



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

March 27, 2022 Fourth 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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. (HS)
Sundays: 8:15 a.m. (SM)
..... 9:30 a.m. (SM)
..... 11:00 a.m. (HS)
Holy Day Masses: Consult the bulletin.
Weekdays: Mon., & Tues., 8:00 a.m. (SM)
..... Wed., 6:15 p.m. (HS)
..... Fri., 8:00 a.m. (HS)

Where are we...

It is hard to believe, but it has already been almost two and a half months since I arrived on January 14 to Holy Spirit and St. Margaret's. In the two and a half months since my arrival so much has happened, and so many great things are in the future. I wanted to highlight a few things for us to consider.

+ The Renewal is setting in for our Family of Parishes. The lay representatives have been meeting and working diligently to help create a pastoral plan for our parishes working together. Always remember, your parish is your parish. Coming together as a family is an opportunity for us to collaborate and share what we do best with each other. Last week the staffs from all of our parishes came together and it was great to see everyone sharing ideas, helping answer questions and it was a great opportunity to witness how much better we can be together. This in no way diminishes what and how we do things now, but I don't think people realize that as individual parishes we do not offer what the church calls for in any one of our independent parishes. Examples include; baptismal preparation team, RCIA team (should be a team of at least 6 members), Pre-cana program, youth ministry, continuing education... I think you get the point. This doesn't mean our parishes aren't good and successful, it simply means we can be better. The future for all of our parishes depends on us being better so that we reach out to those who have left, to those who are unchurched, and evangelize our communities.

+ Evangelization – sometimes we make this more complicated than it needs to be. This is an important part of who we are as Catholics! Evangelization is all about letting people know why we love Jesus and how we can encounter Jesus in our parishes. The work of the church is with all of us! Encouraging and welcoming others to the church is important because it brings others to encounter Jesus. I am sure all of us know someone, or a family that has left the church. In many instances people who have walked away from the church who are asked why they left comment that; 'no one missed me!' All of us need to pay attention to who is joining us and who is missing. All of us should be reaching out and helping to welcome others to our parishes. Lent is a perfect opportunity to extend the invitation to someone.

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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, March 28

8:00a.m. (SM) ~ All Souls

Tuesday, March 29

8:00a.m. (SM) ~ Kelly Pruyin Chimera
req. by Mary Catherine Maines

Wednesday, March 30

7:00p.m. (HS) ~ Rachel Brocklehurst (Anniversary of Death)
req. by Family

7:30p.m. (HS) ~ Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 31

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

Friday, April 1

7:30a.m. (HS) ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church

8:00a.m. (HS) ~ For All Parishioners

6:00p.m. (SM) ~ Confessions

7:00p.m. (SM) ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 2

3:15-3:45p.m. (HS) ~ Confessions

4:00p.m. (HS) ~ Kevin R. McNinch (Birthday
Remembrance) req. by Nonnie
Giuseppe & Gaetana Milazzo
req. by Daughter, Carol

Sunday, April 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15a.m. (SM) ~ Rosaria Tornambe req. by Estate

9:30a.m. (SM) ~ Deceased Members Joseph Guerra Family
req. by Family

11:00a.m. (HS) ~ Peter Gorman (15th Anniversary of Death)
req. by Wife, Laura

4:30p.m. (SM) ~ Gary Starck req. by Delphine Guerra



MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, April 2

4:00p.m. (HS) ~ Mary Ellen Loncto

Sunday, April 3

8:15a.m. (SM) ~ Bob Esposito

9:30am. (SM) ~ Frank DiLeo

11:00a.m. (HS) ~ Marilynn Camp

4:30p.m. (SM) ~ Volunteer Needed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 2

4:00p.m. (HS) ~ Rick Amodeo; Rosemary Cordaro

Sunday, April 3

8:15a.m. (SM) ~ Cheri Frank; Kate Mazzarini

9:30am. (SM) ~ Sr. Karen Marie; Anne Simon

11:00a.m. (HS) ~ Phyllis Ostrowski; Ricky Warnes

4:30p.m. (SM) ~ Pam Cercone

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

Holy Spirit ~ March 20, 2022

Offertory:.....\$4,233.00
Building & Maintenance.....\$2,210.00
Easter Flowers:\$633.00

St. Margaret ~ March 20, 2022

Offertory:\$3,405.00
Electronic Giving:\$110.00
Easter Flowers:\$664.00
Shrines:\$35.75

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March, 29

6:00p.m. (SM) ~Events Committee Mtg. ~ Rectory

Wednesday, March 30 Night of Reflection @ HS

5:00p.m. ~ (HS) Soup & Supper

6:00p.m. ~ (HS) Reflection "Healing"

6:00p.m. ~ St. Margaret Choir Practice ~ Church

7:00p.m. ~ (HS) Mass

Thursday, March 31

9:00-10:00a.m. (HS) ~ Food Pantry

10:30a.m.(SM) ~ Scripture class with Sr. Karen Marie ~ Rectory

5:00-6:00p.m. (HS) ~ Food Pantry

6:00p.m. ~ Holy Spirit Choir Practice ~ Church

Friday, April 1

6:00p.m. (SM) ~ Confession

7:00p.m. (SM) ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 2

5:00p.m. ~ (HS) State of the Parish Meeting ~ Church

Please join us. All are welcome.

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

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH @ 5PM. NIGHT OF REFLECTION AT HOLY SPIRIT

In the Gospels we read how Jesus would "go away" from the crowds to spend some time in prayer with his apostles. Are you looking for a few hours of prayer and reflection this Lent? Do you want to join with others for a simple meal, an inspiring message, and prayer? Please join us for a Lenten evening of Reflection with Rev. Charles E. Slisz. Our Lenten theme is "Healing." Our evening will begin with a supper of homemade soups and bread from 5-6PM in the church hall, followed by a reflection from Fr. Slisz at 6:00, Mass at 7PM, and Stations of the Cross afterwards. Please come for the whole evening or a part of it. Just like Jesus, we all need to stop and spend some time away.



