



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

September 27, 2020 Twenty-Sixth 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 29 St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, archangels

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, September 30 St. Jerome

6:15p.m. ~ Sally Hagerty req. Vito & Carm Cavalieri Angela Pantano (Birthday Remembrance) req. Daughter, Elsie

Friday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church 8:00a.m. ~ Albert D. Liberatore req. Tony Calato & Family

Saturday, October 3

4:00p.m. ~ Stella Marie & Eugene Corcoran (Birthday Remembrance) req. Rev. Joseph D. Wolf Thomas & Mildred Amodeo req. Family

Sunday, October 4 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00a.m. ~ For All Parishioners' Intentions 11:00a.m.~ Joseph Notaro req. Maria & Carl Caccamise Salvatore Apostolo req. Wife & Family

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, October 3

4:00p.m. ~ Mike Martin

Sunday, October 4

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley 11:00a.m. ~ Sue Zbrzezny

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley 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



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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

Hebrews 13:16: "Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased with sacrifices of that kind. Offertory Collection:\$2,276.00 The same week a year ago:\$3,390.00

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 IIA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Chris Krawczyk; Miriam Langan; Suzanne Zbrzezny work 10/1/20 9am - 10am. Team IIB: Carmela Cavalieri; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 10/1/20 5pm - 6pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 1

9:00-10:00a.m. ~ Food Pantry 5:00-6:00p.m. ~ Food Pantry

Sunday, October 4

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

FREE SPIRIT NEWS

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8th at 12noon downstairs 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.

LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - September 27, 2020 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPT 28- OCT 4

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24 Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

A PRAYER:

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our power and privileges: guide the people of our country in the election of officials and representatives; that by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected, the common good be honored and our nation enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Congratulations to our Confirmation students and their sponsors and parents. Our candidates were confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Fr. Joe this weekend: Jillian Cavanaugh, Jayden Jurado, Katherine Mitchell, Aidan Porter, Ava Ridout, Grace Becker, Madeleine Cook, Winter Lovullo, Andrew Santa Maria, Anthony Taylor and Ava White.

May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with his gifts that they may truly walk as disciples of Jesus.

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.

Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

- Tracy Earl Welliver

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

When Bishop Richard Malone retired last year as Bishop of the Buffalo Diocese, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger (the Bishop of Albany) was named as the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese until such time as a new Bishop of Buffalo will be appointed by Pope Francis. Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic in March, Bishop Scharfenberger has been utilizing technology as a way to reach out to the laity and clergy and religious of our diocese, since the more traditional way of large gatherings of people for in-person presentations is not possible at the present time.

Last weekend all priests of the diocese were requested to read a letter from Bishop Scharfenberger at all Masses in all parishes of the Diocese of Buffalo. In his letter, he announced a process he calls the Road to Renewal. During the previous week, he had already invited the priests of the diocese to participate in Zoom sessions which were arranged by vicariates, that is, by geographical regions of our diocese. The Zoom session in which I participated was for our vicariate, Northwest Buffalo and Central Buffalo, as well as for a vicariate in the Southern Tier. In this Zoom session, the bishop spoke for about half an hour in outlining his rationale for this Road to Renewal, with his presentation then being followed by small group Zoom sessions. These small group session participants were then asked to share their thoughts on the bishop's presentation as well as to air any questions or concerns or clarifications which seemed necessary to them. I believe there were 35 priests in the Zoom session in which I had been invited to participate; and the entire session was about one and a half hours from start to finish.

The next step of this process is to invite the laity of our diocese to participate in the Road to Renewal via Zoom sessions with Bishop Scharfenberger. The Zoom session in which our vicariate (region) is invited to participate is this Thursday, October 1st, from 6:30 – 8:30pm. The bishop wants to know "the needs, concerns and hopes that you have for the Faith communities" in our area of the diocese. The link to join the conversation will be on the parish website as well as the Diocese of Buffalo website or at www.roadtorenewal.org for those of you who wish to learn more. Look for the box that corresponds with our date (October 1st) and then click on the N.W. Buffalo button to join the Zoom gathering. Some may prefer sending an e-mail to renewal@buffalodiocese.org outlining your thoughts on renewing our Catholic Church's mission and ministry. For those who prefer to use the phone rather than the computer/internet, you can still participate via the phone number associated with this Zoom session.

Also, I congratulate the young men and women who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. These thirteen young adults from our two parishes are inviting the Holy Spirit to dwell within them, to inspire them, to act through them, and to change their world – our world – into a place where all are recognized as brothers and sisters on a shared journey home to God. Pray for them. Pray that they know and trust the plans God has in mind for them.

And, finally, since next weekend we will be thinking of St. Francis of Assisi (whose feast day is October 4th), there will be a blessing of cats and "dogs" (Rev prefers to be called a "canine companion") on Saturday, October 3rd, in Holy Spirit's Dakota Avenue parking lot, at 6:00pm. Humans should come wearing masks, but the feline and canine companions are exempt...

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



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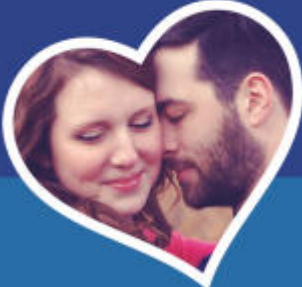
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