



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

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, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel
 8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service (Sr. Katherine Marie)
Wednesday, March 4 St. Casimir
 6:15p.m. ~ Concettina Campanella req. Lina Privitera & Family
Friday, March 6
 7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church
 8:00a.m. ~ James & Margaret Max req. Estate
 6:00p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Church
Saturday, March 7
 4:00p.m. ~ Rosemarie Cavalieri (Birthday Remembrance)
 req. Mom & Dad
 Norma Jean Santomauro req. Vito & Carmela Cavalieri
Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday of Lent
 11:00a.m. ~ Angelo & Salvatore Volpe
 req Wife & Mother Antoinette Volpe

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 7
 4:00p.m. ~ Rosie Kieffer
Sunday, March 8
 11:00a.m. ~ Ava & Ricky Ridout



MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, March 7
 4:00p.m. ~ Rebecca Donoghue
Sunday, March 8
 11:00a.m. ~ Ann Nowak



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 7
 4:00p.m. ~ Carmela Cavalieri; Rosemary Cordaro;
 Tom Loncto
Sunday, March 8
 11:00a.m. ~ Marilyn Camp; Phyllis Ostrowski; Mary Senger;
 Andrea Graziano; Rita Riley

“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, Mar. 12th @ 12noon in Church Hall. Doors open at 11:30am. Join us for Lunch/50/50/bingo/basket raffle.
 => Basket drop off will be Wednesday, March 11am from 10am- 1pm Church Hall
 => **Mar. 22nd - Lancaster Opera House** Matinee performance of Nunsensations “The Nunsense Vegas Revue”
 => **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; spaghetti sauce; spaghetti; tune fish**

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

Team IVA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Peggy Connors; Dorothy Hausle; Eileen Cook work 3/5/20 9am - 10am.
Team IVB: Joe Delmont; Mary/Al Freeman; Dominic Petrilli; Sharon Szablewski work 3/5/20 5pm - 6pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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






Monday, March 2
 6:00p.m. ~ Grief Support Group Mtg. ~ Winter Chapel
 7:00p.m. ~ Parish Council Mtg. ~ Parish Room
Thursday, March 5
 9:00 - 10:00a.m. ~ Food Pantry
 5:00 - 6:00p.m. ~ Food Pantry
 6:00p.m. ~ Adult Choir practice ~ Church
Friday, March 6
 6:00p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Church
Sunday, March 8
 9:30-10:45am ~ Religious Education Classes ~ Parish Ctr.
 1:30p.m. ~ Men’s Cook Off ~ Church Hall




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:\$3,788.00
 The same week a year ago: \$3,501.00



Respect Life



5TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE...
Broken & Blessed 3/14/20 7:30am registration & 8:00am Mass/
 Tickets: \$20 student/\$30 general admission/St. Mary’s High School/142 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086. Register at CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org or call 716-222-0622 PO Box 89, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. **Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Mother Teresa House food pantry.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAR 2 - MAR 8

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

BIBLE STUDY... Our Bible Study group will not meet on Wednesday, March 4th.

RCIA...An ancient prayer for guidance in our life's choices:
May God, the Lord, bless us and make us perfect and holy in his sight. May the riches of his glory abound in us. May he instruct us with the word of truth, inform us with the gospel of salvation, and enrich us with his love; through Christ our Lord. Amen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS....The children in the First Reconciliation class continue to prepare for their celebration. All of the other children will also begin preparing to receive the sacrament during Lent. Thank you to all who are sending in their pennies.

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.

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

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Our theme this year is, Lent is a pilgrimage up the Holy Mountain. How does living in Christ change our world view as we ascend the Mountain together? It is a serious and joyous season.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Our Church throughout the world, Pope Francis, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the choice of a Bishop for our Diocese, for each member of our Church and his/her faithfulness to their Baptismal vows, for all who bear suffering because of their faith.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

- Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS...Once again we are in need of volunteers to make phone calls on behalf of Holy Spirit, for the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal. If you are able to volunteer your time please call the rectory as soon as possible at 875-8102 during business hours or email us at holyspirit.northbuffalo@verizon.net.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

I sometimes think that – as a priest – I am the luckiest person in the world. What I mean by that is, priesthood affords me privileged moments with you and your families. Last Sunday, there were two such occasions—both during the celebration of Mass. One regarded Baptism, the other Matrimony, and both regarded Eucharist. The classical definition of a sacrament is, “a visible sign of God’s invisible grace.” And last Sunday was a perfect example.

During the 9:30am Mass last Sunday at St. Margaret we celebrated the Baptism of Liam. I cannot describe the experience of grace I feel when called upon to welcome into the Church a newborn infant, a recent arrival from the creative hand of God himself. For his Baptism his parents brought with them their extended family, which considerably added to the size of our congregation that day. Welcome, Liam!

During the 11:00am Mass last Sunday at Holy Spirit we celebrated a very special day as well, as we witnessed the 60th Wedding Anniversary Renewal of Vows of Michael and Anna Martin. Mike and Anna were married on February 20, 1960 at Holy Family Church in South Buffalo. Their love for God and for one another has borne much fruit: 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. And that same love has built up the family of Holy Spirit Church throughout these 60 years through Mike’s and Anna’s prayerful, faithful, active participation in our parish. Their faith, hope and love were so evident as they renewed their vows, and I believe that such a joyful experience serves as encouragement for all our young couples who strive to live the grace of the sacrament of Matrimony each day.


This thought for Lent comes to us from Pope Francis, “God never tires of reaching out to us and is always ready to listen. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation and submit oneself to God.”

I want to thank all of you who continue to support the Upon This Rock Appeal. On January 31st the Appeal’s semi-annual disbursements were deposited into the parishes’ bank accounts. This recent disbursement to Holy Spirit’s account was \$11,256, bringing the total disbursement to date at Holy Spirit to \$79,754. This helped us to design and purchase the new church sign and the electrical service upgrade needed to operate the sign. And thanks to the technology of the sign, we were able to share a beautiful photo of Mike and Anna Martin as we shared the blessing of their 60th Anniversary with our North Buffalo neighbors! This recent disbursement to St. Margaret’s account was \$2,147, bringing the total disbursement to date at St. Margaret to \$31,724. This helped us in our recent plaster and painting in the church, necessitated by the water infiltration through the walls of St. Margaret.

Let us pray for one another, that this Lent be a time of spiritual renewal for us all,

Sincerely in Christ,
 Father Joe

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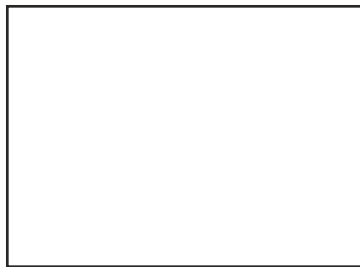
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