



*March 7, 2021*

## *Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church*

*26 Thorn Avenue*

*Orchard Park, New York, 14127*

*www.nativityofourlordop.com*

*662-9339*

### **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

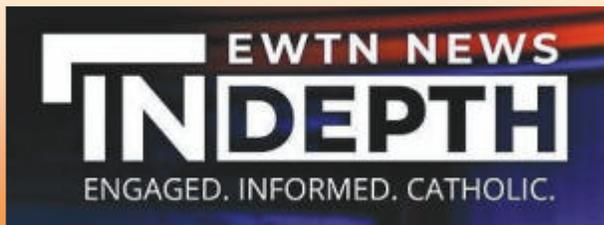
Other Fridays of the month the  
Rosary is prayed in the church at  
6pm.

**BAPTISMS**  
Usually the 2nd & 4th Sundays  
at 1:00pm. New parents must be  
registered and attend a class pri-  
or 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.





EWTN News has expanded its programming to bring you more news from a Catholic perspective. Check it out Fridays at 8pm. EWTN's roundtable discussion series and in depth interviews unapologetically examine and analyze important issues, news, and events from an authentically Catholic perspective. An engaged one-hour discussion about topics that matter to you.

### From the Pastor's Desk...

One of the popular devotions that is prayed during Lent is the "Stations of the Cross." Here at Nativity, the stations are prayed on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Church; we have several different versions which we pray, depending on the preference of the leader for a particular evening. One of the booklets that we use is entitled "The Way of the Cross as composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori," published by Barton Cotton (Baltimore, Maryland). In the forward to this edition, the following is stated:

During the Turkish occupation of the Holy Land in the late Middle Ages, when pilgrims were prevented from visiting its sacred sites, the custom arose of making replicas of those holy places, where the faithful might come to pray. One of the most popular of these devotions was the "Stations of the Way of the Cross," which were imitations of the "stations," or stopping places of prayer on the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. By the late sixteenth century the fourteen stations, as we know them today were erected in almost all Catholic churches.

Among the best known prayers for the Way of the Cross are those first published in Italian by St. Alphonsus Liguori in 1761, which are presented here in a new, revised translation. In his brief introduction to this devotion, St. Alphonsus wrote: "The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude."

Hopefully, these brief words about the "Stations of the Cross" will inspire us to fervent prayer this Lent as we reflect upon the sufferings of Christ on His journey to the cross. May we unite our sufferings with those of the Crucified Christ to help bring us salvation.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!

Fr. Jim



#### MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER!

Scan the QR code with a tablet or smartphone and make your weekly or monthly contribution electronically.

REMINDER: MASKS MUST BE WORN THE ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE IN CHURCH. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM THE PRIEST AND HAVE STEPPED TO THE SIDE TO CONSUME.

**YOU CANNOT REMOVE THE MASK WHILE SEATED.**

## NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRACTICE ENTRANCE EXAM

St. Francis High School **Practice Entrance Exam** is on the following date:

**Saturday, March, 20, 2021: 8:30-12noon**

- Must be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Check in begins at 8am in the Foyer of Alumni Hall (located on Lasalle Entrance)
- Preparation for the mandatory exam for consideration of attending St. Francis High School
- Calculators and Pencils will be provided

Register @ [www.stfrancishigh.org](http://www.stfrancishigh.org)

**Any questions please contact us at 716-627-1200 ext 582 or vial email: [admissions@stfrancishigh.org](mailto:admissions@stfrancishigh.org)**

St. Francis High School is located at 4129 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Any family can talk about Jesus' sacrifice and celebrate His resurrection. The beautiful thing about Jesus is that we can all remember His sacrifice. With that in mind, start observing Lent with your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. Talk about Jesus more – let them know that this whole Easter deal is to celebrate our Risen Savior who conquered death.

### **Observe Passover with a Christian Passover Dinner.**

Traditions generally include gefilte fish (poached fish dumplings), matzo ball soup, brisket or roast chicken, potato kugel (somewhat like a casserole) and tzimmes, a stew of carrots and prunes, sometimes including potatoes or sweet potatoes.

**Read the Bible together.** Start reading the Bible with your kids daily; this would be a great opportunity to focus on the ministry of Jesus. Lent is a perfect time to begin. Start small and be consistent.

**Read Easter books.** Some of our favorites are *The Parable of the Lily* and *The Jesus Calling Bible Storybook*. *One Spring Lamb* is really precious for littler kids.

**Write a thank you note to your pastor.** Help your kids to thank him or her for teaching them about Jesus' death and resurrection.

