



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

August 16, 2020 Twentieth 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 18

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, August 19 St. John Eudes

6:15p.m. ~ Lina Battaglia req. Family

Friday, August 21 St. Pius X

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

8:00a.m. ~ Margaret Smedley req. Lina Privitera

Saturday, August 22

2:00p.m. ~ Wedding: Michael Ayanbadejo & Rozana Melandinidis



4:00p.m. ~ Gloria M. Sperduti (Anniversary of Death) req. Son, Fr. Joe

Joan Puma (Anniversary of Death) req. Family

Sunday, August 23 Twenty-First Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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

11:00a.m.~ Stella M. Corcoran (5th Anniversary of Death) req. Friends

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, August 22

4:00p.m. ~ Mary Ellen Loncto

Sunday, August 23

7:00a.m. ~ Sheila Blum

11:00a.m. ~ Dan Wolf



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 22

4:00p.m. ~ Carmela Cavalieri; Tom Loncto

Sunday, August 23

7:00a.m. ~ Angela Bocchino

11:00a.m.~ Marilyn Camp; Liz Cook

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 Joseph Panasiewicz (Anniversary of Death) from Brothers & Sisters

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUG 17- AUG 23

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

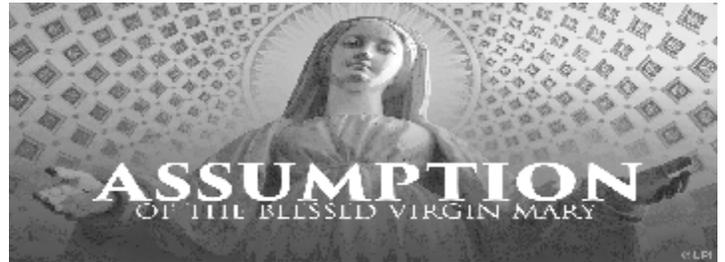
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 20

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.



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

LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - August 16, 2020
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

A PRAYER FOR EVENTIDE:

O Lord support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last.



NEWS...This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Mary our Mother, who was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. Jesus wants us to be with him in heaven, too.

What do you believe about heaven? Do you share any of your hopes with your family?

Let us pray with Mary: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

IN THIS TIME OF CONFINEMENT A BLESSING OF THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND.

Lord, our God, you have given these your faithful the grace to maintain their hope in you through all life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. We bless you for the gifts you have showered on them. We ask that they may find joy in a renewed strength of spirit, That they may have good health, and that they may inspire us by the example of their serene way of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

CARDINAL O'HARA FISH FRY DINNER: A fish fry dinner will take place from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. Sponsored by the COHS Home School Association, the dinner is take-out only and includes macaroni salad, coleslaw, tartar sauce and bread and butter. A choice of hand-dipped beer battered haddock, breaded shrimp or chicken finger dinners are available. Tickets are \$12 presale, \$14 at the door. For tickets, use Venmo or call the school at 695-2600, ext. 312.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY WILL ONCE AGAIN HOST A WEIDNER'S BBQ CHICKEN DRIVE-THRU DINNER on Friday, August 28 from 12-6 pm at Notre Dame Academy, 1125 Abbott Rd., Buffalo. There will also be drive-thru kettle corn and cotton candy available. All proceeds benefit Catholic Education at Notre Dame Academy. No pre-sale; Visa, cash or check accepted.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

In today's Old Testament reading at Mass we hear the Lord's words through the prophet, Isaiah, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Then, in the Gospel, we hear the dialogue between Jesus and the Canaanite woman, with the woman's faith being recognized and lauded by Jesus. Is there a theme in these Scriptural revelations which speaks to you during these days of unprecedented (at least in our lifetime) pandemic and uncertainty?

Whether while we are shopping for groceries, driving along our roads, or engaging with family and friends, most of us are probably aware of more stress in our lives than we are normally used to. Especially when I am driving, I have seen some drivers behaving in an absolutely reckless manner, apparently oblivious to the danger in which they are placing others as well as themselves. I recently came within perhaps five seconds of being crushed by a truck while I was out bicycling; it was one of the few times I have been shaken while out for exercise. Some of what we are experiencing these months may be the result of accumulated anxiety. At the same time, I am certain that all of us have also witnessed (and been the cause of) acts of kindness which have brought a moment of refreshment and redemption in these otherwise troubling, confusing times.

Isaiah and Jesus remind us of the Lord's loving mercy, a divine prerogative that is powerful enough to overcome selfishness and division. For we too are called to be a "house of prayer for all peoples." Our faith should also lead others to praise God. As simple as it sounds, one way to lessen fear and to welcome others back into our midst in God's house of prayer for all peoples is to wear a mask properly during Mass. I realize that I am repeating myself. I received a phone call recently from a parishioner thanking me for reminding everyone of the importance of facial covering at Mass. Clearly, she wants to be at Mass, but wants to be there without anxiety. But then I received a text message from another parishioner who expressed dismay and alarm when she noticed someone nearby did not have his face mask on over his mouth and nose at various times during the Mass. She wrote that it was "so upsetting to those of us who are trying to be faithful! It isn't easy!"

If God says, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples," then each of us must do what we can to make others feel at peace during such troubled and fearful times. When we become aware of our responsibility for others, then wearing a face mask over our nose and mouth becomes an act of Christian charity.

These months of pandemic cloud and confusion can be for us as Catholics an opportunity to scatter the darkness. After all, when we were Baptized, a candle was lit for us, and the priest (or deacon) said, "Receive the light of Christ." Our world, and our families and friends, and our parishioners sitting among us at Mass need to find hope in that Christ-light that can shine uniquely through each of us. I want to thank all of you who have begun to return to the celebration of Mass. By adding the 7:00am Mass into the Sunday schedule we have remained below the capacity limits mandated by New York State. And each church is thoroughly sanitized prior to each Mass. I promise to continue doing all that I can so that your time in God's house of prayer is both safe and prayerful.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY



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

Offertory Collection:\$3,523.50
The same week a year ago: \$5,296.00

FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **canned corn; tuna fish**

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

Team IVA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Laura Gorman; Eileen Cook
work 8/20/20 9am - 10am.

Team IVB: Joe Delmont; Mary/Al Freeman; Dominic Petrilli;
Sharon Szablewski work 8/20/20 5pm - 6pm

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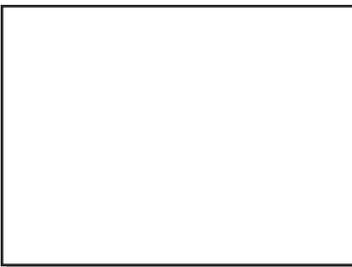
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