



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

January 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mission of the Holy Spirit Parish Community

As the family of the Holy Spirit Parish Community, we welcome all to our home, Christ's home. Our journey in Faith brings us together through prayer, Eucharistic celebration, support, love and caring. We commit to give generously of ourselves, our time, and talent to one another, and to all in our neighborhood.

May the Holy Spirit guide and comfort us in our never ending journey for peace and strength as witnesses for God's goodness.

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NOVENA: Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Followed by Mass at 6:15p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday beginning at 3:15p.m.(Holy Spirit Church)

Every Sunday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. (St. Margaret Church)

SICK CALLS: Phone rectory immediately in case of serious illness or accident. Also please let us know if you are confined at home and would like Communion brought to you.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory. Attendance at Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter is required.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: If you are asked to be a Godparent, please call the rectory for your letter of recommendation, which attests that you are Baptized, Confirmed, and, if married, married in the Church. Of course your weekly presence at Mass here is vital to being a good role model as Godparent.

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory to schedule your pre-Baptismal Class. Baptisms are normally celebrated on Sundays at 12:15pm, or during one of the weekend Masses.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome all newcomers to our parish family and invite you to register as a member of the parish. Please stop by the rectory and introduce yourself!

OLD PARISHIONERS: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory by phone as soon as possible.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. (Holy Spirit)
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. (St. Margaret)
..... 9:30 a.m. (St. Margaret)
..... 11:00 a.m. (Holy Spirit)
Holy Day Masses: Consult the bulletin.
Weekdays: Mon., & Thurs., 8:00 a.m.
(St. Margaret)
..... Wed., 6:15 p.m. (Holy Spirit)
..... Fri., 8:00 a.m. (Holy Spirit)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 21 St. Agnes
 8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service (Sr. Katherine Marie)
Wednesday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 6:15p.m. ~ All Souls
Friday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales
 7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church
 8:00a.m. ~ Rosalie Catalano req. Mom & Dad
Saturday, January 25
 4:00p.m. ~ John Mroz req. Wife, Angelica & Family
Sunday, January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11:00a.m. ~ Aurora Cornejo req. Cindy & Jeff Fecher

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 25
 4:00p.m. ~ Jon & Sam Chapman
Sunday, January 26
 11:00a.m. ~ Sophia Wolf; Joe Cheman

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 25
 4:00p.m. ~ Sheila Blum
Sunday, January 26
 11:00a.m. ~ Ann Nowak

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 25
 4:00p.m. ~ Carmela Cavalieri; Tom Loncto;
 Rosemary Cordaro
Sunday, January 26
 11:00a.m. ~ Angela Bocchino; Marilyn Camp; Cassandra
 Smith; Zach Schwartzott; Ricky Warnes



Sanctuary Candle burns this week
 in honor of St. Anthony
 from Mary Vallone



“Those who request weekend Masses & would like to bring up the offertory gifts, please inform an Usher before Mass.”

FREE SPIRITS NEWS

Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 13th @ 12noon in Church Hall. Doors open at 11:30am. Join us for Lunch/50/50/bingo.
 => **Bake Sale** weekend of Feb. 15th & 16th.
 => **Feb. 25th - Seneca Niagara Casino**-Payment deadline Feb 1st. \$25 (includes \$30 slot play and buffet)
 => **Mar. 22nd - Lancaster Opera House** Matinee performance of Nunsensations “The Nunsense Vegas Revue” payment deadline Feb. 13th. \$38
 => **Jun. 2nd** Rescheduled **Best of Buffalo Double Decker Bus Tour** - Payment deadline May 2nd. \$48

FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **canned fruit; pork & beans; spaghetti sauce**

Whatever you do for one of my least brothers or sisters, you do for me” (Jesus)

Team IIA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Chris Krawczyk; Miriam Langan; Suzanne Zbrzezny work 1/23/20 9am - 10am.
Team IIB: Carmela Cavalieri; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 1/23/20 5pm - 6pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 19
No Religious Education classes due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
Monday, January 20
 8:45a.m. ~ Spiritual Book Club Mtg. ~ Winter Chapel
Rectory office is Closed in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
Wednesday, January 22
 7:00p.m. ~ Adult Enrichment Movie Night ~ Winter Chapel
Thursday, January 23
 9:00 - 10:00a.m. ~ Food Pantry
 5:00 - 6:00p.m. ~ Food Pantry
 6:00p.m. ~ Adult Choir practice ~ Church
Sunday, January 26
 9:30-10:45am ~ Religious Education Classes ~ Parish Ctr.



