



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20, 2021

5:00 pm Frank Pellegrino, Birthday by Family

Sunday, February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Matilda Genter by Family
10:30 am Patricia Hunt, by sister Anne

Monday, February 22, 2021

8:00 am For Healing for Anthony Loiacono

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:00 am Crowley Family by Estate

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

8:00 am Lena & Guido Monacelli by Family

Thursday, February 25, 2021

8:00 am Ursula Gadsby by Bob Gadsby

Friday, February 26, 2021

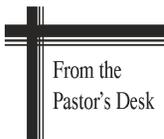
8:00 am Mark Surdi by Mother & Family

Saturday, February 27, 2021

5:00 pm Rita Fox by Kevin & Joyce Hurley

Sunday, February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Intention of the Celebrant
10:30 am John Bacon, Sr. by Father Dick



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners & Friends,
We've completed the first few days of Lent. Usually, when we get a "jump start" during Lent, we set ourselves up for a fruitful season. It's too easy to just let the first few weeks slip by and, before you know it, you're almost at Holy Week. So I suggest that you get going on your Lenten Resolutions and Practices. You'll open yourselves to a wonderful visit by Jesus, which will help you deal with the joys and sorrows of life. I'm praying for a blessed season for you and your loved ones.

On Friday, February 12th, I celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for my brother-in-law, Jack Bacon. What a privilege it is to preside at the service of a family member—and a challenge! His children and grandchildren were so wonderful to plan the liturgy with and be with during those days. I just saw the growth that has taken place with them over the years. When the oldest two, John and Jill, made their First Communions, I was able to celebrate the Masses in their home (their parish, St. Francis of Assisi, Tonawanda offered that opportunity then). The Funeral Mass included some Dixie Land music, since Jack was a musician & band leader. The celebration will be recalled with great joy by all those who attended. Please continue to pray for my sister Pat and the family at this time.

Love & Prayers,
Father Dick

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS



Feb. 14-27, 2021 In Memory of Ursula Gadsby by Robert Gadsby

Feb. 21-Mar. 6, 2021 In Memory of the Galbreath & Langdon Families by Bob & Rita Galbreath

Feb. 28-Mar. 13, 2021 Neil Newton by the Family

FOUND IN CHURCH

While cleaning the Church on Jan. 29th a RING was found. If you have lost a men's ring, please call the office with a description to claim your ring.



In Remembrance

Please pray for all our loved ones who have journeyed into the hands of the God, remembering:

Gerry Zavitz, Jane Pahuta and Faith Flick

Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

David Albanese, Gary Armida, Andrew Behling, Robert Behling, Bob Blackburn, Greg Blodgett, Ann Boe, Amy Bowers, Suzanne Boyce, Carolyn Budynski, Michael Brune, Atley Bull, Laurene Canale, Al Capurso, Brian Carpenter, David Clark, Chris Coiffi, Mary Coveney, Stephanie Corke, Nick Csizmar, Ryan Cunningham, Peter DiCureia, Mary DiGuilio, Brittany Dodd, Nancy Donahue, Barbara A. Dunham, Patti Foote, Catherine Forker, Gail Forquell, Bob & Rita Galbreath, Betty Geiger, Buffie Gleason, Margaret Golden, Maryann Hildreth, Steve Karas, Gloria Kuhn, Janice McMullen, Kenneth Knights, Stacy Lynaugh, James MacCallum, Debbie Magliocco, Gert Metz, Bella Moore, Lucille Moore, Fritz Neidert, Gloria Neilans, Mary Jane Nenni, Elizabeth Aldaco Novak, Carol Passaniti, Alan Penna, Kim Peltz, Mary Ann Peterson, Carol and Fred Pilon, Richard Pocheban, Carol Riviere, Gregg Rush, Wendy Sanders, Bill Sargent, Frank Shawver, Danny Schmitt, Rick Sebacher, Diane Skomski, Gary Spitz, John Stirk, Larry Sullivan, Mark Swindon, Lynn Tomasino, Fr. Michael Uebler, Evan Valentine, Margaret & Alan Vendetti, Phyllis Wadleigh, Maureen Watt, Pat Weber, Jon "Chuck" VerKey, Kay Walter, Chris Wing, Nancy Zambito, and Shirley Zambito.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin our journey in Lent, we start by identifying some themes that represent our journey through this time of penitence and prayer. We first start Lent as the beginning of *reconciliation*, of reconciling ourselves to our God, our family, and our society as a whole. By definition, to reconcile ourselves to something means for us to reestablish our relationship with God, to settle and resolve conflicts, or to come to accept our current situation.