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.



### VIA FIDEI

Via Fidei means "The Way of Faith." It also describes a new initiative at Nativity that will lead to a more vibrant parish that is responsive to the needs of the Nativity family.

We are currently in the third phase of the initiative. After conducting a parish-wide survey and focus groups last summer, we formed a steering committee to focus on seven areas of need here at Nativity. Now, those areas of need are being addressed by our seven working groups.

The working groups are compiling concrete plans to bring programs, events and a new vibrancy to Nativity. The seven areas of concern are broadly categorized as:

1. Communications
2. Parishioner Involvement
3. Senior Services
4. Parish Relations
5. Adult Faith Formation
6. Outreach
7. Liturgy

**This is an exciting time for the Nativity parish community!** We will keep you informed on the progress of our groups. If you would like more information, please contact Dcn. Gary at [gandelora25@gmail.com](mailto:gandelora25@gmail.com) or Melissa at [mpotzler@nativityschool.net](mailto:mpotzler@nativityschool.net).



New Patients Welcome!  
Orchard Park Village Dental  
Gentle Personalized Care  
orchardparkvillagedental.com  
6590 East Quaker St.  
662-7651

Tammy Perison, DDS




"Serving Orchard Park & Southtowns With Dignity Since 1937"

THE ALLEN POTTER HOUSE  
THE ALLEN POTTER HOUSE MUSEUM  
POTTER'S PARK

170 Years of History

East Quaker St. TIMOTHY J. GARDNER (716) 662-9321

**MURRAY ROOFING COMPANY**  
Commercial & Industrial Roofing and More!  
ALL IN FOR *your* SUCCESS  
Partners in Quality Roofing

www.murrayroofingcompanyinc.com  
P: 716.896.5555  
F: 716.894.5730

Over 30 years experience  
of roofing under warranty  
600 Cayuga Creek Rd.  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

**ANTHONY'S SALON**

For Hair and Nails  
662-9333

3882 North Buffalo Rd., Orchard Park  
Owned and operated by the Giallella family

Orthodontists  
Associates of WNY  
Dominic A. Colarusso, Jr., DDS  
Steven J. Hietanen, DDS  
Andrew J. Dusel, DDS

6590 E. Quaker Rd. 4031 Legion Dr  
Orchard Park Hamburg  
662-7060 648-1461  
5489 Broadway St. • Lancaster  
706-0300

www.orthowny.com

**Rr Runner's Roost**

4190 N. Buffalo Rd.  
Orchard Park  
662-1331

"Find Your Child's Dental Home With Us!"

Maureen J. Casey, D.D.S.  
Pediatric Dentistry  
4017 Legion Dr.  
Hamburg, NY  
(716) 648-4035

**Brian J. Karam, D.D.S.**  
Family Dentistry  
Office Hours  
by Appointment  
Phone: 662-3122  
6590 E. Quaker Street

**FREE AD DESIGN**  
WITH PURCHASE  
OF THIS SPACE.  
- 800-477-4574 -

LET US  
PLACE  
YOUR  
AD  
HERE.

**Anthony Brown PHARMACY, INC.**  
EST. SINCE 1880  
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS  
IMMUNIZATIONS  
HEALTH AND BEAUTY PRODUCTS  
24 HOUR RX SERVICE AVAILABLE  
4328 S. Buffalo St.  
662-3800

In the Southtowns,  
the cemetery of  
choice is Nativity.  
Est. 1908  
CALL 662-9339  
See our new columbarium

**SOUTHTOWNS EYE CENTER**

3151 SOUTHWESTERN BLVD. • 674-6030

LASER CATARACT SURGERY  
NEW TECHNOLOGY IMPLANTS  
COMPLETE EYE EXAMS

DR. SCHLISSERMAN MD • DR. SIMMONS MD  
DR. WALEK OD • DR. BULAS OD

WWW.SOUTHTOWNSEYECENTER.COM

Certified Professional Dog Trainer  
(CPDT-KA)  
Specializing in Private  
Companion Dog  
Training Tailored to  
You and Your Dog

HEART'S IN HAND  
Training and Behavior Services  
"It's All About The Dog!" \$10 OFF ANY SERVICE  
WITH THIS AD

EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION  
heartnhandtraining@gmail.com

THIS SPACE IS  
**AVAILABLE**

UPGRADE TO A  
**VIBRANT ad**  
Contact us for details • 800-477-4574

Contact Lenses • Sunglasses

**hogenkamp optics**  
Est. 1937  
Francis • Daniel • Joseph  
www.hogenkampoptics.com  
6404 W. Quaker St. • 716-662-5050

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets | 1-855-225-4251

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.**  
Buy a bulletin ad space today!