HOLY SPIRIT STATE OF THE PARISH MEETING:

Saturday, April 2nd following the 4pm Mass. As you know, there are a lot of things happening at Holy Spirit Church as well as in the entire Diocese of Buffalo. Father Bryan as well as our Parish Council, is asking for you to attend this meeting in order to inform you as well as answer any questions you may have. A few topics discussed will be: Financial State of Parish, State of our building and grounds, Road to Renewal updates as well as other issues. More than ever, we truly need to continue to work together to continue to keep our Parish as strong and vibrant as ever. Please Join us!

St. Margaret - St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Offering envelopes can be placed in any collection during Lent.



Sanctuary Candle at Holy Spirit burns this week in loving memory of John Panasiewicz (Anniversary of Death) from Brothers & Sisters

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+ As we move forward there are many exciting opportunities for all of us! Take advantage of our evening of reflection this coming Wednesday with Fr. Chuck Slisz! Details are in the bulletin.

+ This weekend we welcome Fr. Ryan Keating who will be at St. Margaret's Sunday Morning Masses and Fr. Luke Uebler who will be at Holy Spirit for Sunday Morning Mass. I will be at St. Mary's for the Sunday Masses there this week so they can see their Pastor too. Fr. Ryan and Fr. Luke are the Parochial Vicars at St. Mary's and help out wherever needed. Please welcome them and thank them for their priesthood and ministry.

+ So much good is happening here and it's because of your prayers and dedication. Let's continue to share the Good News of Jesus with our world, invite others to encounter him and continue to let the Holy Spirit guide us as we move forward!

Keep Smiling
Fr. Bryan



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT #7
UPDATES MAR. 26-27

ROAD TO RENEWAL Families of parishes will work on five topics during this review of Spiritual Life. Topics include a unified sacramental process; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - RCIA; retreats; devotions; and a special Life in the Eucharist program, whose purpose is to bring together parishioners in the families of parishes.

Also, if you haven't completed it already, please take the Disciple Maker Index survey accessed via the link below. Just scroll to your parish to complete. It should take no more than 15 minutes.

<https://www.catholicleaders.org/buffalodmi>

As we continue down the *Road to Renewal*, please don't forget to visit our website at www.RoadToRenewal.org and pray the Prayer for Renewal regularly. In the next update, we'll update you on progress in Spiritual Life. See you on the *Road to Renewal*!



Holy Spirit Parish Picnic Meeting
April 4th at 7pm in the Church Hall.
Please join us!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new members for our St. Margaret's conference. Please consider coming to our next meeting in the St. Margaret rectory on April 7, 2022 at 7pm and see what we do. For more information please call Cheri Frank, President @ 716-864-0064.

URGENT NEED IN UKRAINE... In case you missed the recent collection for Ukraine, or wanted to make additional donations, Please place your donations in an envelope with your name on it marked for "Ukraine" in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

RCIA @ HOLY SPIRIT: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and we will celebrate the Second Scrutiny for Alex. We will be sharing on the topic of conversion and reconciliation. Our need for forgiveness is such an important part of our lives so this is a special moment for Alex and the rest of us on the team.

BIBLE STUDY @ HOLY SPIRIT: Our Bible Study Class will not meet on Wednesday, March 30th due to the Night of Reflection.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION... We are journeying with Jesus during these Lenten days. Our Confirmation candidates are learning more about the Rite of Confirmation and how the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit help all of us to live as true disciples and followers of Jesus Christ.



ST. MARGARET LENTEN FISH FRY. The drive-thru event takes place on Friday, April 8 in our parking lot. Catered by BW's Smokin' Barrels BBQ, tickets are \$15 and include a freshly-cooked haddock, potato salad, coleslaw, rye bread, butter, tartar sauce, and dessert. Drive thru will be open 4-7 pm. Tickets sales begin Sunday, March 6 and can be purchased after Sunday Masses and in the rectory during normal business hours. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED.** For further information please contact Diane in the Rectory at 876-5318 or Sue Giambra, event chair at 834-6163.

HOLY SPIRITS FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **pork & beans; rice**

Team IVA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Peggy Connors; Eileen Cook work 3/31/22 9am - 10am.

Team IVB: Joe Delmont; Mary Freeman; Dominic Petrilli; Sharon Szablewski work 3/31/22 5pm - 6pm



Holy Spirit to-date \$12,930; goal \$30,049.
St. Margaret to-date \$30,600; goal \$46,191
Diocese \$5,115.517; goal \$9.5M

ST. MARGARET'S SENIORS TRAVEL: May 3, 10:00 am departure. Musical & Mischief at The Cabaret in Albion, N.Y. Entertainment by Cabaret Singer "Gary Simboli". Thrill to his incredible theatrical voice as he sings hit songs from popular musicals. \$65 includes a buffet lunch at the Black North Inn, show admission, and transportation. Call D. Nola 716-838-1778, or check the website: dnola32.wixsite.com/senior-travel-club

FREE SPIRITS NEWS

Our next Free Spirits Meeting is Thursday, April 7th at 12noon in the Church Hall. Doors open at 11:30am. **All 55 and older are welcome!**



ATTENTION

Message from the St. Margaret Parish Council. At our March meeting it was agreed that we should pursue the idea of forming a Fund-Raising Committee. To that end, if you are a St. Margaret parishioner, have ideas about the types of fund-raising activities we might pursue, and are interested in joining this effort, please contact our Parish Secretary, Diane in the Rectory, 876-5318. You will need to provide your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. We thank you for your interest.



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