



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

February 16, 2020 Sixth 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, February 18

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service (Sr. Katherine Marie)

Wednesday, February 19

6:15p.m. ~ Santo Pantano (Anniversary of Death) req. Sister, Elsie

Friday, February 21 St. Peter Damian

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church
8:00a.m. ~ Rev. Thomas C. Kelley req. Rev. Joseph D. Wolf

Saturday, February 22

4:00p.m. ~ Joan Donoghue req. Jean Donoghue
Matthew B. Ostrowski (Anniversary of Death) req. Daughter, Phyllis

Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00a.m. ~ Daniel Adamski Sr. req. Family
Aurelio "Yeyo" Aviles req. Wife & Children

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 22

4:00p.m. ~ Jon & Sam Chapman

Sunday, February 23

11:00a.m. ~ Kevin & Aiden O'Sullivan



MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, February 22

4:00p.m. ~ Mike Martin

Sunday, February 23

11:00a.m. ~ Hedy Auletta



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 22

4:00p.m. ~ Rick Amodeo; Carmela Kieffer; Eric Winegarden

Sunday, February 23

11:00a.m. ~ Liz Cook; Marilyn Camp; Cassandra Smith; Ricky Warnes; Lisa Wiedemann



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Joseph Panasiewicz (Birthday Remembrance) from Brothers & Sisters

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



HEAVENLY PENNIES & MORE...Our

Religious Education Program will be collecting pennies; nickels; quarters, etc. During Lent for Catholic Charities. Your wonderful support and the students great enthusiasm has helped us reach or surpass our goal every year! Penny jars are at the doors of the Church. Thank you!



FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: peanut butter & jelly; rice

mac & cheese
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 2/20/20 9am - 10am.
Team IIB: Carmela Cavaliere; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 2/20/20 5pm - 6pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Saturday, Feb. 15th & Sunday 16th
FREE SPIRITS BAKE SALE AFTER BOTH WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday, February 16

No Religious Education Classes today due to the Presidents Day holiday

Monday, February 17

Rectory office closed due to the Presidents Day holiday

Wednesday, February 19

7:00p.m. ~ Adult Enrichment Movie Night ~ Teen Room

Thursday, February 20

9:00 - 10:00a.m. ~ Food Pantry

5:00 - 6:00p.m. ~ Food Pantry

6:00p.m. ~ Adult Choir practice ~ Church

Sunday, February 23

9:30-10:45am ~ Religious Education Classes ~ Parish Ctr.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES...Just as our Appeal patron saint, St. Joseph, used tools as a carpenter, Catholic Charities aims to give tools to those in need to help them protect, strengthen, and empower their lives. Whether it be satisfying hunger through one of our nine food pantries or teaching a family or individual how to successfully navigate the world of healthcare through our Care Coordination programs, Catholic Charities stands ready to be a provider of help and hope. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal can bolster our efforts. Join us by making a secure donation online at www.ccnw.org/donation or by calling 716-218-1400. Think of Me.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY



Hebrews 13:16: "Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased with sacrifices of that kind."

Offertory Collection:\$3,644.00
The same week a year ago: \$5,189.00

FREE SPIRITS NEWS

Next meeting is Thursday, Mar. 12th @ 12noon in Church Hall. Doors open at 11:30am. Join us for Lunch/50/50/bingo/basket raffle.

- > Mar. 22nd - Lancaster Opera House Matinee performance of Nunsensations "The Nonsense Vegas Revue" payment deadline Feb. 13th. \$38
-> Jun. 2nd Rescheduled Best of Buffalo Double Decker Bus Tour - Payment deadline May 2nd. \$48

SEEKING GOD IN ALL THINGS

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEB 17 - FEB 23

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34-39
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

ADULT ENRICHMENT MOVIE NIGHT...We will show the movie, "St. Francis of Assisi the Reformer" at 7:00pm on Wednesday Feb. 19th in the teen room. This movie is a wonderful story of Francis-and also the beautiful scenery of Assisi is highlighted in the film. Please join us!

