



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

September 13, 2020 Twenty-Fourth 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 15

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

6:15p.m. ~ Rose & Joseph Cavalieri
req. Vito & Carm Cavalieri

Friday, September 18

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church
8:00a.m. ~ All Souls

Saturday, September 19

4:00p.m. ~ Sam Coronado req. Kieffer Family
Hank Slisz (90th Birthday Remembrance)
req. Daughter, Cathy

Sunday, September 20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00a.m. ~ For All Parishioners' Intentions
11:00a.m.~ Peter Cornejo req. Cindy & Jeff Fecher
Mark Coleman req. Jacque & Jordan Langton

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, September 19

4:00p.m. ~ Karen Adamski

Sunday, September 20

7:00a.m. ~ Rebecca Donoghue
11:00a.m. ~ Dan Wolf

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 19

4:00p.m. ~ Rosemary Cordaro; Rita Riley

Sunday, September 20

7:00a.m. ~ Angela Downey
11:00a.m.~ Liz Cook; 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



Sanctuary Candle burns this week
in loving memory of
Kevin McNinch
from Nonnie

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPT 14- SEPT 20

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 14

6:00p.m. ~ Grief Support Mtg. ~ Church Hall

Thursday, September 17

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

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

Sunday, September 20

9:30 - 10:45a.m. ~ Religious Education Classes ~ Parish Ctr.



LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - September 13, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt.

We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs to offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

MARIAN PRAYER FOR OUR TIME:

O Mary, Health of the Sick, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide, so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, leading us through the cross to the joy of the resurrection. Amen



NEWS...Next week Sunday, September 20th, we will begin our Religious Education classes. All of our teachers are prepared to welcome our students from Holy Spirit and St. Margaret's to another year of Faith Formation. Our theme this year is "See Jesus in others; Be Jesus to others". If you are not comfortable sending your child (ren) to classes, we can assure you that we are doing everything possible to insure everyone's safety. However, the choice is yours. If you choose to not send your children now, they may join us later in the year when you feel it is best. Let us do everything we can to foster the growth of our children's faith life!

If you haven't received registration forms, or would like them, please contact either rectory. Thank you.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Catholic Church arranges the Scripture readings for Sunday Mass in a cycle which repeats every three years. This year we are in Cycle "A," for example, next year, Cycle "B," then "C," and then "A" again, etc. So, over the course of three years of weekend Masses – plus the separate weekday cycle of readings which have one set of readings for even-numbered years and another set of readings for odd-numbered years – a fairly large amount of Scripture readings is offered for our reflection and sanctification. In addition, since the calendar year has 365 days normally, but a 52-week year of 7 days per week adds up to just 364 days, it is only very occasionally that a special day falls exactly as it did years ago.

My Mom went home to God on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary in 1992. That year it was on a Saturday. This year, her 28th anniversary of death, it also fell on a Saturday, which made the day all the more poignant for me. Also, back in 1987, September 12th fell on a Saturday, as it does this year. September 12th is the Feast of Mary's Name Day, and it was on this day that Bishop Edward D. Head ordained me as a priest. It all comes back to my mind and soul because the Scripture readings for this weekend are the same as for my first Mass as a priest, 33 years ago. Then, as now, the clear message of the Scriptures is the timeless need to forgive and to be forgiven. Our world, wounded by sin and disease, may seem more divided than ever. Yet, as disciples of Jesus, we may recognize the opportunities that are uniquely ours to bring about healing. As a friend of mine once said, the question is not so much, "What would Jesus do?" It is rather, "I know what Jesus would do. What will I do?"

If I were to be asked what the priesthood has been like, based on these past 33 years, I think I would say that it has been a lot more work than I could have ever imagined. I am absolutely confident – by the way – that married couples, single Catholics, and nuns would say the same of their vocation. And I also would then immediately add that it has also been an experience of God's grace and of human goodness, both of which far surpass anything I could have ever begun to imagine back in 1987. Most days pass rather quickly (it is 12:15am as I am writing this article); but each day offers a grace, a gift for which I can only offer God my gratitude.

This weekend's second collection was originally designated for Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora. Although I myself never studied there, I did teach a course there for a couple of years, many years ago. Now that the seminary in East Aurora has been closed, our Buffalo seminarians are studying in Baltimore, at St. Mary's Seminary. So this annual second collection will now continue to support Seminarian and Diaconate Formation for our diocese, wherever that formation takes place.

I hope and pray that all who are called to the Priesthood will have some of the same experience I have had both of God's mercy and of the goodness of parishioners. And I am confident that they will, and of far more, for God is good, and so are all, made in God's image.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sunday, September 27, 2020. We are having a drive-thru German Dinner from 1pm-3pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. The dinner will include two German sausages, homemade German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, rye bread & butter and a small dessert for \$10. Any questions or request for tickets, please call 759-6454 x. 200, Marilyn Peterson.



FREE SPIRIT NEWS

Welcome Back! We will be continuing with our monthly meetings being held on the second Thursday of the month at 12noon in the Church Hall. We will be following all N.Y. State guidelines: social distancing, face masks and proper sanitizing of the hall. All 55 and older are welcome. Please join us!

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 IVA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Peggy Connors; Eileen Cook; Laura Gorman work 9/17/20 9am - 10am.

Team IVB: Joe Delmont; Mary/Al Freeman; Dominic Petrilli; Sharon Szablewski work 9/17/20 5pm - 6pm

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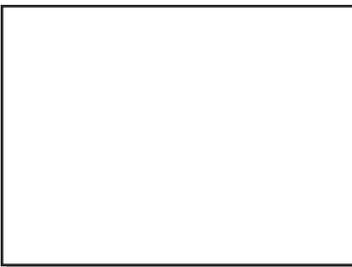
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