



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

July 5, 2020 Fourteenth 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 8:15 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: ..... 7:00 a.m. (Holy Spirit)  
..... 8:15 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, July 7**

8:00a.m. ~ No Communion Service

**Wednesday, July 8**

6:15p.m. ~ Christopher Brown req. Jimmy LoGrasso

**Friday, July 10**

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

8:00a.m. ~ All Souls

**Saturday, July 11**

4:00p.m. ~ Deceased members of Manzella Family req. The Family

Frank & Carrie LoTempio req. Children

**Sunday, July 12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00a.m. ~ For All Parishioners' Intentions

11:00a.m.~ Lina Battaglia (Anniversary of Death) req. Family  
Gary Pasternack Sr. (Anniversary of Death)  
req. Daughter & Family

**MINISTER OF THE WORD**

**Saturday, July 11**

4:00p.m. ~ Mary Ellen Loncto

**Sunday, July 12**

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed

11:00a.m. ~ Ann Nowak

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, July 11**

4:00p.m. ~ Rick Amodeo; Tom Loncto

**Sunday, July 12**

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley

11:00a.m.~ Bruce Lull; Phyllis Ostrowski

“Word on Fire”

Daily Mass online @ [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

**Act of Spiritual Communion**



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Norma Adamson from Dennis Pines

\*\*\*\*\*SEEKING GOD IN ALL THINGS\*\*\*\*\*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUL 6- JUL 12**

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 6th in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

**Thursday, July 9**

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

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



**FREE SPIRITS NEWS**...Please check our website @ [www.holyspiritchurchbuffalo.com](http://www.holyspiritchurchbuffalo.com) for the latest information on future meetings and events.



Altar flowers for this weekend are in loving memory of Daniel Adamski Jr. (Birthday Remembrance) from family

**LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - July 5, 2020**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the Church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

**BIBLE STUDY...**No classes being held until further notice, due to the coronavirus precautions.



**A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY:**  
*God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.*

*Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.*

*Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...**Traditionally Summer is in full swing by the 4th of July. We hope that you are celebrating Mass with our parish family. Let's not stop praying with gratitude for all that we have: Thank you for all that has been, is, and is to come!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES...Instant contact. Instant connection.** During a time of frequent changes, you can keep up-to-date on the latest happenings at Catholic Charities on our social media channels. Follow us for important updates on programs and services, as well as information on upcoming events such as food drives and more. We can be found on Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram. Follow us at [Facebook.com/ccbuffalo](https://www.facebook.com/ccbuffalo), [Twitter.com/ccbuffalo](https://twitter.com/ccbuffalo), and [Instagram.com/catholiccharitiesbuffalo](https://www.instagram.com/catholiccharitiesbuffalo).

**FOOD PANTRY...**Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **cereal; canned vegetables; peanut butter & jelly**

*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; Sue Zbrzezny work 7/9/20 9am - 10am.

**Team IIB:** Carmela Cavalieri; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 7/9/20 5pm - 6pm

**GOD Bless AMERICA**

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**

I was stationed at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Clarence from 1991 – 1996. I remember one of the teachers at the parish school had posted this sign in his classroom: “Consider the day a loss that you don’t learn something.” Decades later, I still remember that lesson that he was trying to instill in his students. Each of us is, after all, both student and teacher our whole life long.

So it was that after Mass one day, years ago, a man sought me out in the sacristy to offer his insights into the same Gospel passage that we are hearing at Mass this weekend. He was a native of the Holy Land, but was now living here in the United States. He wanted me to know that where he came from, farmers still plowed their fields using oxen, not tractors, to pull their plows. He wanted to explain to me the phrase used by Jesus in today’s Gospel, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...” He was doing me a tremendous service, of course, by teaching me something that I otherwise would probably never have learned.

I think I had an idea of what the function of the yoke is, that of making of the two animals a team to work together in accomplishing a task. But what I had never considered before was the farmer’s task of pairing together the exact team of oxen. This man explained that a farmer would never pair together two strong animals, as they would compete and struggle against one another, accomplishing little. Also, he said, two weak animals would never be yoked together, because they would simply stand still, and nothing would become of the day’s work. Rather, he went on to say, a wise farmer would always yoke together a strong ox with a weak ox: the strong would lead, the weak would follow the other’s lead, and much would be accomplished.

If this is the case, then the words of Jesus at Mass today can be of great encouragement to us. Jesus – the Crucified and Risen Son of the Father – Jesus is the strong one with whom we are yoked. He accepts us as we are, loves us despite our flaws; in fact, the divine plan of salvation is that he came to live among us precisely because our need for a Savior was so great.

These months of a worldwide pandemic are for all of us uncharted territory. Even the experts offer advice that changes rather remarkably, as the data leads them to conclusions that are at variance with their earlier ones. Many have already tired of the restrictions of this new era, and have decided to return to their own “normal.” However, what each of us must do is that which has always been central to Christianity: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” If we seek to be “yoked” together with Jesus, our weakness will bond with his strength, and the Church will grow in faith through this international time of crisis.

For our part locally, our volunteers continue to give cheerfully of themselves to sanitize our churches after each Mass, so that those who arrive for the next Mass will find themselves in a safe and welcoming atmosphere. If ever there was a time for celebrating Eucharist, the very source and summit of the Church’s life, that time is now.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe



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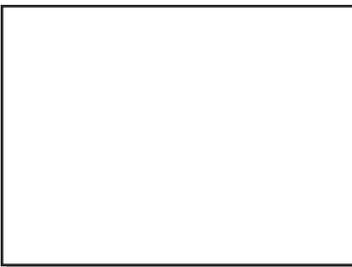
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