this work of Divine Mercy. Thank You for the support of St. Faustina's prayers for Fr. Sopocko. As You guided St. Faustina and Fr. Sopocko, guide me, Lord, in spreading the message of Your mercy.



*The Community of SS. Peter & Paul offers to pray for the following persons who have asked for our prayers in making them Whole again in Body, Mind and Spirit:*

Lori Allen, Carson Barnhart, Jim Boshart, Diane Butch, Linda Callan, Donald Day, Ron Fial, Eric Gliniski, Inge Gooch, Debbie Grasso, Brian Greene, Theresa Hjalmarson, Riley Jenkins, Diane Johnston, Mark Johnston, Sara Kallai, Rose Miliotto, Paul J. Miller, Nancy Mischler, Judy Perl, Olivia Reed, Ken Schlosser, Ruth Schlosser, Jackie Shapiro, Mary Ann Singer, Paul Slater, Joseph Tomasi, Beverly Tomasi



## Parish Prayer Line

The Parish Prayer Line is a confidential prayer line that offers prayers for our parishioners, family members and friends in need of intercessory prayer. During these challenging times, it may comfort you to reach out to our prayer partners. If you have a need for prayers, call the Prayer Line at 633-3977 from 6am-midnight.

## A Note from the Pastor

Lent will start on February 17, with **Ash Wednesday**. There will be **three Masses that day with distribution of ashes** at:

**8:00 am, 12:05 pm, and 5:00 pm.**

This year, due to health safety precautions, ashes will be sprinkled over crowns of people's heads as the only option. A more detailed explanation can be found in the note below.

The Annual Catholic Charities Drive has already started with its quiet phase. Previous and potential new donors soon will be getting letters from Catholic Charities inviting them to donate towards this important and needed diocesan charitable institution. Many needy families and individuals, especially this year, depend on the many services offered by it. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Matt

## Notes from the Diocesan Office of Worship

### Ash Wednesday

“We have had a year filled with different ways of living and praying. There are fewer people in church. No water in the front. Less singing. Communion primarily in the hand. No coffee and doughnuts on the way home. Yet we still pray.” Instead of giving ashes as a cross on the forehead—unsafe in this COVID time—we can still receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head (permitted by our ritual rules.)

**Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head** recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance: “Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads” (Neh 9:1).

We will look a little cleaner. We can still repent, and believe in the Gospel. We will still wear ashes home to begin our Lenten practices, born of our hearts.”

### The Season of Lent

Lent is ordered to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Since the Lenten liturgy prepares us for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, both catechumens (by their various stages of Christian Initiation) and the faithful (who recall their own Baptism) do penance.

The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper. From the beginning of Lent until the Paschal Vigil, the *Alleluia* is not said.

## Lenten Regulations:

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**Easter Duty:** After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 21, 2021 (First Sunday of Lent) and May 30, 2021 (Trinity Sunday).

### Stations of the Cross Prayed Weekly at 7:00 pm at Ss. Peter & Paul Church & Christ the King Church

Friday, February 19—Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Friday, February 26—Christ the King Lower Church

Friday, March 5—Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Friday, March 12—Christ the King Lower Church

Friday, March 19—Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Friday, March 26—Christ the King Lower Church

## Buffalo Prays for Life

As we approach the beginning of Lent this week, how about a new type of sacrifice - instead of abstaining from chocolate, sweets, snacking and any other temporal vices we may choose to abstain from, how about a **Spiritual Lenten Sacrifice**? How about taking a walk with Jesus? **Where?** With about 62 million babies having been aborted in our country since Roe v. Wade in 1973, please consider praying at an abortion clinic. There is no need to call anyone or make an appointment - just show up and let our Lord be your guide!

***Do not be afraid or discouraged!  
I am the Lord your God,  
and I will be there to help you wherever you go.  
(Joshua 1:9)***

## Consecration to St. Joseph



What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph? Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total

consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

To mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named “Universal Patron of the Church,” Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph to take place from Dec. 8, 2020 through Dec. 8, 2021. Accordingly, the Diocese of Buffalo will participate in a diocesan-wide consecration to St. Joseph during the period of **Feb. 15 through March 19**. The Diocese of Buffalo will begin the consecration Monday, Feb. 15 in collaboration with each parish and will conclude with Mass celebrated with Bishop Michael W. Fisher at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Buffalo, on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19 at 12:10 p.m.

