



Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

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February 28, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses
4:30pm & 7pm

Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am
12pm

Weekday Masses
Mon-Thur 7am and 9am
Friday 7am and 8:30am
Saturday 8am

Holy Days
Vigil Mass 4:30pm
Holy Day 7am, 9am, 7pm

First Friday Devotion
First Friday of every month
(unless otherwise noted)
in church at 6pm and live stream

Other Fridays of the month the
Rosary is prayed in the church at
6pm.

BAPTISMS
Usually the 2nd & 4th Sundays at
1:00pm. New parents must be
registered and attend a class prior
to Baptism.

CONFESSION
Confessions are scheduled on
Saturday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30
p.m. in the lower sacristy room at
the front of the church (side near
the Blessed Mother Statue, down
the stairs). Please wear a face
mask and follow the signs when
you enter the Church to direct
you to this room.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made at
least six months ahead of time
with our priest. A Marriage
Preparation program is required.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high
mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before
them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on
earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

Saturday,
March 6

6:30pm

Nativity gym

GLORIFY

Renew 716 Ministries - Chesterton Academy of Buffalo invites you to Nativity of Our Lord in Orchard Park for **GLORIFY**, an evening of praise and worship of God the Father, through the Power and Love of the Holy Spirit. Friends 18-100 years of age are welcome to join us for Eucharistic Adoration, powerful music, and prayer. Come with an open heart and mind. Like Mary who glorified the Lord in everything, be ready for the Holy Spirit to become a powerful Presence in your life!

From the Pastor's Desk...

On December 8th of last year (the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church), with his Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. Below is a brief excerpt from "Patris corde," which seems to speak so well to us all as we continue to live in the midst of the pandemic:

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (*Mt* 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all".^[6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

Indeed, let us pray for all who help us in any way during these challenging days; may we turn to St. Joseph and seek his intercession, especially in difficult moments.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Fr. Jim



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NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS



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FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Please join us on the first Friday of every month at 6pm as Fr. Peter leads us in First Friday Benediction before the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

UPON THIS ROCK

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am – Salvatore Parlato by Kevin Ricotta and family
 4:30 pm – Edward Bores by his family
 7:00 pm – Frank Breese by Rosemarie Breese

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am – Mass for Parishioners
 9:00 am – Eileen Siergiej by the Brug family
 10:30 am – Antonio Justicia Guzman by Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Justicia-Linde
 12:00 pm – Dominick Saraceno by his family

Monday, March 1

7:00 am – Peter A. Russo by his Mom and Dad
 9:00 am – James Lavelle by his family

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 am – All Souls
 9:00 am – Donna M. Caves by Gary and Heidi Metz

Wednesday, March 3

7:00 am – Les and Loretta Schupp by their estate
 9:00 am – Mary Sansone by Dr. and Mrs. John Reilly

Thursday, March 4

7:00 am – All Souls
 9:00 am – Dr. Robert C. Sippel by Tom and Charlotte Downing

Friday, March 5

7:00 am – Rose and Robert Lally by their estate
 8:30 am – For peace and safety of the U.S.A. by Joanne and Kathy Koscielniak

Saturday, March 6

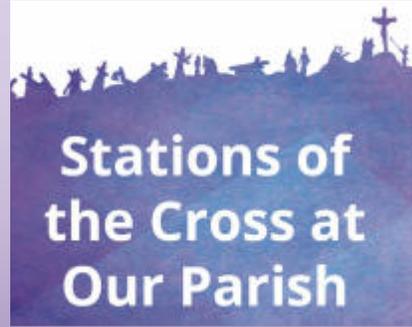
8:00 am – Patricia Van Dyke by Eileen Martin
 4:30 pm – Tim Fitzgerald, Sr. by his family
 7:00 pm – Dorothy Grucella by her family

Sunday, March 7

7:30 am – Carolyn A. Kowalewski by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Boersma
 9:00 am – Martin Potzler by his daughters
 10:30 am – Eileen Siergiej by Judy Harris
 12:00 pm – Mass for Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Aquila, Desmond Benimoff, Jordan Berkhoudt, Gavin Bomboy, David Borowski, Michelle Bruno, Patrick Byrne, Anna Caserta, Liz Cash, Jeanne Chojnacki, Bernard Daube, Carol Doyle, Liam Dubey, Paul Eberhardt, Josephine Fistola, Robyn Flading, daughters of Lois Fleck, Rev. Richard Florek, Ann Marie Gensler, Barbara Ghirsig, Bill Greene, Rowan Grundtisch, Barbara Harris, Marcia Jurkowski, Gail Koglmeier, Erin Kulesus, Christine Kukla, Amanda L., Virginia Lawton, Nathan Ljungberg, Barbara McPherson, Ann Nenedal, Chet P., Kathy P., Shirley Perrine, Marge and Marvin Prebble, Kay Prusniecki, Joseph Russell, Gilbert Seegert, Jonathan Sentz, Laura Shaw, Luis Shaw, Marie Sokolovic, William Thornton, Jane Tomaszewski, Rev. Michael Uebler, Ann Ulman, Craig Vidal, Dr. Ronald Vidal, Marianne Vidal, Eileen Walsh, Geraldine Wiess, Dennis Wolbert, Dan Zsebehazy.



Join us every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church.

Come early and pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6pm on March 19 and 26.

Experience the beauty of First Friday Adoration/Benediction on Friday, March 5 at 6pm.

Our Youth Group will present XLT on Friday, March 12 at 6pm.



Have hope! Spring is near.

OUR STAFF

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Pastor	Rev. James D. Ciupek	ext 140
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Peter Bassey	ext 124
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LENT II

First Reading - GENESIS 22: 1-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

Response - PSALM 116

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."
Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

My vows to the LORD I will pay
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading - ROMANS 8: 31-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Gospel - MARK 9: 2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,

"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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HOPE FOR ALL SEASONS