



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

September 6, 2020 *Twenty-Third 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 8 The Nativity of the BVM

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver

6:15p.m. ~ Paul Moline req. Carol Cain & Family

Friday, September 11

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

8:00a.m. ~ All Souls

Saturday, September 12

4:00p.m. ~ Gloria M. Sperduti & Daniel G. Wolf req. Son, Fr. Joe John Pecoraro req. Connie & Joe Genco

Sunday, September 13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time

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

11:00a.m.~ Leonilda Costanzo (Birthday Remembrance) req. Family Joseph Kushner req. Wife, Barbara

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, September 12

4:00p.m. ~ Rose Amodeo

Sunday, September 13

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley

11:00a.m. ~ Sue Zbrzezny

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 12

4:00p.m. ~ Rick Amodeo; Carmela Cavalieri

Sunday, September 13

7:00a.m. ~ Andrea Graziano

11:00a.m.~ Cassondra Smith, Ricky Warnes

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



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

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

Offertory Collection:\$4,085.00

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPT 7- SEPT 13

- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 7

Rectory office closed in observance of Labor day

Thursday, September 10

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.

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

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

Team IIIA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Joan Grieco; Laura Gorman; Tom Loncto work 9/10/20 9am - 10am.

Team IIIB: Carol Kimmerle; Marty Eckert; Stephanie Ruffino; Tony Losi work 9/10/20 5pm - 6pm

LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - September 6, 2020 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY:

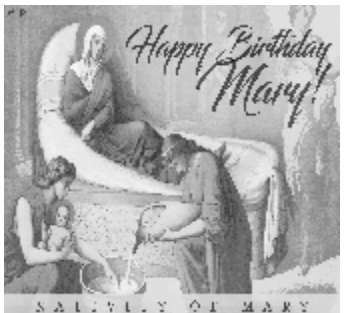
God our creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for the common good. Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor's reward. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Joseph, patron of laborers, pray for us.



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.

******* Our Bereavement group will resume on Monday, September 14th at 6pm. Please "Wear" a Mask.**



FREE WILL, THOUGH IT MAKES EVIL POSSIBLE, IS ALSO THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES POSSIBLE ANY LOVE OR GOODNESS OR JOY WORTH HAVING. -C.S. LEWIS

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Last weekend I noticed at Mass some parishioners whom I had not seen since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. It brought me a feeling of real joy to see them again at Mass. I know that we are living in scary times, and that just leaving one's house now may feel to many like it requires an act of courage. All I can do is assure them that the required social distancing, facial mask use, and sanitizing of the church is all in place, and is enforced. This is simply my responsibility to maintain a safe and prayerful environment where all are invited and welcome. I will continue to remind everyone of the necessity to wear their face mask properly, that is, covering both nose and mouth. It is a matter of Christian charity, of inconveniencing oneself out of care, concern and respect for one's neighbor. Anyone who would not wear a mask properly in these days of pandemic fear would seem to be exhibiting a callous disregard for their neighbor, which is contrary to why we come to church in the first place! In these troubled times, each of us has the real privilege of helping one another to find in church a peaceful place where we can commune with the Lord. Thank you for helping each other to venture back to Mass. This time of pandemic has the potential to help all of us realize our sheer dependence upon the Lord.

We are soon going to be celebrating milestones in the spiritual life of our children and young adults. The First Communions had originally been scheduled for May 3rd. And our young adults were to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation the day before, that is, May 2nd. Due to the state-ordered closure of all houses of worship (and of most other businesses) during that period of time, these needed to be rescheduled. The new dates and times are as follows.

Bishop Scharfenberger, the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese, has given pastors permission to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Therefore, I will have the privilege of Confirming our thirteen young adults (eleven from Holy Spirit and two from St. Margaret). The eleven from Holy Spirit will be Confirmed on Saturday September 26th at a 6:00pm Mass at Holy Spirit. This Confirmation Mass will follow the normal Saturday 4:00pm Mass. The two from St. Margaret will be Confirmed on Sunday September 27th at the 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret. In each case, each Confirmation Candidate can invite up to nine other family members and friends to come. This will allow us to remain in compliance with the 25% capacity limit.

There are two children from St. Margaret who will be receiving First Communion; and there are seven children from Holy Spirit. The two children from St. Margaret will make their First Communion at the Sunday October 11th 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret. The seven children from Holy Spirit will make their First Communion at a 12:30pm Mass on Sunday October 11th at Holy Spirit. This Mass will follow the normal 11:00am Sunday Mass that day. Each First Communicant can invite up to fifteen other family members and friends to come. This will allow us to remain in compliance with the 25% capacity limit.

It is because of the larger number of both First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates from Holy Spirit that I had to add an additional Mass for these two Sacramental celebrations. I could not think of any other way to stay in compliance with the capacity limitations imposed by New York State. If there had been more candidates from St. Margaret, I would have had to have done the same thing, of course, since the seating capacity of our two parishes was shown to be almost the same when each was measured using the same diocesan standard of measurement.

I urge you to pray for the children who will soon receive Jesus in Eucharist. Pray that He always find in them a welcome home in which to dwell. And pray for our young adults soon to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, so that they may grow ever-stronger in faith, and be for us all a sign of hope in a world which so hungers for this hope.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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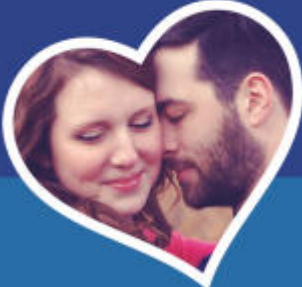



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