



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

October 18, 2020 Twenty-Ninth 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 20 St. Paul of the Cross

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, October 21

6:15p.m. ~ Anthony Lawrence Wolf
req. Peggy & Dick Baetzhold

Friday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Saturday, October 24

2:00p.m. ~ Wedding : Natalie Sheehan & Connor Richardson

4:00p.m. ~ Joe & Freda Mierzwa req. Friend
Albert D. Liberatore req. John G. Suppa

Sunday, October 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00a.m. ~ Timothy & Michael Riley req. Family
11:00a.m.~ Kathryn "Kay" Mancuso req. Paul & Linda
Fisher & Family

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, October 24

4:00p.m. ~ Mary Ellen Loncto

Sunday, October 25

7:00a.m. ~ Marilyn Camp
11:00a.m. ~ Hedy Auletta

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 24

4:00p.m. ~ Carmela Kieffer; Carmen Manzella

Sunday, October 25

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley
11:00a.m.~ Rick Mendolera; Cassandra Smith

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 Rose Marie Netti from Edward Giannino

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

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

Offertory Collection:\$4,005.00

The same week a year ago:\$4,385.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCT 19- OCT 25

- Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 22

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

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

Sunday, October 25

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.

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

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 10/22/20 9am - 10am.

Team IB: Sheila Blum; Mary Burger; Teresita Morales; Jamie Ridout work 10/22/20 5pm - 6pm

LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - October 18, 2020
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Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows government to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

A PRAYER: LET US PRAY

O God, open to us today the sea of your mercy and water us with full streams from the riches of your grace and springs of your kindness. Pour out your spirit upon us and make us children of quietness and heirs of peace: kindle in us the fire of your love; sow in us your fear; strengthen our weakness by your power and bind us close to you and to each other.



Today we are happy to meet with the parents of children in 2nd Grade who are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and the parents of our 3rd graders who are preparing for the sacrament of Eucharist. After our joint meeting we will have the Rite of Enrollment at the 11:00 Mass. These meetings are important for the parents so that they have a better understanding of the meaning of these sacraments, and how they are so needed in preparing their child for the sacraments. Our faith is a vital part of living each day as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Next week the teachers will be exploring with the children guidelines on how to keep safe through the “Protecting God’s Children Program” that is used and prescribed for all students in Catholic schools and religion programs throughout the nation. Keeping our children safe from harm is of utmost importance.

CARDINAL O’HARA HIGH SCHOOL...Be a Hawk for a

Day at Cardinal O’Hara High School as eighth grade students are invited to join Cardinal O’Hara for a shadow day. See, first hand, why “You Belong Here.” Sign up for the Hawk for a Day program to experience the O’Hara family atmosphere, spend time in the classes and meet students and faculty. Space is limited to adhere to O’Hara’s COVID-19 safety protocols so register for your spot today. Call Tammy Huber in the Admissions Office at 695-2600, ext. 307 .

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Many years ago, I came across a fascinating photo. It had been taken by someone traveling by train across Communist China, perhaps in the 1950’s. While religion remains under government control in China today, it was severely so back then. The photographer – whom I believe was from the Western world – described feeling compelled and inspired at that precise moment to take a picture out the train window as it sped along through apparently ordinary and rugged countryside. In those days, of course, photos could not be seen until the film was developed, unlike today’s more familiar digital cameras. So it was that sometime later, after developing the film into photographs, he saw in that particular photo that which very clearly resembled the face of Jesus. It was striking because: (a) he remembered feeling the inspiration to use his camera at that moment; (b) he also remembered seeing nothing at the time but desolate countryside; and (c) though he was a believer in Christ, he was well aware that China at that time was severely restricting the practice of Christianity. In today’s Gospel passage at Mass, Jesus asks the Pharisees and Herodians, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” But what if, in a veiled yet profound way, the image of Jesus – of God – is stamped indelibly on His creation?

The image of Jesus Christ was very clearly evident last weekend as nine children celebrated their First Communions, two at St. Margaret’s and seven at Holy Spirit. Originally scheduled for this past May, we had to reschedule them due to the state-mandated closure of churches (and most other enterprises) due to the advent of the coronavirus pandemic at that time. And although the pandemic continues to grip our world, we are doing our utmost at Holy Spirit and at St. Margaret to maintain public health and safety while at the same time offering at least some semblance of normalcy, even if it be a “new-normal.” Due to the larger number of children from Holy Spirit who were receiving Eucharist for the first time, as well as their invited family members and friends, I added a 12:30 Mass at Holy Spirit last weekend, to ensure that state-regulated occupancy limitations would be observed. This strategy worked well. The total weekend attendance at all St. Margaret Masses last weekend was 178, and the total weekend attendance at all Holy Spirit Masses last weekend was 299. Yet, each Mass at each parish was well below the maximum-allowed capacity; all were wearing masks properly; and all were socially distanced from non-family-member households.

It was beautiful to experience the reverence with which the children approached their First Communion with Jesus in Eucharist. I am grateful to their parents and families for sharing our faith with their children, who comprise not only our Church’s future, but also our present. Also, I am sincerely grateful to Miss Karen Adamski, Mrs. Julie Schwartzott, Miss Rose Amodeo and Miss Gabby Schwartzott for their dedication in our Religious Education Program for our parishes. And Rasa and our cantors added so much, as always, to our worship experience.

It must have been amazing for that nameless photographer to realize that he had captured on film the clear depiction of the face of Jesus on that train ride so long ago. But we did not need to wait for cameras last weekend to open our eyes to the Presence of Jesus. The radiant faces of the children receiving Eucharist made Christ beautifully evident – more clearly and quickly than even today’s digital cameras ever could. I hope that you and I can find in our own soul the same child-like welcome of the King of Kings at every Mass.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

GLOVES, HATS & SCARVES DRIVE FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY CLIENTS... Baskets are at the entrances of the Church for you to place these items to help our food pantry clients in the cold weather. NEW Socks, sweatshirts and sweatpants are also needed for men and women. PLEASE ONLY NEW ITEMS.

2020 FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ITEMS NEEDED

Following are the items needed to make up 1 Thanksgiving Food Box to feed 2-6 people.

(1) 8-12lb Frozen Turkey



- 1 small can of coffee
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 2 cans of chicken broth
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes
- 1 can of sweet potatoes/yams (20-40oz cans)
- 2 cans of corn
- 1 box of stuffing mix
- 1 jar (20oz) applesauce
- 2 cans/jars of gravy

Turkeys can be placed in the hall freezer before or after both weekend Masses through Nov. 22nd or they can be dropped off at the Church Hall Mon. Nov. 23rd 6:30 —7:00pm

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