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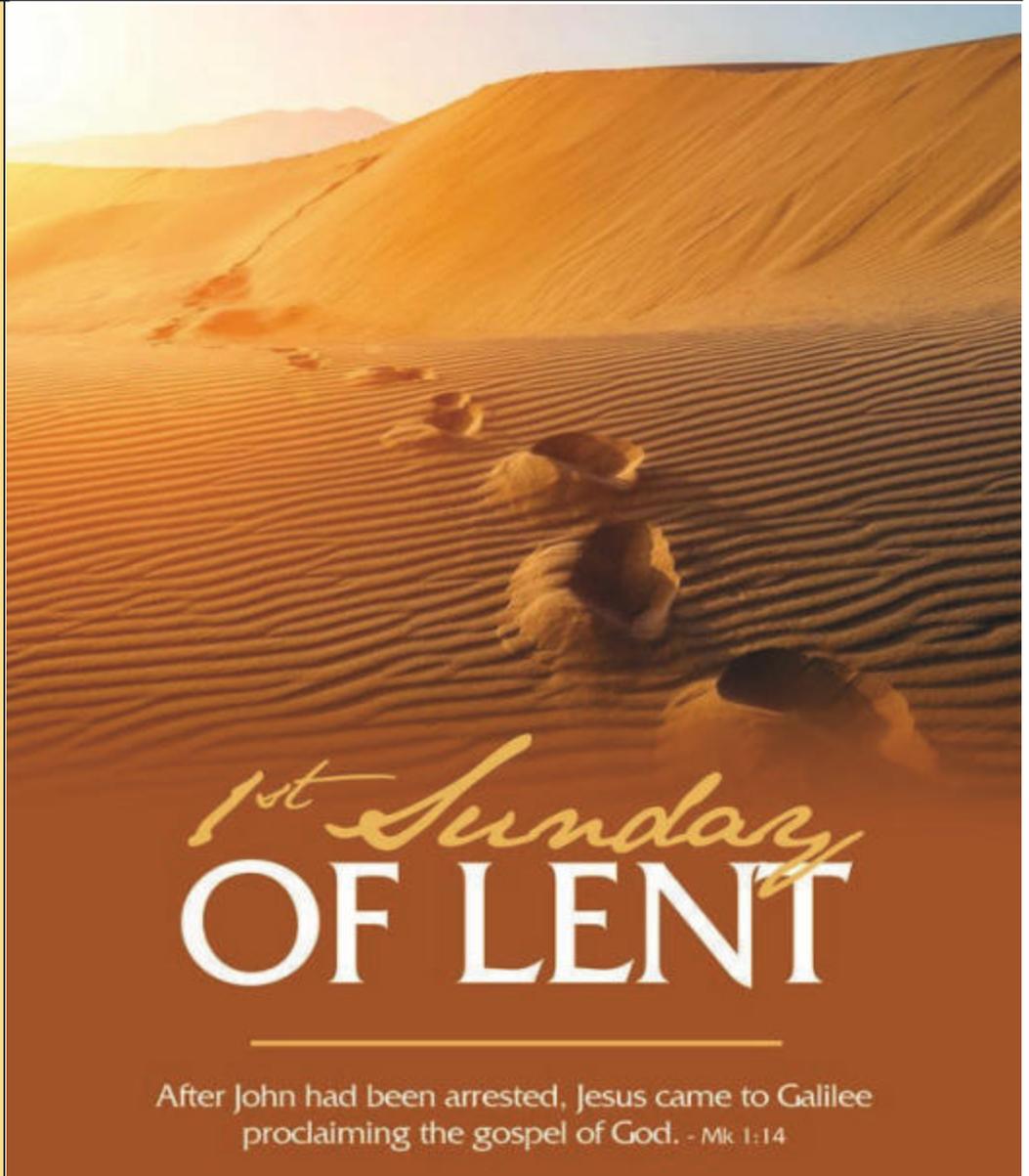
**FEBRUARY 21, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



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.



