



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

April 3, 2022 Fifth 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)

Welcome weekends...

As I write this column I was looking at the calendar and panicking! Where has Lent gone? Next week is already Palm Sunday!! The question that keeps coming to my mind is; are we ready? The question we might want to ponder, what do we need to be ready for?

I'm going to suggest a few things we need to be ready for:

1. **An invitation to journey with Jesus.** All of lent is an opportunity to focus our efforts on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, but as we approach the end of lent we should ask ourselves how we have responded to the invitation? It is never too late even as we move closer to Holy Week to make the final weeks of lent the best ones yet.
2. **Reconciliation – have we?** Lent is the perfect opportunity for us to relieve the burden of sin from our lives. We have many opportunities to take advantage of the beautiful sacrament here at our parishes. Please take advantage, you won't regret it!
3. **Welcome!** Over the next two weeks, people will be attending our parishes who haven't been here in a while. This is a great opportunity to welcome, interact and encourage those who are joining us for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, to find a home at our parishes. Let them know what a great community of faith our parishes are and how we welcome them.
4. **Invite!** Certainly, on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we will see more faces in the pews. I want to ask all of us to also invite someone to join us! All of us should be inviting people to church to experience the joy and power of the Cross and Resurrection.

In that spirit of inviting and welcoming, there will be sign up sheets this weekend for hospitality ministry for the next two weekends. I would like us to have people at every door, holding the door, welcoming, guiding and thanking people for attending mass at our parishes. Please help make the next two weekends some of the most meaningful for all who choose to worship with us!

I also want to mention that starting next weekend the morning mass on Sunday's will be at 8 am. Palm Sunday the 8 am mass will be at St. Margaret's, and on Easter Sunday the 8 am mass will be at Holy Spirit. We will keep the mass at 8 am moving forward at St. Margaret's to allow a little more time between the morning masses.

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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, April 4
8:00a.m. (SM) ~ Increased Vocations req. by Andi
Tuesday, April 5
8:00a.m. (SM) ~ All Souls
Wednesday, April 6
5:30-6:00p.m. (HS) ~ Confessions
6:00p.m. (HS) ~ Jessica Wohlfahrt req. by Barbara Kushner
6:30p.m. (HS) ~ Stations of the Cross
Thursday, April 7
8:00a.m. (HS) ~ Communion Service (Sr. Katherine Marie)
Friday, April 8
7:30a.m. (HS) ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church
8:00a.m. (HS) ~ Dorothy Senger & Joseph Zientek req. by Mary Senger
6:00p.m. (SM) ~ Confessions
7:00p.m. (SM) ~ Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 9
3:15-3:45p.m. (HS) ~ Confessions
4:00p.m. (HS) ~ Ann Collura (Birthday Remembrance) req. by Family
Joe Sciortino req. by Friends
Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00a.m. (SM) ~ Josephine A. Dolce req. by Family
9:30a.m. (SM) ~ Rosario & Guglielmo Morro req. by Joseph & Teresa Marinaccio
11:00a.m. (HS) ~ Salvatore Milazzo req. by Wife & Children Bruno Gomes req. by Gomes Family



MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, April 9
4:00p.m. (HS) ~ Karen Adamski; Carmela Kieffer
Sunday, April 10
8:00a.m. (SM) ~ Dan Szyllinski; Volunteer Needed
9:30am. (SM) ~ Mary Lou Cappellini; Sr. Karen Marie
11:00a.m. (HS) ~ Hedy Auletta; Trinity Ridout

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 9
4:00p.m. (HS) ~ Edward Giannino; Cathy Slisz
Sunday, April 10
8:00a.m. (SM) ~ Bob Esposito; Kate Mazzarini
9:30am. (SM) ~ Rick Cronin; Paul Shea
11:00a.m. (HS) ~ Ray & Zach Schwartzott

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

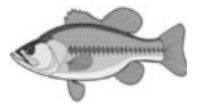
Holy Spirit ~ March 27, 2022
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St. Margaret ~ March 27, 2022
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Sanctuary Candle at Holy Spirit burns this week in loving memory of Josephine Manuel from Sister-in-law Millie Alagna

