



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

October 11, 2020 Twenty-Eighth 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, October 13

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, October 14 St. Callistus I

6:15p.m. ~ Rose M. Fierro & Parents req. Estate

Friday, October 16 Sts. Hedwig; Margaret Mary Alacoque

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

8:00a.m. ~ Severine D. Spampata req. Estate

Saturday, October 17

4:00p.m. ~ Esteban Acevedo req. Celeste & Ron Coleman  
Albert Liberatore req. Al Puma

Sunday, October 18 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:00a.m. ~ For the Intentions of All Parishioners

11:00a.m.~ Georgette Wolf req. Family

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, October 17

4:00p.m. ~ Mary Lesniak

Sunday, October 18

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed

11:00a.m. ~ Ann Nowak

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 17

4:00p.m. ~ Rosemary Cordaro; Eric Winegarden

Sunday, October 18

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley

11:00a.m.~ Mary Senger; 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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 11

No Religious Education Classes today due to the Columbus Day holiday

12:30p.m. ~ First Communion Mass for Holy Spirit Communicant's

Monday, October 12

Rectory office closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday

Thursday, October 15

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

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

Sunday, October 18

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



FREE SPIRIT NEWS

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 12th 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 - October 11, 2020  
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God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Dominic Rossitto from Wife, Delores & Family



HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO LEO & ANN COLLURA.



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

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 10/15/20 9am - 10am.

Team IVB: Joe Delmont; Al/Mary Freeman; Dominic Petrilli; Sharon Szablewski work 10/15/20 5pm - 6pm

**A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH:**

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for injustice, love and peace.—Pope Francis*



Blessed be the God who has called the following children to the Table of the Lord for the first time:

At Holy Spirit: Valentina Campanella, Ella Jurado, Liliana Dibble, Owen Gracie, Joseph Lombardo, Samuel Porter, Jaelle Mortellaro. and at St. Margaret : Sophia and Sawyer Deacon.

The Eucharist makes the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist. All of us become one Body in Christ. May all of us be renewed in our love of the Eucharist, the gift of Christ Himself.

**O'HARA HOSTS VIRTUAL MEAT RAFFLE...**The Home School Association at Cardinal O'Hara High School will host a Virtual Meat Raffle on Facebook on Friday, Oct. 16. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m. the first spin will start. Tickets are \$45 which includes entry into each of the 15 rounds and the grand finale. Only 250 spots on Facebook will be available. A 50/50 raffle and a freezer bag raffle with a \$100 gift certificate to Pellicano Meats will also be featured. Payment options include Venmo, check, cash or call the school at 695-2600, ext. 311. Proceeds will benefit the students and their programs. For tickets or information, call Renee Orr, 695-2600, ext. 311 or email [rorr@cardinalohara.com](mailto:rorr@cardinalohara.com).

**OPEN HOUSE AT CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL...**Discover what's possible for your so at Canisius. Saturday, October 17, Sunday, October 18, and Tuesday, October 20. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Reserve your time at [canisiushigh.org/openhouse](http://canisiushigh.org/openhouse).

\*\*\*\*\*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: .....\$3,659.00  
The same week a year ago: .....\$4,371.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCT 12- OCT 18**

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12  
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**

Our Director of Religious Education, Miss Karen Adamski, had suggested that this weekend should be the date for the First Communion celebrations that had to be rescheduled (from the originally-planned date of May 2<sup>nd</sup>). Her reasoning was that the Scriptural readings at Mass today were particularly well-suited for celebrating the first time our children would be receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist. The foresight and wisdom of her choice of dates can be appreciated by all of us, whether this be the first time for receiving Jesus in Eucharist, or the thousandth time.

From Isaiah we hear, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines..." From St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians we hear, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me." And Jesus in the Gospel according to St. Matthew says, "I have prepared my banquet...everything is ready; come to the feast."

Nearly forty years ago, as a first-year theologian student in Rome, I and two classmates flew from Rome to Greece for Holy Week and Easter vacation. I had checked the tourist brochures before making the flight reservations so as to be sure there was a Roman Catholic church on the island we intended to visit. However, I had failed to realize that it was open only during the tourist season, and that it would still be closed when we arrived. So one of my memories from that holiest time of the year was how much I missed and hungered for the Eucharist. The above words from this weekend's Scripture readings particularly spoke to me. The Eucharist is a feast, a banquet, and prepares us for living in times of abundance, and in times of need.

In thirty-three years of priesthood, I have celebrated Mass approximately 12,045 times. Anyone who attends Mass daily over the course of thirty-three years has also received Jesus in Eucharist about 12,045 times. Should an 80-year-old have attended Mass each Sunday, he or she will have received Jesus in Eucharist approximately 3,960 times. On the other hand, I remember reading the real-life story of a young man in Germany who was studying for the priesthood, but who was dying. His bishop came to the hospital to ordain him on his deathbed. The young man was able to celebrate Mass just once, and then died. I cannot imagine the genuine FEAST that he must have experienced in that singular celebration of Mass! AND when his eyes were opened into Eternity...

Those days of Holy Week and Easter long ago in Greece stand out for me because of how much I longed for Eucharist when there was no place for me to go for Mass. The first few months of the coronavirus pandemic made so many aware of their hunger for Jesus in Eucharist. These nine children who today make their First Communion – seven from Holy Spirit and two from St. Margaret – have been hungering, waiting, for this day to arrive when they can receive Jesus in Eucharist for the very first time! Pray for them, that this be the first of thousands and thousands of times they share in the banquet of Christ's Body and Blood, becoming more like the One they are receiving each time. And we should pray for one another – and for ourselves – that the Holy Spirit stir our hearts and minds and souls with a renewed sense of awe and sentiment of love as we welcome Jesus into our very selves, that we too may become more like His very self.



Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe

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