



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

November 22, 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

## 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 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac**

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service

**Wednesday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria**

6:15p.m. ~ Nicholas Pantano (Anniversary of Death)  
req. Elsie Pantano

**Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day**

10:30a.m. ~ Lina Battaglia req. Family

**Friday, November 27**

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church  
8:00a.m. ~ Leo Kregulec req. The Grau & Niezgodra Families

**Saturday, November 28**

4:00p.m. ~ Thomas Shea (Birthday Remembrance)  
req. Sharon Comerford  
Stefano Galante req. Becker Family

**Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent**

7:00a.m. ~ For All Parishioners  
11:00a.m. ~ Giuseppe Genco req. Lina Privitera  
Frank Messina req. Elaine Lorenzi

**MINISTER OF THE WORD**

**Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day**

10:30a.m. ~ Mary Pat Battaglia

**Saturday, November 28**

4:00p.m. ~ Karen Adamski

**Sunday, November 29**

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed  
11:00a.m. ~ Dan Wolf

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day**

10:30a.m. ~ Rick Amodeo; Liz Cook

**Saturday, November 28**

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

**Sunday, November 29**

7:00a.m. ~ Rita Riley  
11:00a.m. ~ Liz Cook; Rick Mendolera

**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 John Panasiewicz (Birthday Remembrance) from Brothers & Sisters



The Altar & Tabernacle flowers this week are in loving memory of Peter & Aurora Cornejo & Mercedes Fernandez from Cindy & Jeff Fecher

*Respect Life*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 22**

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

**Monday, November 23**

6:30 - 8:00p.m. ~ Distribution of Thanksgiving Bags to our Food Pantry Clients

**Thursday, November 26**

**The Rectory Office and Food Pantry are closed for Thanksgiving**

**Friday, November 27**

**Rectory Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

**Sunday, November 29**

**No Religious Education Classes today due to the Thanksgiving holiday**



Our new Missalettes (which start the weekend after Thanksgiving) are available at both entrances of the Church this 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.

**CHRIST THE KING**



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOV 23- NOV 29**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36  
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

*O bountiful God, You who have blessed us beyond all measure with food and family, friends and freedom. We thank you for looking upon us in love and filling all creation with your loving gifts. Show yourself to us in all the surprising ways that you are present in our world, in our lives, in our family and friends, coworkers and strangers. Help us to use our gifts wisely, to share them unselfishly, and to enjoy them immensely. Amen*



Today at the 11:00 Mass our First Communion class will receive their own copy of a children's Bible. It is well written and introduces them to the Old and New Testament.

How well do we listen and engage our hearts in the hearing and living of the Word of God? Are we becoming the living story of Jesus in our time? Do we mirror His goodness, kindness, forgiveness, and acceptance of others? As we prepare to listen to the readings at Mass, let us ask the Spirit to help us listen with an open heart.

There are no Religious Education classes next weekend due to the Thanksgiving holiday. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We are sending home some Advent material to help your family celebrate and pray through this season in preparation for the coming of Christ.

**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 is now up in the back of Church.** 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 this weekend November 22. All items can be placed in the food barrels located in hallway at both side entrances of Church.

**FOOD PANTRY...**because of the celebration of Thanksgiving the Pantry will not be open This Thursday, November 26th.



**BLUE BOOKS...**We are once again giving out the "Little Blue Book" to encourage everyone to spend a few moments in prayer and reflection as we celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas. This is a great way to deepen our love of and gratitude to God for sending us His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**

Have you ever had the experience – perhaps even many years after the death of a parent or grandparent – of wishing you could still ask her or him a question? For me, one such question is that I wish I had asked my Mom what time I was born. To be more exact, I wish I had asked her more often, because I know she told me, but I do not remember the answer. Similarly, in these days of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, we may now wistfully ponder why we did not ask our parents or grandparents or great grandparents to tell us what it was like to live through the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic? What could we have learned from them that might help us through these days (months of days, really) when all is so different in our daily lives? We may occasionally see reprints from 1918 black and white photos of their masked faces in our newspapers and on television screens, but what was life like on a daily basis back then? And, just as importantly, amidst all the changes in daily life, what remained the same?

This Thursday our nation celebrates that which always strikes me as among the most religious of our national holidays: Thanksgiving. We all learned the narrative as school children long ago (well, long ago for me, at least): after a difficult and long ocean voyage in 1620, the Pilgrims (ravaged by disease aboard ship) were assisted by Native Americans and the two groups joined for a Thanksgiving feast in 1621. One of the Pilgrims left a written legacy of the event, expressing gratitude to God for the blessings they had received. The secretary of the seminary where I studied – the Pontifical North American College in Rome – was frequently heard to comment, "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

Our present-day coronavirus pandemic is for many beginning to feel like a long and difficult ocean voyage toward an unfamiliar destination. Our daily routines have become anything but routine. Who among us would have ever thought such a feeling of triumph and accomplishment would accompany the discovery and purchase of paper towels or a bag of sugar? Yet, through it all, we, like the original Pilgrims and Native Americans, can still count our blessings. There are reasons, many more than can be recounted here, to give God thanks.

In the Gospel passage for Mass on Thanksgiving Day we will hear again from St. Luke about the leper who, being cleansed of disease, experienced the need to return to Jesus to thank him. The exact words are, "And one of them, *realizing he had been healed...*" All of them were healed; but only one of them was so deeply moved as to return and give Jesus thanks. In times such as these present days of our lives, when little is "routine," a beautiful response, perhaps a new daily routine, would be that of becoming more deeply aware of our blessings, and giving God thanks. Masses on Thanksgiving Day are at 9:00am at St. Margaret, and at 10:30am at Holy Spirit. I am grateful to all who have brought in so much food for our Holy Spirit Food Pantry clients for their Thanksgiving meal. The rectory office will be closed both Thursday and Friday this week in observance of the holiday. If you have an emergency and need to reach me, just call, and you will find me.

Our new missalettes for 2021 have arrived. Until such time as the coronavirus passes, I am asking that if you would like to use a missalette, please take one with you this weekend, write your name on the cover, and bring it back and forth with you each weekend. In that way, you will be the only one touching it. We continue to follow all of the federal, state, county and diocesan guidelines to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all.

And, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I thank God for your goodness and faithfulness that is so richly evident in your love for God and for one another.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe

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