



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

August 2, 2020 Eighteenth 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, August 4 St. John Vianney

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, August 5

6:15p.m. ~ John Pecoraro req. Carmela Lunetta

Friday, August 7 St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan

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

8:00a.m. ~ Mary Auletta req. Fran & Bruce Lull

Saturday, August 8

4:00p.m. ~ Deodata Vaccaro req. Carmela Lunetta

Sunday, August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00a.m.~ Giuseppe & Gaetana Milazzo & Deceased members of Milazzo & Mancuso families req. Carol Milazzo

Mary & Vito Remollino req. Son & Daughter

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, August 8

4:00p.m. ~ Rose Amodeo

Sunday, August 9

7:00a.m. ~ Rebecca Donoghue

11:00a.m. ~ Sue Zbrzezny

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 8

4:00p.m. ~ Carmen Manzella; Eric Winegarden

Sunday, August 9

7:00a.m. ~ Andrea Graziano

11:00a.m.~ Carmela Lunetta; Ray Schwartzott

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:\$2,970.00

The same week a year ago: \$3,631.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUG 3- AUG 9

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

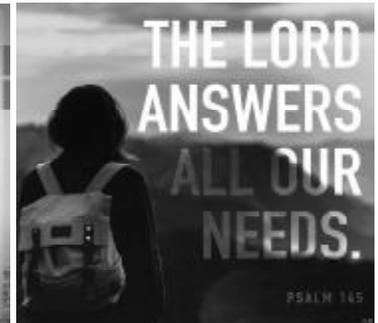
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 6

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

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

FREE SPIRITS NEWS...Please check our website @ www.holyspiritchurchbuffalo.com for the latest information on future meetings and events.



LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - August 2, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers.

People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

A PRAYER: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter; "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."*



NEWS... Religious Education classes will resume after regular school classes start. Our classrooms and class sizes are large enough, and small enough, to have more than adequate social distancing. If your child attends a Catholic school and will be in Grade 2 or Grade 3 in the fall, don't forget to register him or her for First Reconciliation (Gr.2) or First Communion (Gr.3) classes. We prepare for the celebration of these sacraments in the parish, not in the school. Call the rectory of Holy Spirit or St. Margaret to register. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

– Tracy Earl Welliver



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Mary Auletta from Chuck & Laurie Carra

FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **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 8/6/20 9am - 10am.

Team IIB: Carmela Cavaliere; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 8/6/20 5pm - 6pm

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

If I am not mistaken (a big "if," I know), the most recent translation of the prayers for Mass several years ago took place first in just the English-speaking countries of the world. Thus, if we were to visit Italy, for example, the prayers of the Mass would be the same today in Italian as they have been for many years now. Since our Roman Catholic Church is worldwide, there is a remarkable complexity involved when considering the cultural diversity among the many nations of the world. Even just among the nations of the English-speaking world there is an amazing variety of cultural experiences. It seems that a governing factor of the newer translation was a desire to return more closely to the Latin translation, which in some cases is directly reminiscent of episodes from Scripture. For example, many of us remember when, just before Communion, we used to respond, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you..." Now, of course, for several years already, we have been responding with, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..." In essence, each is saying the same thing; but the second one may remind us more directly of the centurion's words when Jesus offered to go to the man's house to cure the centurion's servant. It is, in a sense, more graphic, especially if we can picture what it is like to welcome Jesus into our homes, our lives.

So, if Jesus were to show up at our doorstep today, would He be wearing a mask/facial covering? I am confident that He would be. Doctors tell us that the wearing of a face mask is primarily to protect others. I remember my mother saying to my brothers and me, "Keep your germs to yourself!" I believe that Jesus would wear a face mask *precisely to protect others*. We must do the same, especially when we gather together for Mass. So far, everyone has come to weekend Mass with a face mask, as required. However, a few have worn theirs as if it were a "neck decoration", covering only their mouth, or covering neither nose nor mouth. Since we breathe through both nose and mouth, our face masks are only effective in *protecting others* if we wear them properly. The novel coronavirus is, after all, a respiratory virus, spread primarily through our respiratory systems. I know it is uncomfortable to wear a mask, especially in the heat of summer, but I ask that the mask be worn *properly*, covering both nose and mouth, out of a Christ-like respect for our neighbor. It is what Jesus Himself would do. For my part, I am trying to keep Mass a bit shorter, for your sake. I am grateful to all of you for your prayerful presence at Mass.

I checked with the Diocese yesterday, and the missalettes can be made available for those who want to use it at Mass on the weekends, and then taking it home with them during the week. So, next weekend, the missalettes will be available at the church entrances. If you would like to take one, please take it home with you after Mass, write your name on it, and bring it back each weekend as you want. It is a shame that they sit unused; and there certainly is no danger from a sanitary point of view if it is in your possession for use only by members of the same household. I am grateful to Mike and Donna Campanella for this suggestion. I always appreciate the thoughtful suggestions of parishioners for how we can make our time together in prayer more uplifting.

Because – although I may not be worthy to welcome Him under my roof – Jesus does stand at the doors of our lives, waiting to be welcomed in. And He is wearing a mask, *properly*.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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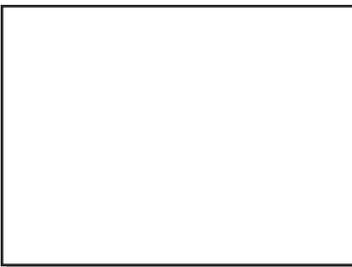
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