



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

November 8, 2020 *Thirty-Second 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, November 10 St. Leo the Great

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours

6:15p.m. ~ Sebastiano Privitera req. Wife, Lina & Family

Friday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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

8:00a.m. ~ Salvatore Privitera req. Concetta Tabone

Saturday, November 14

4:00p.m. ~ Albert Liberatore req. Vito & Carmela Cavalieri

Dora D'Amato req. Joseph & Rose Aiello

Sunday, November 15 Thirty-Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:00a.m. ~ Deceased members of the Riley & Masters

Families req. Family

Michael Caputi (Anniversary of Death)

req. Mom & Dad

11:00a.m.~ Diane Martinelli req. John & Lina Aiello

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, November 14

4:00p.m. ~ Mike Martin

Sunday, November 15

7:00a.m. ~ Rebecca Donoghue

11:00a.m. ~ Hedy Auletta

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, November 14

4:00p.m. ~ Edward Giannino; Phyllis Ostrowski

Sunday, November 15

7:00a.m. ~ Pat Bogdan

11:00a.m.~ Bruce Lull; Zach 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



FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: coffee; cereal

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 11/12/20 9am - 10am.

Team IVB: Joe Delmont; Mary/Al Freeman; Dominic Petrilli; Sharon Szablewski work 11/12/20 5pm - 6pm



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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 11

Rectory office closed in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, November 12

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

12Noon ~ Free Spirits Meeting ~ Church Hall

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

Sunday, November 15

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IN OUR MIDST

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CHICKEN BBQ...at Assumption Parish Saturday, November 14th 4:30pm - 6:30pm (or until sold out) Location: Church Parking lot, 435 Amherst St. Menu: 1/2 chicken, spuds, coleslaw, roll & butter Cost: \$11 (no pre-sale). Prepared by Weidner's BBQ & Catering.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

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

Offertory Collection:\$4,084.00

The same week a year ago:\$4,656.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOV 9- NOV 15

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes

5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

A PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT:

Steer the ship of my life, good Lord, to your quiet harbor, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take. Renew in me the gifts of discernment, so that I can always see the right direction in which I should go. And give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger we shall find comfort and peace.



Today the 3rd Graders who are preparing for First Communion are learning about “Celebrating.” What does it mean to “Celebrate” when we are at Mass? When we are at home?

The students in our program are also collecting food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. It is one way that we learn about service, social justice, and about caring for others less fortunate than we. Please return all items by November 15th.

ATTENTION LECTORS...The new 2020-2021 Lector Books are in the sacristy for pick up. Names are on each book for those who wanted a book.



GIVING TREE...This year’s recipients of our Holy Spirit Giving Tree are Courage for Carly Club (Roswell Park Cancer Center), Little Portion Friary, Disabled Veterans Organization, Holy Spirit Food Pantry and Gerard Place. **The tree will be up starting the weekend of November 22nd.** Some items the

organizations are asking for are: small kitchen appliances such as electric griddles, frying pans, coffee pots, crock pots, hats, gloves, scarves, sweatshirts, t-shirts, socks, bags filled with toiletry items for men and women, toys for boys and girls of all ages, gift cards to such places as Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Wegmans, Tops, Walmart, Target, Burger King, McDonalds, Subway, Tim Horton, Amazon, I-Tunes, Kohls Etc. **All items are due back to Holy Spirit by December 13th.**

FREE SPIRIT NEWS

Our next meeting is this 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.

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

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Among the very many events and observances which had been affected by the coronavirus pandemic was the Annual Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal, better known simply as the Summer Missions Appeal. You may recall that each summer a priest, nun, deacon or lay minister – often from Africa or Asia – would come and share with us what the Catholic Church is like in parts of the world that most of us will never see. I remember one missionary in recent years talking about the absolute centrality of fresh water for the parishioners in the places where he serves as a priest. And while his words were informative, they also caused me to be more aware of the precious blessing of our abundant waters here in Western New York, and of my need to be more grateful and protective of this essential resource. Ordinarily, the Summer Missions Appeal would have taken place already. But since practically nothing is “ordinary” this year, our Summer Missions Appeal will take place next weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th. Deacon Paul Bork will speak at each of our weekend Masses on behalf of the missions. Specifically, he comes as a representative of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers work in the missions of 22 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, with ministries including health care, pastoral ministry, primary evangelization, education, famine relief, care for migrants, refugee camp chaplaincy and other works of corporal and spiritual mercy. The Maryknollers were founded in 1911 by the bishops of the United States to provide training and support for overseas missions. You can discover more about them at www.maryknollsociety.org and www.maryknoll.us. Deacon Paul Bork has been in missions in Mexico, China, Hong Kong, as well as other parts of the world.

There will be a special second collection at all Masses next weekend for this Annual Summer Missions Appeal. If you would like to contribute by check, please make your check out to your parish, and each parish will then send a check for the total collection to the diocese to forward to Maryknoll. There is never an envelope for the Summer Missions Appeal, since the date is not known in advance. So if you write your envelope number on the outside of a plain envelope, your account will be noted and can then be included for income tax deduction purposes. Thank you for your prayerful and generous support of the Church in the mission lands of the world. Originally, there was a second collection (Energy/Fuel Needs) scheduled for next weekend – if you would like to contribute to it please place it in the first collection.

Last Monday’s specially-added 6:00pm All Souls Mass at Holy Spirit was the best-attended All Souls Mass that I have ever experienced in my 33 years as a priest. I am grateful to all of you who ventured out, especially on such a very windy night. The contrast was beautiful: outside the winds raged; inside, the church was quiet and prayerful. The young adults of Holy Spirit brought forth a lighted candle so reverently as the name of each of our beloved deceased from the past year was remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful. Rasa and our cantors added such solemnity with songs such as “Ave Maria” and “Go Forth.” I feel that All Souls Day becomes an especially sacred day in our lives as Catholics once our own beloved begin to “go forth” to the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and to Mary and all the Saints. They are never far from us, only a prayer away.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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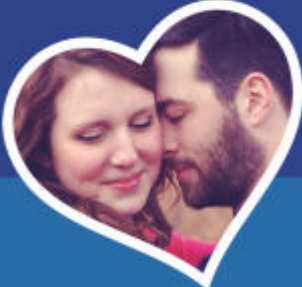



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