



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

*February 23, 2020 Seventh 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 25**

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

**Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday**

12noon ~ For All Parishioners' Intentions

6:15p.m. ~ Angeline Procaccini (Birthday Remembrance)  
req. Daughter, Pat

**Friday, February 28**

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church

8:00a.m. ~ All Souls

6:00p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Church

**Saturday, February 29**

4:00p.m. ~ Joseph J. Palermo req. Wife & Son

Maria Mantione req. Concetta & Joe Genco

**Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent**

11:00a.m. ~ Joe Fanara req. Sam, Jaime, & Julianna Fanara

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday**

12noon ~ Zach Schwartzott

6:15p.m. ~ Joe Cheman

**Saturday, February 29**

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

**Sunday, March 1**

11:00a.m. ~ Winter Lovullo, Andrew Santa Maria



**MINISTER OF THE WORD**

**Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday**

12noon ~ Rita Riley

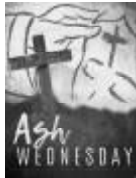
6:15p.m. ~ Hedy Auletta

**Saturday, February 29**

4:00p.m. ~ Mary Ellen Loncto

**Sunday, March 1**

11:00a.m. ~ Mary Pat Battaglia



**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday**

12noon ~ Anna Dickash; Mary Senger; Edward Giannino

6:15p.m. ~ Phyllis Ostrowski; Cathy Slisz; Ricky Warnes

**Saturday, February 29**

4:00p.m. ~ Carmen Manzella; Nick Macchia; Cathy Slisz

**Sunday, March 1**

11:00a.m. ~ Pat Bogdan; Anna Dickash; Mike Delmont;  
Bruce Lull; Ray Schwartzott



*Altar flowers for this weekend are in loving memory of Joan Donoghue from Patrick, Rebecca, Cecelia, Margaret and Patrick Donoghue*

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

**FOOD PANTRY...** Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **canned meat; canned beef stew; spaghetti; tune fish**

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

**Team IIIA:** Sr. Katherine Marie; Joan Grieco; Tom Loncto; Michael McGee work 2/27/20 9am - 10am.

**Team IIIB:** Carol Kimmerle; Stephanie Ruffino; Marty Eckert; Tony Losi work 2/27/20 5pm - 6pm

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 23**

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

**Tuesday, February 25**

9:45a.m. ~ Free Spirit trip to Seneca Niagara Casino returning approximately 4:00pm

**Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday**

4:00 - 8:00p.m. ~ **Fish Fry eat in or take out available** ~ Church Hall



**Thursday, February 27**

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

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

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

**Friday, February 28**

6:00p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Church



**Sunday, March 1**

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

Parish Day at Kissing Bridge leave Holy Spirit at 1pm

**Girl Scout Cookie Sale after both weekend Masses. Feb. 29th & Mar. 1st**



**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!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY**  
Hebrews 13:16: *“Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased with sacrifices of that kind.”*  
Offertory Collection: .....\$4,177.00  
The same week a year ago: .....\$4,558.00

**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.  
=> **Feb. 25th - Seneca Niagara Casino**-Meet in Holy Spirit parking lot at 9:45am returning approximately 4:00pm.  
=> **Mar. 22nd - Lancaster Opera House** Matinee performance of Nunsensations “The Nonsense Vegas Revue”  
=> **Jun. 2nd Rescheduled Best of Buffalo Double Decker Bus Tour** - Payment deadline **May 2nd.** \$48

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEB 24 - MAR 1**  
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**BIBLE STUDY...** Our Bible Study group will not meet this week because of the Fish Fry.

**RCIA...**A prayer for Lent.

*God our Father, your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost. You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance. Grant that we may so follow Christ in love that our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...**This Wednesday we begin our journey up the mountain with Jesus. Our students will be finding practical and realistic ways to exercise their prayers, fasting and almsgiving. It's the only way we can climb the mountain with Jesus as He goes to Jerusalem and the Cross and Resurrection. What ways can your family exercise together?

**BLACK BOOKS...**Our Lenten "black" books are at the doors of the Church. Please take one and use it for reflection so that the prayer of our Lenten days may bring us all closer to the Lord.

