



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

March 7, 2021 Third 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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Sr. Katherine Marie Bogner, SSMN

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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 9 St. Frances of Rome

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

Wednesday, March 10

6:15p.m. ~ Leo Kregulec (95th Birthday Remembrance) req. Wife, Florence & Family

Friday, March 12

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church
8:00a.m. ~ James & Margaret Max req. Estate
6:00p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13

4:00p.m. ~ Steven Hubert req. The Cordaro Family
Paola Sciortino req. Concetta Aiello & Family

Sunday, March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00a.m. ~ For Intentions of All Parishioners
11:00a.m. ~ Francesco & Anna Lunetta req. Daughter, Carmela
Pietro & Giovanna Cicero req. Josephine Cicero

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, March 13

4:00p.m. ~ Rose Amodeo

Sunday, March 14

7:00a.m. ~ Hedy Auletta
11:00a.m. ~ Ann Nowak

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 13

4:00p.m. ~ Carmela Cavaliere; Rosemary Cordaro

Sunday, March 14

7:00a.m. ~ Pat Bogdan
11:00a.m. ~ Carmela Lunetta; Cassandra Smith



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: 2/28/21..... \$3,924.00
The same week a year ago: ..... \$5,167.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAR 8- MAR 14

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 7

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

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

Thursday, March 11

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

Friday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 13

11:00a.m. ~ First Reconciliation Celebration

Sunday, March 14

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



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Leo Kregulec (95th Birthday Remembrance) from Wife, Florence & 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@frcdb.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:**

*Lord God, you call us to repentance and self-denial. While we can choose our penances, so many of our brothers and sisters have not the basic needs of life. Teach us humility in our works of penance so that our fast may be victory over selfishness and self-indulgence, through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.*



**March 7-** During the month of March we celebrate two great saints: St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19). We may know some things about each one of these two popular saints, particularly their dedication to the mission God entrusted to each of them. Each believed that God was truly with them at all times. As we celebrate each saint on their day, may we also ask them to implore God for the grace that we need to accomplish our own mission. Pope Francis has declared this year to be “The Year of St. Joseph.” St. Joseph is the patron of our Diocese of Buffalo and the Universal Church. Let us pray that he continue to protect them both.

Today all of the students in Grades 2 through 10 will review the sacrament of Reconciliation. There is a wonderful grace of forgiveness to be received from God in this sacrament.

Today is also the second Zoom meeting for our First Communion children and parents. Our theme is “The Eucharist is about Making Peace.” Are we aware of the many times during the Mass that we ask for forgiveness? At the beginning of Mass, we pray Lord, have mercy; we pray the Our Father; we offer each other a sign of peace; we pray Lamb of God... have mercy on us.

**FREE SPIRITS:** 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!

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “Bar Date”).

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

**IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**



**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.

**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**

The Diocese is requiring each of the 161 parishes to publish in this weekend’s bulletin the two rather lengthy articles that you see in our bulletin today. Thus, I actually may have space for just “a few words.” This coming Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the children of the parish will be celebrating their First Reconciliation. Reconciliation (also called Penance or Confession) is such a beautiful Sacrament celebrating the merciful power of the Lord in our lives. Keep the children in your prayers as they approach this Sacrament for the first time.

As for regularly-scheduled Confessions for the rest of us, due to the pandemic and the need to social distance, we have been told by the Diocese that we should not maintain our normally scheduled times and places for Confessions. Instead, I have mentioned periodically at Mass that anyone who would like to go to Confession should simply call me to make an appointment. In that way we can continue to celebrate reconciliation with Lord while also following Covid protocols. As is true in almost every way, the pandemic has changed our ways of doing things, but has not eliminated them. The same is true for the Sacrament of the Sick (also called the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites). When you or someone you know is seriously sick and would like to celebrate this Sacrament of the Lord’s healing, please call me as soon as possible. It remains such a privilege to serve you as a priest of Jesus Christ.

And when you see Sister Katherine Marie Bogner, our Director of Lay Ministries here at Holy Spirit, be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday (February 28<sup>th</sup>). Sister Katherine Marie is for me a genuine inspiration of the vocation of Religious Life. Her faithful and faith-filled ministry is a blessing for all of us. I honestly believe that if the young women of our parish were to observe all that Sister Katherine Marie does in joyful service to others, many would begin to hear anew the call to serve as sisters. Congratulations, Sister Katherine Marie, and many more!



Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe

**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](mailto:rorr@cardinalohara.com).

**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 IIA:** Sr. Katherine Marie; Chris Krawczyk; Miriam Langan; Suzanne Zbrzezny work 3/11/21 9am - 10am.

**Team IIB:** Carmela Cavaliere; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 3/11/21 5pm - 6pm

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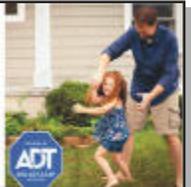


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