



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

August 9, 2020 Nineteenth 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 11 St. Clare

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

6:15p.m. ~ Clementine req. Friend, Hedy Auletta

Friday, August 14 St Maximilian Kolbe

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

8:00a.m. ~ Campo & Privitera Families

req. Lina Privitera & Family

5:00p.m. ~ Wedding: Korey Downey & Angela Bocchino

Saturday, August 15

4:00p.m. ~ Hank Slisz (15th Anniversary of Death)

req. Daughter, Cathy

Nicolo & Calogera Milazzo & Santo &

Luigina Campanella req. Maria Campanella

Sunday, August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00a.m.~ Anthony ("Tee") Wolf req. Uncle, Fr. Joe

Joseph Panasiewicz (Anniversary of Death)

req. Brothers & Sisters



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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY



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

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MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, August 15

4:00p.m. ~ Karen Adamski

Sunday, August 16

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed

11:00a.m. ~ Joan Grieco

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 15

4:00p.m. ~ Edward Giannino; Phyllis Ostrowski

Sunday, August 16

7:00a.m. ~ Mary Senger

11:00a.m.~ Rita Riley; Cassandra Smith

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*****

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUG 10- AUG 16

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

**LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - August 9, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

A PRAYER: *Blessing of St. Clare of Assisi:*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and be merciful to you. May He turn His countenance to you and give you peace. May the Lord be with you always and wherever you are, may you be with Him always. Amen



NEWS... We have started to prepare for our Religious Education program by sanitizing books, pens, pencils, etc. and creating a zipper-locked bag for each individual to be

kept in their sanitized desk. Hopefully we will know soon when classes will begin.

In today's Gospel Peter dares to come to Jesus on the water, but he gets scared. Jesus reaches out and saves him. This year our Third grade students prepared for 1st Communion and our Tenth Graders prepared for Confirmation. Hopefully we will celebrate these wonderful sacraments in September after we have classes to review and prepare. Jesus is with these students in a very special way. There is no need to fear!



Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was a child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But as an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubts that cause us to sink in the pool of life fade away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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 IIIA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Joan Grieco; Tom Loncto; Michael McGee work 8/13/20 9am - 10am.

Team IIIB: Carol Kimmerle; Stephanie Ruffino; Marty Eckert; Tony Losi work 8/13/20 5pm - 6pm

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Celebrating Mass is certainly one of the most joyful and intense experiences in my life as your priest. All the class-time preparation, the years of study leading up to Ordination, could never really adequately prepare one for the dialogue inherent in the liturgy. It is a dialogue not only between the congregation and the priest, but also between us and the Lord. The absence of a congregation from mid-March to mid-June (due to the pandemic-inspired state and diocesan regulations) made me acutely aware of the difference between celebrating Mass alone and celebrating Mass with you. When I celebrated Mass alone, although it was still prayerful (even sort of mystical), I would then nevertheless after Mass return to the normal routine of the day. Now that public celebration of Mass is again permitted, I return to the rectory on Sundays after 4 Masses within 5 hours literally exhausted. By the way, I felt the same way when there were just the three Masses. For that matter, I feel that way even after just one Mass on Saturday afternoon. It's not the number of Masses that is both exhilarating and draining; it is the celebrating of Mass itself. I wish I could describe it better. I believe it must be the same way for parents raising their children, and single people engaged in the rigors of service and volunteering, as well as nuns immersed in prayer and apostolic work and community living. Isn't it our very *vocation as disciples of Jesus* to experience some of the same intensity of living as Jesus did?

In today's Gospel, Jesus dismisses his disciples and the crowds so that he can ascend a mountain alone to pray. This is how he responds after the exhilaration of the miraculous feeding of thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. The intensity of that experience was followed by an equally profound need for communion with his Father in prayer. Elijah likewise finds the Lord's presence in the "tiny whispering sound." Perhaps today's Scripture readings are meant to inspire us to find deeper meaning in the intense experiences of our lives as disciples of Jesus by then also entering into a nearness with him in a way that silence especially affords.

On a different note, I received a phone call after Masses last weekend thanking me for emphasizing the proper use of a face mask. I do believe that many are afraid – of coming to church, of dining out, of shopping, etc. – and that our own proper covering of mouth and nose as well as our social distancing at Mass can reassure them that it is indeed safe to come to Mass. I continue to be grateful to our volunteers who faithfully and thoroughly sanitize all touchable surfaces (pews, door knobs, etc.) after each Mass in preparation for the next Mass. Also, as I mentioned last weekend, the missalettes which have been in storage since March are available for you to take home with you this weekend. Please write your name on it. Each time you bring it with you to Mass, remember to also take it home with you. Hopefully having your own missalette will be helpful. I am grateful to you for your prayerful presence at Mass during these trying times. Our world has always needed prayer. Perhaps that need is now just more evident.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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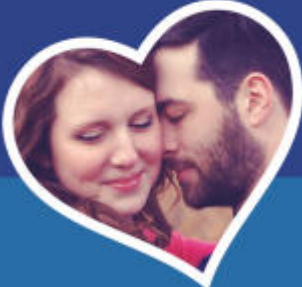



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