John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” - Jn 1:32-34



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

Hebrews 13:16: “Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased with sacrifices of that kind.”
 Offertory Collection:\$4,475.00
 The same week a year ago:\$4,243.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JAN 20 - JAN 26

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
 Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

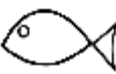
ADULT ENRICHMENT MOVIE NIGHT... On Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 7:00pm in the Teen Room, we will show the movie "The Jewish Cardinal." It is the amazing story of Cardinal Lustiger of Paris, who was born into the Jewish faith, converted to Catholicism and was made Archbishop of Paris

RCIA...A "belated" blessing for the New Year:
Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless us at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...Today there are no classes due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Many people consider it a "day of service". Next week is the 3rd class for First Reconciliation students. There will be a meeting of the First Communion Parents and students. "The Eucharist is about Making Peace". How do we make peace with God and each other at the Eucharist? **Parents will meet at 10:15 in the Winter Chapel.**

HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Next weekend date is February 14-16.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE 2020...will be held here at Holy Spirit Church Saturday, **March 21st** at 5:00pm. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of Feb. 8th & 9th and will be available after both weekend Masses and at the rectory during business hours. **Ticket price is \$15.** This is a very popular event and sells out very quickly. **Our first planning meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 3rd at 6pm in the Church Hall.** If you are interested in helping with the planning and preparing of this event please come and join us or call Karen at (875-8102).

 **HOLY SPIRIT ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY**
 Wednesday, February 26 from 4:00-8:00pm, in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$12 and will be available after both weekend Masses, starting next weekend or at the rectory during business hours. Once again we are asking for volunteers for a Fish Fry Committee. Please call Karen at 875-8102 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!



2019 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax Statements will be available starting January 1, 2020. If you need a copy printed for your 2019 tax preparations, please fill out the bottom portion of this box and put it in an envelope in the weekend collection (Attn: Karen) or call the rectory office during regular business hours to request a statement (875-8102).

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____



A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR


Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the official conclusion of the Church's celebration of the Christmas Season. Just as there had been a profusion of parishioners who stayed after the 11:00am Mass on the Sunday before Christmas to set up the Manger Scene, the trees, lights and all the Christmas decorations and flowers, so too was I impressed with the large number of parishioners who answered the call to stay after Mass last Sunday to take down all the decorations and clean the church afterwards. Once again, a number of families with children were among the helpers. I cannot think of a more encouraging sign of parish vitality than parishioners of all ages coming together in service of their parish. And I do believe that there is a tremendous value being shared with the next generation when the children are so actively participating in the life of their parish. Although there was much work to do, it was accomplished in a relatively short time because there were so many workers. I always find it rather difficult to see all the decorations come down – the church had been so beautifully and richly decorated! Yet, perhaps that is the message of the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. After all, Jesus did not remain a baby in the manger for long. Nor do we have the luxury to linger too long in the warm glow of Bethlehem. Rather, just as Jesus had a mission in this world, so do we. The decorations of the Christmas Season are put away for another year; but our living faith in Christ has now again the opportunity to shine brightly in a world so often lost in shadow.

We began the Good Samaritans Ministry almost one year ago, and I am grateful to those who volunteered to join in this new venture of ministering to the spiritual and social needs of our parishioners who have become shut-ins, either in their own home or in a nursing home or assisted-living situation. I am inviting all the Good Samaritans to come to the 6:15pm Mass on Wednesday January 29th, and to then join Sister Katherine Marie and me downstairs in the Church Hall for dinner, and, most importantly, a time to share your experience of being a Good Samaritan so far. This time of reflection will be good for all of us; and will ultimately help us to serve even better Jesus, Who is so humbly disguised in those to whom we minister. Please call the rectory to let us know you are coming, so we order enough pasta from Amici's.

Also, the Annual Holy Spirit Parish Volunteer Workers Appreciation Dinner is coming soon! In fact, the date was just set this past week. So, if you are an active volunteer in any of the many ministries of faith and service here at Holy Spirit, you should soon receive your personal invitation in the mail. In fact, you may have already received it. The Holy Spirit Volunteer Workers Appreciation Dinner will take place after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday February 1st. Amici Ristorante will once again be catering this dinner for us; and the dinner will begin at 5:00pm. We try to keep our growing list of volunteers as accurate as possible, but there is always the possibility that someone may be accidentally left out. If this happens to you, just call the rectory and add your name to the dinner list!

Sincerely in Christ,
 Father Joe

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