### How Our Parish will Participate:

- ◆ We will meet in the church on the following **Mondays: February 15, February 22, March 1, March 8 and March 15** from 6:30-8pm.
- ◆ Those who are unable to attend in person are invited to join us via live-stream at:  
<http://ssppchurch.com/Our-Church/Live-Stream>
- ◆ Participants are asked to call the Parish Office at: **632-2559** or e-mail us at:  
[mainofficesspp@roadrunner.com](mailto:mainofficesspp@roadrunner.com)  
to register so that we may provide you with weekly updates. If you are unable to register in advance, you may register at the first meeting.
- ◆ The first meeting on February 15 will cover the **Introduction & Day 1** from the book, pages 1-14.
- ◆ The text materials we will be using are listed below.

### Resource Materials Needed:

A 30-page guide with prayers and resources can be found at: [https://www.buffalodiocese.org/documents/Communique/33-Days-of-Prayers-and-Daily-Challenge%20\(ENGLISH\).pdf](https://www.buffalodiocese.org/documents/Communique/33-Days-of-Prayers-and-Daily-Challenge%20(ENGLISH).pdf)

**Or** get the consecration book, **Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Price: Your donation, plus \$5.25 shipping. Offered until March 1. Visit [StJosephNow.org](http://StJosephNow.org) or call 1-800-462-7426. (One per household.)



### Upon This Rock Drive

Thanks to the generosity of many generous donors, our parish recently received its semi-annual reimbursement check for **\$11,529.19** from the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.

Following the initially planned parish spending allocation, 90% of it will be spent at the SSPP school and 10% to our parish. Thanks again for the ongoing generosity and support of our parish school and the church .

**Save the Date!**



### Catholic Charities Appeal

**“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”** Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, housing, medications and clothing. Your donation to **Appeal 2021** can help us continue to give food to the hungry, clothes to the naked and shelter to the homeless. For more information about Catholic Charities and our other services and programs, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419. Catholic Charities is **HOPE for all seasons**. To make a secure online donation, go to [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation).

**1836**

**2021**

Since 1836, Saints Peter & Paul Church has been serving its faithful parishioners! The strength of our parish has been blessed by a rich history beginning with its establishment by St. John Neumann. To have the first American male saint as our founder is truly remarkable. Throughout the many generations, our parish has survived wars, The Great Depression, the modern age, and now even COVID 19! It is a time for all of us to **SAVE THE DATE** to show our gratitude, and to acknowledge our proud traditions with our....



## 185 Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration!

**Featuring Chiavetta’s Chicken BBQ and Fresh Homemade Sides**

**Saturday, April 24th**

**4-7pm on the grounds of SSPP\***

**\*Please be assured that all COVID 19 precautions will be in place**

**“The Early Bird gets the Chiavetta’s!” Pre-sale Orders will begin March 13th.**

Many volunteers are needed to make our 185th Kick-off a success! Please show your parish support by volunteering for one of the many shifts below. Just check off your shift selection and provide the requested information. Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office at 17 Grove St., Williamsville, NY, 14221. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 632-2559. Thank you very much!

\_\_\_\_\_ **2:30-4:30pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **4:15-6:15pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **5:30-7:30pm**

**Please Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Welcome !

For the safety of all, we kindly ask you to observe the following protocols:

- ◆ All persons over 2 years of age must wear face masks.
- ◆ Please sanitize your hands upon entering.
- ◆ Please wait to be seated by an usher and cooperate with directions.
- ◆ Seating is available in every other pew. Families may sit together.
- ◆ The crying room is no longer available.
- ◆ Confessions on Saturdays from 3-4pm in front of the church.
- ◆ For Holy Communion, leave your seat only when directed by an usher.
- ◆ Receive the Holy Eucharist in hand, not on the tongue.
- ◆ After Mass, please wait for the usher's directions to leave your pew.

## +All Masses Are Livestreamed+

To View Livestream Masses, Visit:  
<http://sspchurch.com/Our-Church/Live-Stream>.

A camera operates continuously in the church 24/7. If you do not have a computer, go to Channel 2 at 11am for Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



### On-Line Giving

Our on-line giving program, **WeShare** is an easy and convenient way to donate and support our church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly donation using your checking, savings, or credit card account.

You decide how much to give to any collection and you can make changes any time, day or night. With your one-time donation set-up, you won't have to worry about forgetting to bring your envelope to church or sending it in the mail. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit <https://sspchurch.churchgiving.com>. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 632-2559. As always, we thank you for your generosity!

