



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

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

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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, March 2

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service (Sr. Katherine Marie)

Wednesday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel

6:15p.m. ~ Dennis Pines req. Edward Giannino

Friday, March 5

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

8:00a.m. ~ James & Margaret Max req. Estate

6:00p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

4:00p.m. ~ Rosemarie Cavalieri req. Mom & Dad

All Deceased of Crasto & Gomes Families
req. Catherina & Savio Crasto

Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

7:00a.m. ~ For Intentions of All Parishioners

11:00a.m. ~ Sam & Carol Fanara

req. Sam, Jaime & Julianna Fanara

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, March 6

4:00p.m. ~ Mary Ellen Loncto

Sunday, March 7

7:00a.m. ~ Volunteer Needed

11:00a.m. ~ Dan Wolf

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 7

7:00a.m. ~ Angela Downey

11:00a.m. ~ Liz Cook; 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



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

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

Offertory Collection: 2/21/21..... \$3,877.00

The same week a year ago: \$3,788.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAR 1- MAR 7

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 28

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

Monday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 4

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

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

Friday, March 5

6:00p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Church

Sunday, March 7

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

Girl Scout Cookie's will be available to purchase after all weekend Masses in the Church parking lot.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Arthur Passavant from Manzella Family



Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. (“Foundation”) began soliciting donations to its “Upon this Rock” (“UTR”) capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary (“CKS”), expanding CKS’s role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS’s Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS’s closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation’s Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to donor.info@fredb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled *Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc.*, Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court’s consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

PRAYER FOR LENT:

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope of finally embracing you. Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas



Feb, 28- Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. It is the 6th lesson for the 2nd Graders who are preparing for Reconciliation. They are learning about those times in the Gospel where Jesus forgives others, heals their hearts, looks for the lost ones. Pope Francis tells us that Jesus is the Face of God's mercy. Have we looked into his face?



HEAVENLY PENNIES & MORE...our Religious Education Program will be collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters etc. during Lent for Catholic Charities. Your wonderful support and the students' great enthusiasm has helped us reach or surpass our goal every year! It really is like "pennies from heaven!" When put together these pennies are helping everyone, everywhere. Thank you for your support! Penny jars are at the doors of the Church.



FREE SPIRITS: Our Free Spirit meetings will be starting up again. Our next meeting is **March 11th at 12noon** in the Church Hall. As per NY state guidelines social distancing and masks are required! Watch for your postcard in the mail with more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

VIRTUAL MEAT RAFFLE: The Home School Association at Cardinal O'Hara High School will host a Virtual Meat Raffle on Facebook on Friday, March 12. The event begins at 7 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m. the first spin will start. Tickets are \$45, which includes entry into each of the 15 rounds and the grand finale. Only 250 spots will be available. A 50/50 raffle and a freezer bag raffle with a \$100 gift certificate to fill your freezer will also be featured. Payment options include Venmo, check, cash or drop off payment at the school office. For tickets or information, email Renee Or at rorr@cardinalohara.com.



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL: Seventh grade students can prepare for the high school entrance exam by taking a practice version of the exam for FREE. The practice exam will be offered at Canisius High School on March 6 and April 24. Sign up for either date at canisiushigh.org/practiceexam



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

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

Team IA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Norm Matusewski; Rita Riley; Laura Zeitler work 3/4/21 9am - 10am.

Team IB: Sheila Blum, Mary Burger; Teresita Morales; Jamie Ridout work 3/4/21 5pm - 6pm

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Do you find that time seems to pass more quickly with age? At least that is how it seems to me. When I was very young, perhaps when I was three or four years old, I remember that time seemed to last forever. All I can recall from those early days is playing in the sandbox my father had built in our backyard, and being called in by my mother when it was time for lunch, and then again when it was time for supper. Since I had no concept of time back then, it seemed to be endless, with no work or commitments to interrupt me. Then, when I was in college seminary I remember that one year my "apostolic work" was visiting a nursing home. There was a woman there whom I saw weekly. She was bedridden. Her mind, however, was remarkably clear. One day she told me that the older she got, the more quickly time seemed to pass. Now I am beginning to understand what she meant.

I was pondering the other day that it has already been twenty-one years since the turn of the century, and millennium. Many of us surely recall all the concern at the time over the so-called Y2K question of whether computer systems would be able to recognize the change into a new millennium, or whether they would be crippled by it. The stroke of midnight as December 31, 1999 became January 1, 2000 brought no significant crisis, as I recall. But what I was pondering the other day was that that was already over two decades ago!

And so here we are, already beginning the second week of Lent 2021. What is your Lenten resolution this year? The ancient Lenten sacrifices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving call us to a deeper relationship with the Lord, as they make us more aware of our dependence upon God. But, "*tempus fugit*," time flies. Even as these Lenten disciplines seek to attract us, the many pressures of daily life can distract us. For that matter, grocery store aisles are already filled with chocolate rabbits and jelly beans. But it would be a mistake, or, more precisely, a missed opportunity, to arrive at Easter without Lenten preparation. How is your Lent going so far?

Our Ash Wednesday Take-Out Fish Fry at Holy Spirit was very successful, in more ways than one. Yes, it did raise much-appreciated funds at a time when the pandemic has reduced our parish income. And in fact all 200 tickets were sold-out. But there was another, and beautiful, element of success to this year's Fish Fry. In this nearly year-long pandemic, when almost nothing is the same as it once was, the continued spirit of volunteerism was a reflection of the resilience and strength of our parish. I want to thank all who made it possible: Karen Adamski; Emma, Joe, Karen and Mike Cheman; Eileen Cook; Peter Figliotti; Laura Gorman; Marianne Hopkins; Donna Sardo; Julie, Ray and Zach Schwartzott; Anthony Taylor; Justin Withey; and Laura Zeitler. And, of course, we all thank Nino Aljoe (Holy Spirit parishioner and Amici chef) for his expertise in preparing for all of us such a delicious meal, assisted by his Amici co-worker, Mark. Many told me that it was the best Fish Fry they had ever enjoyed. I said the same thing. I thank all who made it possible, and all of you who came. It was a great beginning to Lent, and now our own prayer, fasting and almsgiving can help us to continue to hear and to heed the call of Jesus, "Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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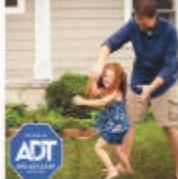


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