



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

September 20, 2020 Twenty-Fifth 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 22

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6:15p.m. ~ Mary McCleary Cadby req. Peter & Judith Tasca

Friday, September 25

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

8:00a.m. ~ Connie Cavallaro req. Giuseppe Cicero & Family

Saturday, September 26

4:00p.m. ~ Carmelo Cicero req. Wife, Josephine Cicero
Thomas Shea req. Tom & Mary McMorro

6:00p.m. ~ Confirmation Mass

Sunday, September 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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

11:00a.m.~ John LoTempio req. John & Catherine Chimera
Bruno Gomes req. Heather Gomes & Family

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, September 26

4:00p.m. ~ Mary Lesniak

6:00p.m. ~ Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, September 27

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed

11:00a.m. ~ Mary Pat Battaglia

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 26

4:00p.m. ~ Carmen Manzella; Phyllis Ostrowski

6:00p.m. ~ Liz Cook; Zach Schwartzott

Sunday, September 27

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley

11:00a.m.~ Mary Senger; Marilyn Camp



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 Arthur Passavant from Manzella Family

Catechetical Sunday

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPT 21- SEPT 27

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 24

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

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

7:00p.m. ~ Confirmation Practice ~ Church

Saturday, September 26

6:00p.m. ~ Confirmation Mass for Holy Spirit candidates

Sunday, September 27

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



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!

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENEROSITY

"When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" - Mt 20:8



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BE SURE TO LOOK THE PART

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

- Tracy Earl Welliver

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

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

Offertory Collection: 9/6/20.....\$4,596.00

The same week a year ago: \$3,732.00

Offertory Collection: 9/13/20.....\$6,291.00

The same week a year ago: \$3,866.00

A PRAYER:

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Spirit upon school administrators as they make choices about the reopening of schools. Bless students and their teachers, fill them with wisdom and blessings; keep them safe from illness and harm. Help them to learn from one another and share what they have learned with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



NEWS...Today we welcome back our students for our Religious Education classes. In particular, we are happy to see last year's Communion class and our Confirmation class. Both of these classes will be celebrating in the next few weeks the sacraments for which they prepared. Both of our parishes rejoice as these children join us at the Table of the Lord for the first time, and that these young women and men choose to express their faith as confirmed disciples of Jesus Christ.

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.



Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sunday, September 27, 2020. They 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.

CARDINAL O'HARA OPEN HOUSE...All middle school students and families are invited to visit Cardinal O'Hara High School, at any of three open house tours, from 4-8pm. Thurs. Oct. 1st and Fri. Oct. 2nd and 9am to 1pm on Sun., Oct. 4th. To keep social distance guidelines, this year's Open House will be by appointment only. Families may register on our website, Cardinalohara.com, or call the Admissions Office at 695-2600 ext. 357. Families will go on a guided tour of the building, meet faculty from each department & learn all about why **"You Belong Here"** at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Visitors will explore everything O'Hara has to offer, from the core curriculum, fine arts, engineering, music, and world languages programs, to our sports, Clubs & Culinary Institute.

FOOD PANTRY...Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **crackers; canned fruit**

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

Team IA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Norm Matuszewski; Rita Riley; Laura Zeitler work 9/24/20 9am - 10am.

Team IB: Sheila Blum; Mary Burger; Teresita Morales; Jamie Ridout work 9/24/20 5pm - 6pm

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

How old were you when you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? What do you remember about your Confirmation ceremony? When I was growing up (I use the term loosely, since I have stood at 5' 7 1/2" for many years now), we were Confirmed at the age of twelve. In my case, the Sunday on which my class of Religious Education students received Confirmation happened to fall on my 12th birthday. I remember only that the girls in my class rented white robes, while the boys rented red robes for the Confirmation Mass. I think the Confirming bishop was one of our auxiliary bishops, Bishop Benincasa, though I am not absolutely certain. What I do remember is that on that very day, for the first time in my life, I felt myself rather suddenly, abruptly, being called to Priesthood. Granted, I was only 12 years old, but that same day of my Confirmation coincided with my awareness of a vocation to become a priest. Since being ordained as a priest in 1987, I have celebrated Mass over 12,000 times, as well as presided at countless Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Some of the most meaningful and memorable moments I have ever experienced have all been connected in one way or another to being a priest. In other words, although I may not remember very much of the actual ceremony of Confirmation (after all, for me at least, being 12 years old was quite a long time ago), the vast majority of my most powerful memories are a direct result of that Confirmation day on April 16, 1972 when we as Catholics celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon us and within us to dwell.

So maybe the question I should have asked you is not so much what you remember about your Confirmation ceremony, but rather what you can see – in retrospect – as the direct result of that day's Gifts of the Holy Spirit showered upon you and poured within you? For those who are called to married life, can you trace some of the Spirit's movement leading you to marriage? Do you marvel at times at the love, acceptance, encouragement and support you have found in your spouse? If you have children, does their beauty, uniqueness, giftedness, even their neediness, speak to you of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you and within them? For those who are called to single life, do you perceive the clear actions, both gentle and powerful, of the Holy Spirit in guiding your life's journey? If hindsight is, as we say, 20/20 vision, how clearly are your decisions of occupation, love and friendship, family and friends, and commitment to Church and service a direct result of your openness to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit received on that day of your Confirmation, however recent or long ago? And for those who are called to religious life, when did you know that the Spirit Whom you received in fullness on the day of your Confirmation was leading you to a consecrated life of community, charity, prayer and service, to be a changeless witness of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in our ever-changing world?

St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "The Spirit the Lord has given us is not cowardly Spirit, but rather of power and love and self-control." This is the Spirit Whom these 11 young adults from Holy Spirit will receive this coming Saturday at Holy Spirit at their Confirmation Mass at 6:00pm. This is the Spirit Whom these 2 young adults from St. Margaret will receive this coming Sunday at St. Margaret at the 9:30am Mass. Pray for them, and for their Sponsors. Pray that their hearts be open to the Lord's powerful Presence in their lives. Just as we could never have imagined all that the Holy Spirit would inspire in us and through us, so too does that same Holy Spirit have the power, gentleness and loving wisdom to create the world anew through these 13 young men and women through the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming weekend. Faith shall enable us to see through them the answer to this age-old prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth." Amen!



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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