1st Sunday
OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. - Mk 1:14



Divine Mercy From The Diary of St. Faustina

Today, I took part in a one-day retreat. When I was at the last conference, the priest was speaking of how much the world needs God's mercy, and that this seems to be a special time when people have great need of prayer and God's mercy. Then I heard a voice in my soul: "These words are for you.

Do all you possibly can for this work of My mercy. I desire that My mercy be worshiped, and I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation: that is, recourse to My mercy. My Heart rejoices in this feast." After these words, I understood that nothing can dispense me from the obligation which the Lord demands from me. (Diary 998) .

My response: Pray for God's mercy on our world that is so needed today.



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 Glinski, Inge Gooch, Debbie Grasso, Brian Greene, Theresa Hjalmarson, Riley Jenkins, Diane Johnston, Mark Johnston, Sara Kallai, Rose Millioto, 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.

+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.

A Note from the Pastor

Lent started on Ash Wednesday last week. It is traditionally a time to pray more, self-deny more, and step out outside our comfort zone to help others with works of charity. To help people pray more, **we offer two Masses each weekday of Lent, at 8:00am and 12:05pm, (Wednesday Masses are at 8:00am & 5:00pm,)** and an opportunity for individual confessions after each noon Mass.

Annual **Catholic Charities Drive** has already started. Letters from Catholic Charities inviting to donate towards this important and needed diocesan charitable institution will be sent out soon. Many needy families and individuals, especially this year, depend on the many services offered by it. Thank you for your generosity.

In keeping with the long-time custom, our parish shares and alternates **Stations of the Cross** with Christ the King (CTK) Parish in Snyder. This week, stations will be prayed at CTK at 7:00 pm.

Pope Francis dedicated 2021 to St. Joseph. Our new Bishop Michael Fisher invited all parishes in the diocese to participate in the **Consecration to St. Joseph**. Last week we started the process at SSPP. Close to 30 people attended the first meeting in person and many more joined via Live-Stream. It is not too late to join in this wonderful spiritual exercise and a great way to enter into Lent this year. Next group meeting will be this Monday, February 22 at 6:30 pm. See more details on page 3.

Fr. Matt

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).



**Our Clocks:
Mission Accomplished!**

You may have noticed that our indoor parish clock and church steeple clock have been repaired, but what you may not have realized is the amount of work, time and money that this project entailed. As a historical icon in the heart of the Village of Williamsville, the steeple clock needed extensive work in order to restore it to its original beauty and functionality.

This project, which may have seemed to be a small feat, was met with many challenges. More than a year ago, we began with soliciting estimates for repairs which involved climbing over 100 feet of stairs that were built in the late 1800s. Finding willing and able clock repair persons to provide estimates became the first challenge.

Once the project was finally commissioned, the real work began. As any homeowner would concur, one obstacle leads to another. The clock parts, many of which were no longer available, needed to be manufactured. The manufacturing project, which was initially estimated to take several months to complete, was delayed for several additional months due to the onset of COVID. Once the parts were finally received, electricians needed to rewire the antiquated electrical system, the stairs leading up to the tower needed to be repaired, and scaffolding needed to be put in place in order to ensure the safety of the workers.

Of course, the major obstacle was the cost of this project. With limited funds, the project would have been an impossibility had it not been for the generosity of St. Ann’s Sodality who funded the cost of the steeple clock in the amount of \$15,580.00. And the generosity amplified when parishioners Ken & Laurie Schlosser donated \$8,554.08 to repair the clock inside the church and to cover the cost of the electrical services for both the indoor clock and the steeple clock. Finally, our parish absorbed the remaining cost of \$1,429.01 to complete the project. It must also be noted that the clocks will need to be serviced yearly in order to ensure their functionality which, at today’s rates, will cost the parish \$650.00 each year.

Thanks to our generous donors, the planning committee, and the dedicated workers, our mission was finally accomplished! We are so very grateful to everyone involved in this project who worked tirelessly to make this vision a reality! It really does take a village!