### Monthly Collection

<u>Monthly Totals</u>	<u>Fiscal Year To Date</u>
January 2021- \$42,102	9/2020-1/2021- \$199,176
January 2020- \$39,158	9/2019-1/2020- \$204,002

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**Please address all correspondence to our Parish Office address:**

**17 Grove Street  
 Williamsville, NY 14221**

**Parish Office: 632-2559 Fax 204-0329**

**School Office: 632-6146 Fax 626-0971**

**Religious Education Office: 632-2678**

**Parish Office E-mail:  
[mainofficesspp@roadrunner.com](mailto:mainofficesspp@roadrunner.com)**

**Website: [sspchurch.com](http://sspchurch.com)**

**Pastoral Office: Located at 17 Grove Street**

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

**Office Phone Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm**

**Cemetery Information: Parish Office Staff 632-2559**

**Pastor: Rev. Matt Nycz 632-2559 ext 202**

**Deacon: Charles Esposito 207-6630**

**Business Manager: Lynn Baker x201**

**Parish Office Staff: Barbara Crage x200**

**Director of Music: Gail Shepherd x209**

**St. Vincent de Paul - 632-2559 x219  
 (Food Pantry - Saturday 9:00am - 11:00am)**

**Director of Religious Education: Roberta Spencer  
 632-2678 x232**

**Sacramental Coordinator: Casey Hanley  
 632-2678 x233**

**School Principal: Melissa Lindner 632-6146 x243**

**Parish Trustees: Stephen Lisicki, Joseph Fiegl**

**Prayer Line: 633-3977 Between 6:00am-Midnight**

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- ◆ Access ramp to Neumann Hall at the northwest corner of the church
- ◆ Pastoral Office access by parking lot
- ◆ School Building access is from front of school building facing Main Street

# THIS WEEK AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 13

4:30pm Andrew Owens by Kathy & Tony Acquisto

Sunday, February 14- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am The Ozdych Family by Doreen Green

11:30am Camille Pipolo by Martin Pipolo

Monday, February 15,

12:05pm The Joan & Jim Coleman Family, Living & Deceased by Daughter Madonna

Tuesday, February 16

12:05pm Parishioners of SSPP, Living & Deceased by Pastor

Wednesday, February 17,

8:00am Robert Galbo by Wife, Ann Marie

12:05pm Anna & Galliano DeSimone by Gerry DeSimone

5:00pm Raymond Zurowski by The SVDP Society

Thursday, February 18

8:00am Joan A. Wetzel by Estate

12:05pm James Morris, Sr. by Judy Morris

Friday February 19

8:00am Jeanne Marie Poorten by Estate

12:05pm Virginia McCue by Donna & Brian Murray

Saturday, February 20

4:30pm The Soul of Bob Gage & The Intentions of Thelma Gage by Elizabeth Zurowski

Sunday, February 21- First Sunday of Lent

9:30am Dorothy Gifford by The SSPP Class of 2020

11:30am Patricia Adelman by Mitch & Mary Lamancuso

Readings for Sunday, February 21

Genesis 9:8-15

1Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



## The Sanctuary Lamp

Monica Weidenbach  
By,  
Bev, Joe & McKenzie

*The Sanctuary Lamp is located by the Altar of Reposition, near the Tabernacle. If you are interested in lighting the Sanctuary Lamp, please call the Parish Office at 632-2559. The lamp will be lit for an entire week in memory of your loved one or for your special intentions.*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents should contact the Parish Office *before* the birth of their child to make arrangements. Sponsors (godparents) must be practicing Catholics, be confirmed, and be able to provide a Letter of Recommendation from their own pastor. Baptisms will be scheduled once the letters of recommendation have been received. **Adult Baptism** may occur only after completion of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.).

**PENANCE:** Confessions are offered Saturdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Other times by appointment.

**MATRIMONY:** Contact the Parish Office immediately upon deciding to marry (or at least 9 months prior to the anticipated wedding.) Couples who were previously married cannot marry in the Catholic Church without a Declaration of Nullity or Annulment Decree from a diocesan tribunal.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** which is normally offered every Friday after the 12:05pm mass has been temporarily suspended. Other times can be scheduled by appointment by calling the Parish Office at 632-2559. In case of an emergency, call the extension for Pastoral Emergencies #602.

**SPONSORS:** Church law requires that sponsors for the sacraments be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Letters of Recommendation will only be issued for registered parishioners who regularly attend mass and support the life and mission of the parish. Married persons must have been wedded in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church.

## Parish Office Hours:

**In Person:**

**Monday-Friday**  
**9am to 12pm**  
**1pm-3pm**

**Phone Hours:**

**Monday-Friday**  
**9am to 4pm**  
**632-2559**

**NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

## Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 12:05pm

Wednesday: 8am & 5pm

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:30am & 11:30am



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