**STONE Art** EST. 1857  
MEMORIAL COMPANY INC.

Southtowns Showroom 914 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218  
(716) 824-9278

Northtowns Showroom 2598 Sheridan Drive  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
(716) 832-0900

www.stoneartmemorial.com

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME** ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Tim Weir** to place an ad today!  
tweir@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6568

**LOUIE'S**  
TEXAS RED HOTS 1997

3905 Southwestern Blvd.  
648-6200  
Breakfast Anytime

**Elderwood**  
Assisted Living at West Seneca  
580 Orchard Park Road, West Seneca • (716) 677-4242  
www.elderwood.com

**Too Sick for Mass?**  
SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!

www.parishesonline.com



Why Pre-Plan?

**Amigone** FUNERAL HOME INC.

Call our preplanning experts today for a free consultation.  
6170 W. Quaker Road, Orchard Park 662-7848



## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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 Siergiey by Judy Harris  
 12:00 pm – Mass for Parishioners

### Monday, March 8

7:00 am – All Souls  
 9:00 am – Bill Schooley by Glory Ann Cranston

### Tuesday, March 9

7:00 am – Joan Waldorf by the Piotrowski family  
 9:00 am – Zachary Liberatoro by Tom and Linda Reimondo

### Wednesday, March 10

7:00 am – Paul Becker by Aravind and Elizabeth Herle  
 9:00 am – Geraldine Colarusso by her family

### Thursday, March 11

7:00 am – Dominica Walek by her family  
 9:00 am – Kenneth Lawton by his wife

### Friday, March 12

7:00 am – All Souls  
 8:30 am – Lisa Barniak by her Mom and Dad

### Saturday, March 13

8:00 am – Frank P. Young by George and Marie O’Leary  
 4:30 pm – Edwin Koscielniak by his wife and daughter  
 7:00 pm – Ben O. Stromecki by Papa and Gramma Palczynski

### Sunday, March 14

7:30 am – Carolyn A. Kowalewski by Marty and Cynthia Schwab  
 9:00 am – Rosemary Edwards by her family  
 10:30 am – Lena H. Adams by Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Justicia-Linde  
 12:00 pm – Stephen E. Cavanaugh by his family

### 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, 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 Zsebezhazy.



## REQUIRED NOTICE

### 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.**

#### OUR STAFF

##### Church staff

**43 Argyle Place** 662-9339

Pastor	Rev. James D. Ciupek	ext 140
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Peter Bassey	ext 124
Permanent Deacon	Gary Anelora	
Transitional Deacon	Rev. Mr. John Ojuok	
Advancement Director	Melissa Potzler	ext 145
Music Director	Robert Kiersz	
Youth Minister	Gina Updike	ext 141
Parish Secretary	Sue McDonough	ext 110
Administrative Asst.	Joy Kaminski	

##### Business Office

**43 Argyle Place** 662-9339

Business Manager	Timothy Redinger	ext 125
Financial Assistant	Stephanie Carson	ext 131
Maintenance Supervisor	Carmen DAlessandro	ext 117
Maintenance Assistant	Scott Sihler	

##### School

**4414 South Buffalo St.** 662-7572

Principal	Christopher Gardon	
School Secretary	Isabelle Carpenter	
<b>Faith Formation</b>		662-2169
Faith Formation	Mary Barone, OCDS	868-6631
Faith Formation Asst.	Joy Kaminski	

## LENT III

### First Reading - EXODUS 20: 1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

### Response - PSALM 19

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

I The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold;  
sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb. will

### Second Reading - 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

### The Gospel - JOHN 2: 13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those

who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

### Nicene Creed

**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.**



**When you are hungry, we are hope.** Catholic Charities maintains nine food pantry and outreach centers in Western New York. Seven sites are in Erie County (Central, East and South Buffalo, Getzville and Lackawanna) and one each in Allegany County in Wellsville and in Cattaraugus County in Franklinville. Each location has emergency food pantry service and offers information and referrals to other needed services to those who are food insecure, free of charge. Show your support of our food pantries by donating to Appeal 2021. Call 716-218-1419 or visit [www.ccwny.org/](http://www.ccwny.org/) donation. For more information on our pantries, go to <https://www.ccwny.org/services/food-pantries>. With your support, we can continue to be HOPE for all seasons.