



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

November 15, 2020 Thirty-Third 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 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

Wednesday, November 18

6:15p.m. ~ Dora D' Amaro req. Lina Privitera

Friday, November 20

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

8:00a.m. ~ All Souls req. Annette Nguyen

Saturday, November 21

4:00p.m. ~ Pietro & Giovanna Cicero req. Josephine Cicero

Connie Pierro req. Kieffer Family

Sunday, November 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

7:00a.m. ~ All Saints req. Annette Nguyen

11:00a.m.~ John Panasiewicz (Birthday Remembrance)

req. Brothers & Sisters

Giuseppe Genco req. Patricia Doherty

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, November 21

4:00p.m. ~ Karen Adamski

Sunday, November 22

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed

11:00a.m. ~ Sue Zbrzezny

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, November 21

4:00p.m. ~ Tom Loncto; Cathy Slisz

Sunday, November 22

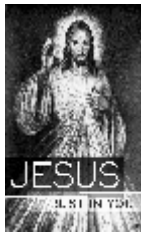
7:00a.m. ~ Marilyn Camp

11:00a.m.~ Cassandra Smith; 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



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Diane Martinelli from John & Lina Aiello

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

FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: spaghetti; peanut butter & jelly

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 11/19/20 9am - 10am.

Team IB: Sheila Blum; Mary Burger; Teresita Morales; Jamie Ridout work 11/19/20 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 15

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

Thursday, November 19

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

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

Sunday, November 22

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

FREE SPIRIT NEWS

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 10th at 12noon downstairs in the Church Hall. This will be our annual Christmas luncheon. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 for non-members. Payment due by 12/1. 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.



Our new Missalettes (which start the weekend after Thanksgiving) will be available at both entrances of the Church next weekend November 21st & 22nd for anyone that would like to take one. Please remember to take it home with you each week. They cannot be left in the Church. Please be sure to write your name on the front cover.



Rev. Peter Popadick and the Parish Community of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church invite all to the 77th Annual Family Christmas BASKET Fest on Saturday, December 5, 2020, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 157 Cleveland Drive in Cheektowaga. Preview night for Early Birds on Friday, 12/4/20 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Christmas Basket Fest includes a Grand Prize Drawing, our famous Humongous Theme Baskets, and some delightful side raffles. A take-out Spaghetti Dinner compliments of the Knights of Columbus will be available, as well as Mike's Homemade Chili. For more information call the St. Aloysius Rectory at 833-1715.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

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

Offertory Collection:\$3,813.00

The same week a year ago:\$3,223.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOV 16- NOV 22

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46

MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS:

Mary, Undoer of Knots, by remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make clearer the ties that link us to the Lord. Through your grace, your intercession, and your example, deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find God in all things, may have our hearts placed in God, and may serve God always in our brothers and sisters. Amen



Today our food drive ends. Each year we are very grateful for the generosity of our families, especially as they are helping their children know the value of sharing with others, and seeing Jesus Christ in all those whom we serve. These are not the easiest times to sacrifice.

Next week is another Parent Meeting with our 3rd Grade Parents (10:15 in the Winter Chapel, and 11:00 Mass). Our Theme is "Listening." Each of the 3rd Graders will be presented with their own Children's Bible.

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.**



Reminder the deadline to bring items in for the Thanksgiving Food Drive is next weekend November 22. All items can be placed in the food barrels located in hallway at both side entrances of Church.

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

With Election Day having come and gone, there may be something in this central facet of our American identity that can inspire reflection on our Roman Catholic identity as well. I realize we have all heard that "religion and politics don't mix." Obviously, I have never discussed politics from the pulpit; nor will I here in this article. In fact, I myself do not belong to either of the major political parties, nor to any of the smaller ones. I decided decades ago that I wanted to vote for candidates based on their policy goals, rather than on their political party affiliation. And I do vote every Election Day, and not just on the occasions of "major" elections such as a presidential one.

I would venture to say that this Election Day (actually, days later, due to the pandemic), many were happy and many were disappointed, all depending upon for whom they had voted. This is of course true each and every Election Day. But whether I or you feel disappointed or happy, a second glance may further refine the experience, moving it from a mere political discourse (which is the treatment to be expected from the media) to a religious one (which seeks to constantly bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ Crucified and Risen to bear upon our own very real lives). In other words, I feel we sell ourselves short if we simply vote and then expect that the demands placed upon us as citizens of Church or State have been satisfied until the next Election Day.

I am not about to reveal here how I personally felt in the aftermath of Election Day 2020. That would be inappropriate. I am, however, suggesting that my responsibility as both an American and as a Catholic did not cease with the election results. I do not believe that once we fill in the little ovals for our candidate we can then hibernate until the next Election Day. Whether the candidate for whom I voted won or lost, lost or won, it was the *policies* that I was actually voting for, not the person. Whatever the policies are that matter the most to me, these are what I feel personally bound to not only vote for, but more importantly, to vote for with my *life*, with my every decision, attitude, word and behavior. Without any lack of respect for leaders in the political realm, the realm for which we aim transcends anything this world can give. Aren't we called to transform our present earthly kingdom in light of that to come, the Kingdom of Heaven? Our post-election feelings – sadness or happiness, happiness or sadness – must always yield to our daily conviction to live our own very real lives centered wholly and deeply and lovingly in Christ. This may be the only way to prepare for the one "election day" that is going to *eternally* matter, and that will be the one that occurs the moment immediately after our last breath...when the policies we tried to live in our own daily life will be revealed as decisive. Perhaps *each day* is our Election Day: are we voting for Christ?

Sincerely in Christ,
 Father Joe



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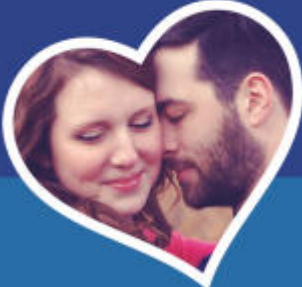



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