



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

## 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.*

**PASTOR**  
Rev. Joseph D. Wolf

**DIRECTOR OF LAY MINISTRIES**  
Sr. Katherine Marie Bogner, SSMN

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Karen Adamski

**PARISH SECRETARY**  
Karen Cheman

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**  
Rasa Stalygiene  
(716) 773-3858

**PARISH CENTER/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
(716) 875 - 9478

**RECTORY**  
91 Dakota Street

**Phone: (716) 875-8102/Fax: 875-4186**  
**Email: [holyspirit.northbuffalo@verizon.net](mailto:holyspirit.northbuffalo@verizon.net)**  
**Web site: [www.holyspiritchurchbuffalo.com](http://www.holyspiritchurchbuffalo.com)**

**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**

**Monday, December 7 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass**

4:00p.m. ~ Andrew S. Maccagnano (43rd Anniversary of Death) req. Wife, Nancy & Family

**Wednesday, December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

6:15p.m. ~ Norma Daigler req. Sister, Eleanor

**Friday, December 11 St. Damasus I**

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church  
8:00a.m. ~ Joe Zientak req. Free Spirit's Group

**Saturday, December 12**

4:00p.m. ~ Walter & Herbert Her req. Friend, Eleanor Daigler  
Dora D'Amario req. Giovanni & Lina Ailello

**Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent**

7:00a.m. ~ For All Parishioners  
11:00a.m. ~ Giuseppe Genco req. Giuseppina Tabone & Family

**MINISTER OF THE WORD**

**Saturday, December 12**

4:00p.m. ~ Rose Amodeo

**Sunday, December 13**

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed  
11:00a.m. ~ Ann Nowak

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, December 12**

4:00p.m. ~ Rick Amodeo; Carmela Cavalieri

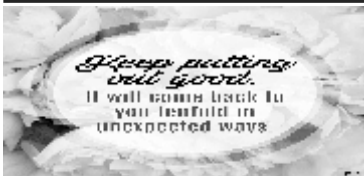
**Sunday, December 13**

7:00a.m. ~ Marilyn Camp  
11:00a.m. ~ Phyllis Ostrowski; **Volunteer Needed**

**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



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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DEC 7- DEC 13**

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Monday, December 7**

6:00p.m. ~ Grief Support Mtg. ~ Church Hall

**Thursday, December 10**

9:00-10:00a.m. ~ Food Pantry  
5:00-6:00p.m. ~ Food Pantry

*Religious Education Classes have been canceled until further notice*

**FREE SPIRIT NEWS**

Due to the latest precautions mandated by the state, county, and diocese all future Free Spirit meetings have been canceled. Please check our website @ [www.holyspiritchurchbuffalo.com](http://www.holyspiritchurchbuffalo.com) for the latest information on future meetings and events.

**LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - December 6, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**



People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

**A PRAYER:**

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he should come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*



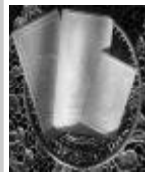
Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, and the feast of St. Nicholas, (Dec. 6) patron of children. He is known for his kind generosity and surprise visits to homes at night. Try to follow the Dutch custom or tradition of putting out a shoe for St. Nicholas to fill. St. Nicholas always finds them there to fill with treats and little reminders of his care. It's a great way to remind us to pass on some kindness to someone else.



**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 next weekend December 13th.**

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our Thanksgiving Drive for our Food Pantry and to all who helped to fill and distribute the bags especially this year during the pandemic. We were able to provide food for many families. May God Bless your generosity!



**CHRISTMAS OPLATKI WAFERS** are available in the back of Church. \$3.00 for a pack of 2 wafers or two packs (4 wafers) for \$5.00. These Christmas wafers are a tradition celebrated in Poland and also parts of Lithuania, Latvia and Slovakia during Wigilia on December 24.

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

*Whatever you do for one of my least brothers or sisters, you do for me" (Jesus)*

**Team IIIA:** Sr. Katherine Marie; Tom Loncto; Edward Giannino; Eileen Cook work 12/10/20 9am - 10am.

**Team IIIB:** Carol Kimmerle; Stephanie Ruffino; Marty Eckert; Tony Losi work 12/10/20 5pm - 6pm

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY**

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

Offertory Collection: 11/15/20.....\$3,368.00  
 The same week a year ago: .....\$4,042.00  
 Offertory Collection: 11/22/20.....\$2,281.00  
 The same week a year ago: .....\$3,689.00  
 Offertory Collection: 11/29/20.....\$3,282.00  
 The same week a year ago: .....\$3,366.00

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**

Last weekend's bulletin included the specific directives that the governor had decreed for churches and other "houses of worship" in New York State in the so-called "orange" and "red" zones during the coronavirus pandemic. As you may recall, churches in an area designated as an "orange" zone were to be limited to a total of 25 people in attendance, regardless of the size of the church structure. A cathedral with a capacity of thousands and an oratory with a capacity of only one hundred were both subject to the same limit of 25 under the governor's directive. Many of you, and I also, for that matter, found it difficult to understand the reasoning behind such a measure. Specifically, why would a grocery store be allowed to be jam-packed with people, some not wearing masks and many not social distancing, while a church of whatever size would be limited to just 25 individuals, all wearing masks and all socially distanced from non-household members? While all of us want to help slow or stop the spread of the coronavirus in whatever ways we can, the inconsistency of the "orange zone" treatment of various enterprises was puzzling at best.

