



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

July 19, 2020 Sixteenth 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 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi**

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

**Wednesday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene**

6:15p.m. ~ Concetta Pierro req. Patty & Joe Rizzo

**Friday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluif**

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

8:00a.m. ~ All Souls

**Saturday, July 25**

4:00p.m. ~ Mildred & Thomas Amodeo req. Family

Patrick Donoghue req. Jean Donoghue

**Sunday, July 26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00a.m.~ Bob Brocklehurst (64th Wedding Anniversary) req. Wife, Rachel & Family

Victoria Ayanbadejo req. Linda & Vasilis

**MINISTER OF THE WORD**

**Saturday, July 25**

4:00p.m. ~ Rebecca Donoghue

**Sunday, July 26**

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley

11:00a.m. ~ Hedy Auletta

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, July 25**

4:00p.m. ~ Carmela Cavaliere; Carmen Manzella

**Sunday, July 26**

7:00a.m. ~ Angela Bocchino

11:00a.m.~ Pat Bogdan; Rick Mendolera



**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

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY**



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

Offertory Collection: .....\$2,999.00

The same week a year ago: ..... \$4,352.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUL 20- JUL 26**

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, July 23**

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.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Thomas & Mildred Amodeo from Family



**LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - July 19, 2020**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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

**A prayer:** *Loving Creator, with each season you offer us gifts anew. As we soak up the beauty of summer, we also acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to honor your creation, and the ways we have damaged it. May the leisure time we enjoy in summer lead us to reflect on how to be more responsible stewards of the gift of nature. Open our eyes and our hearts to gratitude for these gifts. At the same time, help us to renew our awareness of the need to care for the planet that is our common home. Amen*

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES...**Don't let the pandemic put your education goals on pause. **If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact our Department of Workforce and Education at 716-893-3500.** Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. To learn more, call 716-893-3500. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit <http://www.ccnny.org>. Join us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

**CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN DRIVE-THRU DINNER** on July 31 from 4-7 pm at St. John the Baptist School, 1085 Englewood Ave., Kenmore. Pre-sale and day-of tickets available. Contact: 716-877-6401 or 716-873-1122.



**FOOD PANTRY...**Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **coffee; crackers; spaghetti**

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

**Team IVA:** Sr. Katherine Marie; Peggy Connors; Eileen Cook work 7/23/20 9am - 10am.

**Team IVB:** Joe Delmont; Mary/Al Freeman; Dominic Petrilli; Sharon Szablewski work 7/23/20 5pm - 6pm



**DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE**

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**FISH ON FRIDAY**

**Question:**

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?



**Answer:**

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

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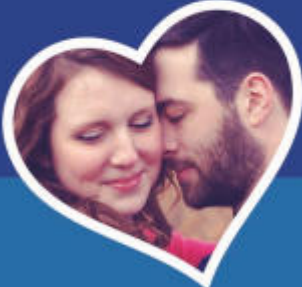



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