RCIA...A prayer for Winter:

God of all seasons, teach us to be patient with the inconveniences that winter can bring. Help us to be flexible with ourselves and one another when plans have to be rearranged and directions altered. Show us the value of fallow time as a requirement for faithfulness. We thank you for the change of seasons and for the gifts that each season brings. May the festivities that we celebrate during winter lift our spirits as we await the coming of spring. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...There are no classes today due to the Presidents Day holiday and break.

Next week is the Sunday before Lent. We will be preparing the students for an "active" Lent-exercising our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. As in years past, we will be collecting Pennies from Heaven. Won't you please help us again this year? Thank you.

HOLY SPIRIT ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY...Wed., Feb. 26 from 4:00-8:00pm, in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$12 and are now available after both weekend Masses 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!



ST. JOSEPH TABLE 2020...will be held here at Holy Spirit Church Saturday, March 21st at 5:00pm. Tickets are now available after both weekend Masses and will be available at the rectory during business hours. Ticket price is \$15.This is a very popular event and sells out very quickly. If you are interested in helping with the planning and preparing of this event please call Karen at (875-8102).

CALLING ALL MALE CHEFS OF THE PARISH...Our annual Men's Cook off will be Sunday, March 8th at 1:30p.m., downstairs in the Church Hall. All men of the parish who would like to enter the competition are asked to please call Mike Cheman at (716)238-3669 to register by March 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS...to the following young men of our parish, Jonathan Chapman and Ronald Cauley for achieving the Honor Roll in the second quarter at Canisius High School. We are very proud of their hard work and achievements. Keep up the good work!

2019 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax Statements are available. 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

This past week I attended a Priest Study Day which was held at Christ the King Seminary, in East Aurora. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger had invited all the priests of the diocese to join him in reflecting upon the theme, "Being a priest in an uncertain time." Truthfully, even prior to that day, I had been pondering the same topic, but in a wider context, something akin to, "Being a Catholic in America during troubled times." In fact, ever since the recent announcement of the imminent closing of Christ the King Seminary, I have felt myself obligated to share with you some thoughts which could address concerns that you and I may be experiencing.

Sometimes I find it helpful to draw lessons from our 2,000-year (and counting) history as a Catholic Church. A study of Church history would reveal times of profound grace, as well as other times of utter distress. For example, rather early in the Church's history there arose a heresy called Arianism, which basically denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. Even to this day, there are churches in Ravenna (Italy) with beautiful mosaics, but mosaics which portray Jesus as merely human. It was one of the most devastating of heresies, one which must have led to profound confusion for both laity and clergy alike.

As depressing as the crisis today in our diocese of Buffalo may feel, it does not begin to compare with the hopelessness that followed from Arianism's vision of life with no possibility of redemption. Instead, our crisis today actually has much to teach us about who Jesus truly is, and the genuine necessity to follow Him, *especially* now. Bishop Scharfenberger invited all of us – you and me – to continually accept the fact that Jesus loves each of us. He provided examples from Scripture of Jesus seeking out the sinners, reaching out to them, calling them – calling us – to accept His merciful embrace.

During the brief interlude between his talk and the question and answer session, I had the opportunity to meet him. I discovered why much of what he had been saying resonated with me. It turns out that he and I both were graduates of the same seminary, the North American College in Rome, Italy. He and I had also both received degrees in moral theology from the same graduate school in Rome, the Alphonsianum. And although he had been a student in Rome some fifteen years prior to my arrival there, we had nonetheless had some of the same professors at the Alphonsianum. Suddenly I began to understand why Bishop Scharfenberger's emphasis on God's mercy and God's call to all of us, even (and especially) in our experiences of human brokenness, sounded so familiar to me: we had each been privileged to have learned from some of the same teachers in Rome.


Simply put, I want to share with you that our task is the same as has been true since the first Christmas, the call of the first disciples, the Crucifixion and Resurrection: to believe in the love of Jesus Christ for each person. In light of this mystery, there is no room for despair. There is room for only hope, and mercy. And our world needs hope and mercy.

I would like to remind you also of the Fish Fry at Holy Spirit on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, from 4:00 – 8:00pm, downstairs in the Church Hall. All the side dishes will be homemade at Amici's Restaurant, and the fish will be fried at Holy Spirit. Tickets are available after the Masses at Holy Spirit today, as well as at Holy Spirit's rectory office during the week.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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