Then, late on the night before Thanksgiving, the Supreme Court of the United States weighed in on the issue, and agreed that this inconsistency did in fact raise issues regarding the First Amendment of our United States Constitution regarding the free exercise of religion. Therefore, the case has been sent back to a lower court for further deliberation. In the meantime, the severe limits of 25 people in churches in an orange zone or 10 people in churches in a red zone have been replaced by a limit of 33% of capacity in an orange zone (and 25% of capacity in a red zone). We had in fact in both Holy Spirit and St. Margaret been observing a limit of 33% of capacity for months already, complete with mask wearing, social distancing, and the sanitizing of the church buildings after each Mass. So, what I had written in last weekend's bulletin about the need to call ahead to reserve one of the 25 spots is no longer necessary, thanks to the Supreme Court. Our limit is simply the 33% capacity limit. I do honestly believe that we are doing everything possible to provide a healthy and safe environment to gather and pray during this time of pandemic, when prayer and some experience of community are more important than ever.

I want to thank all in each parish whose sacrifice made Thanksgiving a special time in the life of the needy of North Buffalo. Holy Spirit's Food Pantry Thanksgiving Drive was a remarkable success, both in terms of the amount of food donated and the number of volunteers who helped with the distribution of the food. And at St. Margaret's, the St. Vincent de Paul Society received a number of monetary donations on Thanksgiving which will assist them in their works of charity in providing furniture, bedding, etc. for the poor of our community. It is gratifying to experience the ways that each parish is a blessing – a cause to give God thanks – during these difficult times.

This Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. There will be two Masses for the Immaculate Conception. The Vigil Mass will be on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit at 4:00pm. And the Mass on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> will be at St. Margaret at 8:00am.



Sincerely in Christ,  
 Father Joe

DENGLER, ROBERTS,  
PERNA FUNERAL HOME


*Honoring Memories,  
Celebrating Lives*



3070 Delaware Ave.,  
Kenmore NY  
873.7825

[www.DenglerRobertsPernaFuneral.com](http://www.DenglerRobertsPernaFuneral.com)

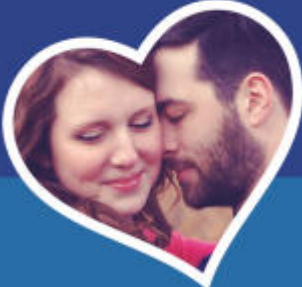
**FREE**  
AD DESIGN  
WITH PURCHASE  
OF THIS SPACE.  
- 800-477-4574 -

**Huber Electric Inc.**  
CERTIFIED - WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS  
Commercial • Industrial • Residential  
Licensed and Insured • Electrical Contractors

**LAURA TIRONE**  
[laura.tirone@huberelectric.com](mailto:laura.tirone@huberelectric.com)  
(716) 824-8816 • [huberelectric.com](http://huberelectric.com)  
160 Frankhauser Rd. • Williamsville

**catholicmatch®**  
New York



[CatholicMatch.com/NY](http://CatholicMatch.com/NY)

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME** ADVERTISE YOUR **BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Chris Reeves** to place an ad today!  
[creeves@4LPi.com](mailto:creeves@4LPi.com) or (800) 477-4574 x6206

# Lombardo Funeral Home

Our Family Serving Your Family Since 1907

*Don't overpay for one of life's necessities.*

- **Traditional Funerals Starting at \$3,995**  
Includes 2 day viewing, 20 gauge metal casket  
(Concrete grave liner optional - not required by NYS; may be required by cemetery)
- **Direct Cremation \$899**  
*Serving The Northtowns*  
885 Niagara Falls Blvd. • (Near Eggert Rd. & Sheridan Dr.)

**837-7100**  
*"The End of High Cost Funerals"*

*Amici*  
RISTORANTE

SINCE 1995  
2516 ELMWOOD AVE. • KENMORE, NY  
716-874-0143  
Orazio Gervasi, Proprietor



**Kenmore Housing Authority**  
Senior Citizen Housing

657 Colvin Blvd. 874-6000

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters



**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets | 1-855-225-4251

*John E Roberts*  
FUNERAL HOME

Locally owned and operated

*Our family serving yours for over 80 years.*

Proud to continue to serve the parishioners of Holy Spirit from our Amherst location at 280 Grover Cleveland Hwy.

[www.jerfh.com](http://www.jerfh.com)  
(716) 873-3478

**Too Sick for Mass?**  
SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

*Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!*

[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

