



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## 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, April 6**

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

**Wednesday, April 7**

6:15p.m. ~ Gordon Sheffer req. Sibby, Jean & Jim LoGrasso

**Friday, April 9**

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

8:00a.m. ~ All Souls

**Saturday, April 10**

4:00p.m. ~ Paolo Sciortino req. Calogero Campanella & Family  
Salvatrice Cicero-Genco req. Carol Milazzo

**Sunday, April 11 Sunday of Divine Mercy**

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

11:00a.m. ~ Bruno Gomes (1yr. Anniversary of Death)  
req. Emmanuel Gomes & Family

**MINISTER OF THE WORD**

**Saturday, April 10**

4:00p.m. ~ Rebecca Donoghue

**Sunday, April 11**

7:00a.m. ~ Marilyn Camp

11:00a.m. ~ Joan Grieco

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, April 10**

4:00p.m. ~ Rosemary Cordaro; Phyllis Ostrowski

**Sunday, April 11**

7:00a.m. ~ Angela Downey

11:00a.m. ~ Ray Schwartzott; **Volunteer Needed**



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 4**

*No Religious Education Classes today*

**Monday, April 5**

*Rectory Office closed for Easter*

**Thursday, April 8**

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

12noon ~ Free Spirit's Mtg. ~ Church Hall

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

**Sunday, April 11**

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**FOOD PANTRY...** Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **beef stew**

*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; Sizanne Zbrzezny work 4/8/21 9am - 10am.

**Team IIB:** Carmela Cavalieri; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 4/8/21 5pm - 6pm

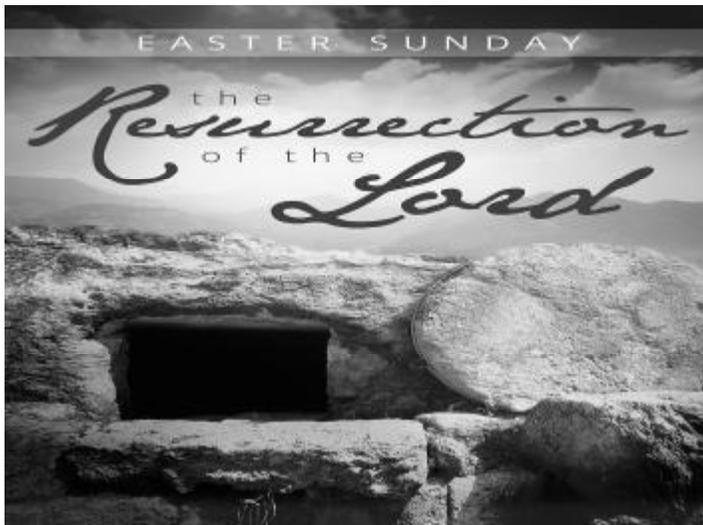


Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to 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](mailto: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.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Paolo Sciortino from Antonietta Volpe



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APR 5- APR 11**

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

**PRAYER FOR EASTER:** Lord Jesus, because we're coming with the women; because we hope where hope is vain; because you call us from the grave and show the way: Roll back the stone.



**April 4- Christ Is Risen!** May God's goodness fill your heart with His joy and your life with His love this Easter.

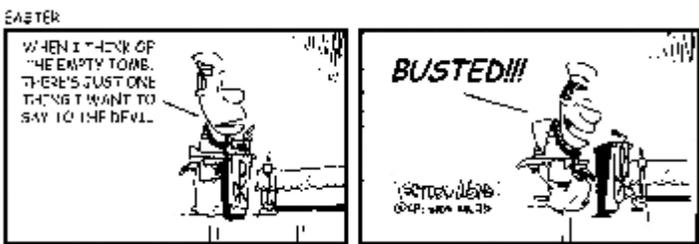
**There are no Religious Education Classes this week or next week April 11, 2021**

**FREE SPIRITS:** Our next meeting is **April 8th 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!

*Our Church Hall is now open for additional seating to attend our weekend Masses. At Communion time Father Joe & Eucharistic Ministers will come downstairs to distribute Communion to all gathered for Mass in the Church Hall. There is plenty of room to follow the social distancing guidelines. Please think of joining us this weekend!*

**LITTLE WHITE BOOKS...**Once again we are offering the Little White Books to be used during the 50 days of Eastertide. We hope that in using this little book you will experience the Risen Lord and come to new life in the Spirit within your soul.

**DIOCESAN SOCIAL MEDIA...**You can follow the Diocese of Buffalo on social media so you're up-to-date on what's happening in your diocese. Follow the Diocese of Buffalo on Facebook, Twitter (@buffalodiocese), Instagram (@buffalodiocese) and You Tube (/bufdiocese). Follow the Western New York Catholic on Facebook (@wnycatholic) and Twitter (@WNYCatholic).



**A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR**

I realize that you are reading this on Easter Sunday. But, due to the early publication requirements of the company which prints our bulletins, I am actually writing this on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Today is the day which you may remember was a day of dangerously high winds, accompanied by rain. It is also the weekly trash and recycling pick-up day here in our North Buffalo neighborhood. Needless to say, it was a rather harrowing experience to drive a little while ago, with recycling items – and recycling bins – becoming airborne projectiles. In other words, as I write this, more than a week before you are reading this, the weather has made it a rather dark, gloomy, even frightening day.

Yet, I am struck by the contrast between this day, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. I am not a meteorologist, nor a prognosticator of the presently unknown. Rather, I see in the gloomy, stormy and dangerous conditions today a certain parallel to what life would be like every day if there had never been that Easter Morning nearly 2,000 years ago. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb while it was still dark. She went expecting nothing other than visiting the grave of Christ Crucified. It was dark for her in more ways than just that of the early hour of the morning. Peter and John ran to the tomb, fearing a grave robbery, never dreaming of a Resurrection. So, in some ways, the dark and stormy weather as I am writing this makes me think that this is how every day would be in our lives and world if there had never been that first Easter Sunday, that triumph of the Risen Christ over the grave.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead was, and remains, the single greatest event of our human history. The promise of life after death for all who believe in Jesus and seek to live following his teaching and example is our single greatest hope. It is this model of love, of the sheer witness of self-sacrifice, that has made each Sunday for us as Catholics a day of Resurrection. It is true that the daffodils and crocuses that are breaking through the soil these days remind us of new life. But a far more meaningful experience of the Resurrection can be seen each time someone manages to bring to another a gesture, a word, an act of self-sacrificial love and care. Then, truly, we can say, regardless of the weather, Happy Easter. For me, personally, I will always treasure that moment my phone rang on January 11<sup>th</sup>, and I saw that it was my brother calling. He was in the recovery room following his open-heart surgery earlier that day. Just to hear his voice was an experience of Easter, of Resurrection, of new life. He continues to recover well. I will always be grateful to you for your many prayers for him and our family.

A Blessed and Happy Easter,  
Father Joe

**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/diocesefbuffalo> 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.**



*At this time our Food Pantry is in no need of brown paper bags of any size. We will let you know when we are in need of them again. Thank you*

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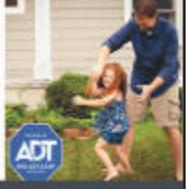
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