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



Consecration to St. Joseph

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 is participating in a diocesan-wide consecration to St. Joseph during the period of **Feb. 15 through March 19**. The Diocese of Buffalo began 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 is Participating:

- ◆ We will meet in the church on the following **Mondays: February 22, March 1, March 8 and March 15 from 6:30-7:30pm.**
- ◆ Those who are unable to attend in person are invited to join us via live-stream at: <http://ssppchurch.com/Our-Church/Live-Stream>
- ◆ Although the consecration began last Monday, it’s not too late to join us!
- ◆ The text materials we are 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 or call 1-800-462-7426. (One per household.)

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



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% at our parish. Thanks again for the ongoing generosity and support of our parish school and the church .

Save the Date!



Catholic Charities Appeal

When you are troubled, we are hope. Are you struggling with hybrid learning, trying to work remotely, having a hard time with the seemingly endless grey that is WNY in winter? If you are experiencing mental health, familial or marital problems we can help. Catholic Charities offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, children’s clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. To find out more, visit www.ccwny.org and click the “Counseling & Mental Health” tab under Services on the right-hand side. To begin the referral process, call 716-895-1033. If you are located outside of Erie County, call your local Catholic Charities office for counseling or go to www.ccwny.org/counseling for information and contact number. **HOPE for all seasons.**

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....



185th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration!

Featuring Chiavetta’s Chicken BBQ and Fresh Homemade Sides

Saturday, April 24th

4-7pm on the grounds of SSPP*

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“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 Diocesan and parish 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.

NEW MINISTRY!

Poor Widows of Saint Mary

Deacon James Waggoner died in the fall of 2020 in Kenmore, NY. His wife Elizabeth recently started the Poor Widows of Saint Mary Prayer Ministry to assist widows and widowers in their widowed state of life.

The mission statement is: With the graces of Saint Mary, Our Patroness, we seek to assist in the growth of personal holiness while embracing the widowed state of life.

Here's how the ministry works: When you join this ministry, you will be sent unique monthly prayer reflections on a beautifully calligraphied parchment paper, which you will pray on your own and enjoy a private healing and reflection time. There are no group meetings to attend; you will participate in the privacy of your own home and at your convenience. All you holy virgins and widows: pray for us! If you are interested in receiving this ministry, please fill out the attached form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, you may call the Parish Office at 632-2559.

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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

Website: sppchurch.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

To assist your participation we offer:

- ◆ Accessible seating midway on both sides of the church
- ◆ A magnetic audio loop for those with telephone compatible hearing aids
- ◆ Restroom assistance from our ushers
- ◆ 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 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

Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00am Jeanne Robertson by Estate

12:05pm Charles Priore by Dolores Anderson

Tuesday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop & martyr

8:00am Parishioners of SSPP, Living & Deceased by Pastor

12:05pm The Intentions of Robert Muncey by Toni &
Family

Wednesday, February 24

8:00am The Intentions of The DeSimone Children
by Gerry DeSimone

12:05pm Lucilla H. Lutz & George Lutz Family by Estate

Thursday, February 25

8:00am Robert Box by Estate

12:05pm Lonnie D. Nielsen by Bruce Wainsart of People of
Praise

Friday, February 26

8:00am Monica Weidenbach by Bev, Joe & McKenzie

12:05pm Margaret Green by Estate

Saturday, February 27

4:30pm Edward J. Vohwinkel by Robert & Patricia
Schlatterer

Sunday, February 28-2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30am Deceased Members of The St. Vincent DePaul
Society

11:30am Joe Mueller by Colleen & Jamey Barcomb

Readings for Sunday, February 28

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10



The Sanctuary Lamp

Kathleen Meosky-Head
By,
Rose & Robert Freeman

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:	Phone Hours:
Monday-Friday 9am to 12pm 1pm-3pm	Monday-Friday 9am to 4pm 632-2559

Mass Times During Lent

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8am & 12:05pm

Wednesday: 8am & 5pm

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:30am & 11:30am



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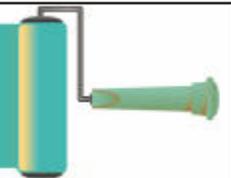
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