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 3
9:30-10:45am ~ Religious Education Classes @ Holy Spirit ~ Parish Ctr.
Monday, April 4
6:00p.m. ~ (HS) Grief Support Mtg. ~ Winter Chapel
7:00p.m. ~ (HS) Parish Council Mtg. ~ Church Hall
7:00p.m. ~ (HS) Parish Picnic Mtg. ~ Winter Chapel
Wednesday, April 6
5:30-6:00p.m. (HS) ~ Confessions
6:30p.m. (HS) ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Church
7:00p.m. (HS) ~ Bible Study with Sr. Katherine Marie ~ Winter Chapel
6:00p.m. ~ St. Margaret Choir Practice ~ Church
Thursday, April 7
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
7:00p.m. (SM) ~ St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. ~ Rectory
Friday, April 8
4:00 - 7:00p.m. (SM) ~ St. Margaret Drive-thru Fish Fry
6:00p.m. (SM) ~ Confession
7:00p.m. (SM) ~ Stations of the Cross
Sunday, April 10



No Religious Education Classes today



HOLY SPIRIT STATE OF THE PARISH MEETING: Today 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!

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!

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Lastly, I'm sure you've noticed in our churches that the statues are covered and the Holy Water fonts are empty. It is a tradition of the church that on the fifth Sunday of Lent all images are covered and fonts are emptied to draw us closer into the experience of Lent. You'll notice the only thing uncovered are the Stations of the Cross. Our focus the next two weeks is on Jesus' journey to Calvary and the sacrifice he made for all of us. The covering of images and emptying of fonts should direct our attention to Jesus.

Just as our focus is to be closer to Jesus in the last weeks of lent, we also need to make the time for Jesus. Please mark your calendars for our Holy Week celebrations as they will certainly inspire all of us and help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Keep Smiling
Fr. Bryan



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT #8
UPDATES APR. 2-3

Work continues in Spiritual Life, and the Diocesan Renewal Team stands ready to assist the transition teams in the Families of Parishes as they work diligently to join resources and seek best practices.

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. The last day to complete the survey is April 4.

<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*!

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 this Thursday, April 7th at 7pm and see what we do. For more information please call Cherri 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 a envelope with your name on it marked for "Ukraine" in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

ST. MARGARET'S SENIORS TRAVEL: Travel with St. Margaret's Seniors June 21 to the Golden Era of Country Music Dinner Theatre in Cuba NY. For \$109.00, enjoy an afternoon of friends, food, entertainment, and a stop at the Made In America store for a unique shopping experience. Click here for details; dnola32.wixsite.com/-senior-travel-club or call D. Nola 716-838-1778.

Departure from Blessed Sacrament Church 10:00 AM, return 6:00 PM Checks payable to St. Margaret's Travel; Mail to 57 Avon Rd., Ton. 14150

RCIA @ HOLY SPIRIT: Today we celebrate the 3rd Scrutiny Rite for Alex who will soon be baptized. In our session we will be sharing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please continue to pray for our candidates who will soon receive the Sacraments of Initiation here and all over our Diocese.

BIBLE STUDY @ HOLY SPIRIT: Our Bible Study Class will meet on Wednesday, April 6th at 7pm (after Stations of the Cross) in the Winter Chapel.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION... Today is the last class before the spring break. As we prepare for Holy Week, all of the classes will join in an activity in the church hall that focuses on the Passion of Jesus, and then we will watch a video that takes us through Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



ST. MARGARET LENTEN FISH FRY. The drive-thru event takes place this Friday, April 8 in our parking lot. Tickets still available.

HOLY SPIRIT'S FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **canned vegetables**

Team IA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Norm Matuszewski; Rita Riley; Laura Zeitler work 4/7/22 9am - 10am.

Team IB: Mary Burger; Sheila Blum; Teresita Morales; Jamie Ridout work 4/7/22 5pm - 6pm

FREE SPIRITS NEWS

Our next Free Spirits Meeting is this **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.



Catholic Charities

The pandemic has put a strain on all of us, and for those welcoming new babies into the world, it has been particularly stressful! But Catholic Charities has been here to alleviate some of the worries facing new parents. A pantry worker shared, "One of our clients had a new baby. Before the pandemic, her finances were tight and she appreciated being able to go to the Bishop Kmiec Food Pantry when she needed. As a result of the pandemic, her finances became even tighter. When staff learned that her baby was born, she was offered the option to receive diapers and baby formula along with her monthly food. She graciously accepted this offer and has reported to us as a result of this she is able to better handle the stresses of becoming a new mother." Your gift to Appeal 2022 helps new mothers like this one, and countless others, across Western New York. Donate today by visiting: <http://www.cwny.org/donation> or by texting GIVEHOPE22 to 44321.

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



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