What are you trying to reconcile with God? Such a question is entirely personal, yet, we all are always trying to reconcile *ourselves* with God, for just like any relationship, there are always positives and negatives. For myself, I always have struggled with reconciling myself to God in my own faults and mistakes. I try not to be perfectionist, but sometimes I take things extremely seriously (too far in fact). My prayer usually centers myself on just being calm with God, to alleviate my stress and nervousness. I also struggle with reconciling myself with our Diocesan leadership, and their lack of response to critical issues of the Diocese. That is not to complain about our Diocese, but to show that even myself as a priest, have difficulty with accepting our Church for how it is, instead of how we wish it could be.

How do we reconcile ourselves with God? Prayer is paramount in this aspect, for Lent is a time to be introspective, to look inward and spend time with God to decipher where He is leading us. For myself, I would also remind everyone to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For just as the name implies, confession provides us with an avenue to confess our sins, to reconcile ourselves with God, to have our faults and sins forgiven, and to ultimately let go of our sins and fears. The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been integral in my life in becoming closer to God, and I hope it can inspire your lives as well. May God be with you as we all begin our journey in Lent!

In Christ, Father Aaron Kulczyk

WORKING ON "HUMILITY" THIS LENT

Lent--the season to discover the "earthy" virtue of humility. The word "humility" comes from the Latin word "humus"---"of the earth". True humility is not about negating ourselves or avoiding the spotlight by hiding our abilities and gifts but recognizing that every one of us is made by God from the same "dirt" and, therefore, other's needs and dreams are as important and of the same value as ours, that we all stand as brothers and sisters before God. It's the "dirt" of humility that Christ asks us to "dig into" this Lent to realize new growth and renewed hearts this Easter.

FATHER DICK REAPPOINTED VICAR FORANE

Dear Father Csizmar:

It is my pleasure to appoint you Vicar Forane of the Eastern Niagara-Orleans Vicariate. This appointment is effective January 18, 2021 and is for a term of one year.

As Vicar Forane, you are responsible for bringing the pastoral care and vision of the Diocesan Bishop to the people of your vicariate and bring concerns and recommendations of the Vicariate to the Diocesan Bishop.

In addition, I hereby delegate to you the faculty to assist at all marriages within the territory of the Vicariate. I also delegate to you in accord with Canon 1080 the faculty to dispense from all ecclesiastical matrimonial impediments from which the local ordinary may dispense; whenever everything has been prepared for the wedding (or convalidation) and the delay to obtain a dispensation from competent authority would most likely cause serious harm. In such cases, I also extend to you the faculty to dispense from Canonical Form and the right of extending to any priest or deacon general or specific delegation to assist at marriages within your Vicariate.

I am deeply grateful for your willingness to take on this responsibility for the clergy and laity of the Vicariate. May the Lord continue to bless you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Fraternally in Christ
+Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

A Reminder for Grades 2 & 3 — PLEASE pickup your Sacrament Preparation workbooks for your child at the Parish Office during regular Office Hours or call/e-mail for other pick-up arrangements. You & your child will need these books to prepare for reception of First Penance & First Eucharist in the Spring. We hope to begin preparation for the Sacraments after Easter. Confirmation students also need to pick-up their books. Confirmation will most likely take place in the Fall. Please be sure to LOG-IN to the online Faith Formation page for weekly lessons.



"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. Catholic Charities is HOPE for All Seasons. To make a secure online donation, go to ccwny.org/donation. We PRAY and HOPE you will give more... + \$21.00 for a better 2021 or whatever you could give. Thank You!!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Feb. 13/14-2021:	5:00PM	8:00AM	10:30AM	TOTAL
	40	42	55	137

PARISH SUPPORT	
COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 13-14, 2021	
Sunday Offering.....	\$3,182.00
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LIVING THE CATHOLIC LIFE IN LENT

ABSTINENCE: totally from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. This is for those 14 and older.

FASTING: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One single full meal & avoiding food between meals. Light meals twice each day. This is for those between their 18th and 59th birthdays.

EASTER DUTY: Receiving Communion between February 21, 1st Sunday of Lent and May 30th, Trinity Sunday.

VOLUNTARY FASTING AND/OR WORKS OF CHARITY are encouraged as we show our care towards our neighbors and seek conversion.



This Lent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord.

There are opportunities for Confession on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays or you can call the office to arrange an appointment. Stations of the Cross will be held in Church on Fridays at 6:30pm. Our book study, No Greater Love, is Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in the Lyceum. Please journey with us as we look with hope to the Risen Christ at Easter.



33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph

The Diocese of Buffalo will begin a diocesan-wide consecration to St. Joseph. This 33-day Consecration begins on Monday, Feb. 15 and will continue through March 19th, on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This is to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named "Universal Patron of the Church" and Pope Francis' call for a Year of St. Joseph, as well as the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Buffalo, our Cathedral and our Church. "St. Joseph provides a timeless example of faithfulness and trust in God, despite uncertainty and even unreasonable circumstances. We would do well to reflect on how his witness might inspire our own as we seek in our day and time to reveal Christ to our world." We will culminate on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, **March 19th**. More information can be found at the link below, www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-joseph.

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