**HOLY SPIRIT ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY...**this Wed., Feb. 26 from 4:00-8:00pm, in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$12 and are still available after both weekend Masses or at the rectory during business hours.

**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.



**THIS LENT AT HOLY SPIRIT...**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th. In this sacred time we are called to turn away from sin and death, to repent and to come together in community, to turn to God as our source of life. Perhaps as a parish community we could sacrifice by offering our silence in Church before Mass, giving others an atmosphere of reverence and quiet in which to pray. Prayer is one of the traditional disciplines in our Church...and so we are offering everyone a series of intentions to include in your prayer each week of Lent. Let us all pray in our hearts - and in our communities of family and friends - for these intentions...and add any others that are dear to your heart.

**CONGRATULATIONS...**to the following young ladies of our parish, Madeleine Cook and Ariel Coronado for making second quarter Honor Roll at Cardinal O'Hara High School. We are very proud of their hard work and achievements. Keep up the good work!

**HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE BISON CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND?** For more information - please contact the Bison fund office at 854-0869 or visit their website at [www.bisonfund.com](http://www.bisonfund.com).

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**

This Wednesday (February 26<sup>th</sup>) is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. Although church attendance throughout America has certainly declined since my childhood, I would venture to guess that there remains something about Ash Wednesday that even today continues to attract many, if not most. Perhaps it is that the Lenten call to fasting, prayer and almsgiving speaks to a profound need for change in our lives. From the earliest chapters of Genesis, it is evident that each of us is radically incomplete. In the words of St. Augustine, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, o God." When the ashes are imposed on our foreheads this Wednesday, we will hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This sobering message serves us well not only on Ash Wednesday, but for our entire earthly journey. Here we are but pilgrims; there - when ashes are refashioned into the image of Christ's Risen Body - we shall meet God face to face.

The Church invites us each Lent to conversion of mind and heart through various disciplines. All of us 14 years of age and older are to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. All of us between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to a single full meal and taking just light sustenance on two other occasions on each of those two days. All of us are called also to perform acts of charity ("almsgiving"), so that our own response to God's call to conversion of heart may bear fruit by lightening the burden of those less fortunate than ourselves. Each of these three practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) is symbolized in those words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

On Ash Wednesday there will be a total of four Masses. Masses will be at 8:00am at St. Margaret, at 12 noon at Holy Spirit, at 4:30pm at St. Margaret, and at 6:15pm at Holy Spirit. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. Lent is a personal invitation from the Lord to each of us. Practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity are, in a spiritual sense, similar to the physical training that is required of athletes. As we pray, as we deny ourselves some particular food or pleasure, as we sacrifice some of our treasure so that a brother or sister in need may experience God's providence through us, we are "in training" in a spiritual sense, since each of these require making the Lord and our relationship with Him a higher priority in our lives.


The Feast of St. Joseph (March 19<sup>th</sup>) always takes place during Lent. The Holy Spirit St. Joseph's Table will be on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, following the 4:00pm Mass. Tickets for the St. Joseph's Table are \$15, and are available after the Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am Masses, and then at Holy Spirit Rectory during the week. **Holy Spirit's Lenten Fish Fry is this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), from 4:00 - 8:00pm downstairs in the Church Hall.** Tickets are available after the Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am Mass today, and at Holy Spirit rectory during the week, and some tickets should also be available at the door on Wednesday. **St. Margaret's Lenten Fish Fry is next month on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 - 8:00pm in St. Margaret Rectory.** Tickets are now available after the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses, and at St. Margaret Rectory during normal business hours.

Remember to pray for one another. Pray that these days of Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving may open our minds, bodies and souls to the beauty and new life of Christ's triumph over the grave.



Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe

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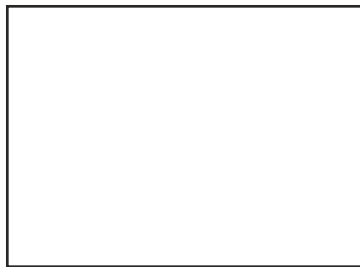
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