



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

August 30, 2020 Twenty-Second 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, September 1

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, September 2

6:15p.m. ~ Rose Adamski req. Family

Friday, September 4

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

8:00a.m. ~ Patsy Battaglia req. Carol Cain

Saturday, September 5

4:00p.m. ~ Carmela Pantano Allen (Anniversary of Death)

req. Elsie Pantano

Anna Marie Sandino req. Virginia Olzowka

Sunday, September 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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

11:00a.m.~ Mary Auletta req. Fran & Bruce Lull

Marian Angrisano req. Sr. Karen Marie, GNSH

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, September 5

4:00p.m. ~ Rebecca Donoghue

Sunday, September 6

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed

11:00a.m. ~ Hedy Auletta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 5

4:00p.m. ~ Edward Giannino; Carmen Manzella

Sunday, September 6

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley

11:00a.m.~ Pat Bogdan; 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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 3

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.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Anthony ("Tee") Wolf from Nancy Maccagnano

LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - August 30, 2020 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUG 31- SEPT 6

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

2021 MISSALETTE REQUEST....Anyone interested in

receiving their own copy of the 2021 Missalette to use at Mass on the weekends, and then to be taken home each week, please fill out this form with your name and phone number and place in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

A PRAYER OF THOMAS MERTON:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think that I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.



NEWS... Soon we will be getting ready for our Faith Formation Education classes to begin in a safe, person to person environment. Our opening classes will be on Sunday, September 20th from 9:30 to 10:45am.

We look forward to seeing our many students again. It has been a long time. If you feel that your children will be safe, we encourage you to start bringing them to Mass and to classes. If you have not received our opening letter and your registration form, please call either rectory and we will get them to you. Thank you for your patience and the wonderful faith-life that you share with your children and all of us.



This year has been full of challenges and difficulties for many. **If you are struggling mentally and feeling overwhelmed, we can help.** Catholic Charities offers several types of counseling including: comprehensive assessment and counseling for children, adults and families, substance abuse treatment, marriage counseling, and Diocesan counseling for church ministers. To get connected, call our Helpline at **716-218-1419**. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Diane & Mike Rehak



Altar flowers for this weekend are in loving memory of Anita Marie LoGrasso (55th Anniversary of Death) from family

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 IIA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Chris Krawczyk; Miriam Langan; Suzanne Zbrzezny work 9/3/20 9am - 10am.

Team IIB: Carmela Cavalieri; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 9/3/20 5pm - 6pm

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

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

Offertory Collection:\$3,690.00
The same week a year ago: \$3,640.50

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

This past Friday, August 28th, we celebrated the feast of St. Augustine of Hippo. Fittingly, the day prior, on August 27th, was the feast day of his mother, St. Monica. For decades she had prayed for the conversion of her husband, as well as for their son. It only seems right that we would celebrate her feast day before we celebrate his. Augustine lived in the 4th and 5th centuries. His early life was marked by a relentless searching for truth; and he was eventually baptized by St. Ambrose in Milan, Italy. He wrote extensively, and continues to influence our Church through the witness of his life and the timelessness of his written word. When teaching about the Eucharist, Augustine once said, "Become what you receive." This is much more profound and beautiful than our saying in English, "You are what you eat." After all, there is a difference between what we are, and what we are becoming. Someone once commented that, instead of calling ourselves "human beings," we would be better named as "becoming humans." The first sounds rather static, the second more like a work in progress and a source of hope for a new world about to be revealed.

When I was 16 years old I transferred from West Seneca East High School and left home to begin studying for the Redemptorist Fathers at St. Mary's High School Seminary in North East, Pennsylvania. When I would come home for summer vacation after my junior and senior years, I attended daily Mass at my home parish, Fourteen Holy Helpers, in Gardenville. I was the youngest person at weekday Mass, as I recall. But what struck me was the oldest person who was at daily Mass there. His name was Bernie. He was blind, and always sat in the front pew. One day, the priest invited all of us at the end of Mass to join in singing "Happy Birthday" to Bernie, who, in his nineties, was the oldest parishioner there. Just 17 or 18 at the time, I was impressed by Bernie's faithfulness to Eucharist. He lived in an apartment alone, and, other than walking to Mass, I don't think he went anywhere else. And, in fact, as I started to visit him at his apartment, I realized that he was, as St. Augustine had taught, becoming more and more like the Jesus he was receiving in Eucharist.

A priest shared with me this past week how troubled he is that many of his parishioners seem willing to settle for the "live-streaming" of Mass. In his words, he said, "They don't seem to hunger for Eucharist." Of course, none of us know the underlying medical conditions or the fearfulness that others may be experiencing right now, but this coronavirus pandemic has made me aware of how deeply I appreciate your faithfulness to Mass. Last weekend our attendance at the 5 Masses was quite good, while certainly still respecting both the capacity limits and the sanitizing requirements mandated by the state. I do continue to remind everyone to wear face masks properly, covering both nose and mouth. And I am trying to keep my homily shorter, given both summer heat and facial masks. But, all-in-all, given the reality of a worldwide pandemic, I believe we are doing as well as we can. And I thank you for your faithfulness to Eucharist. I thank you for the work of evangelization that you are doing as you invite fellow parishioners to come back to Eucharist. You are for me the evidence of St. Augustine's insight. You are becoming what you receive.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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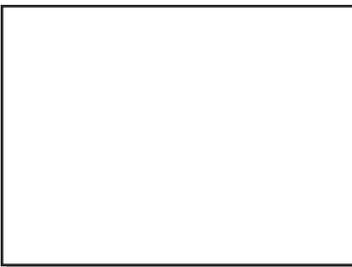
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