



March 21, 2021

Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

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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.



THE Annunciation

The following is the schedule for individual confessions before Easter:

Tuesday, March 23	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Please wear a face mask and follow the signs when you enter the church for the designated place for confessions.
Wednesday, March 24	3:00 – 4:45 p.m.	
Thursday, March 25	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	
Saturday, March 27	2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	
Monday, March 29	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	

From the Pastor’s Desk...

As Catholic Christians, we are called to be “People of Prayer.” During the Holy Season of Lent especially, we are reminded to pray more “frequently and fervently.” With this in mind, I offer the following excerpts “From the treatise On Prayer by Tertullian” which appears in the Office of Readings in The Liturgy of the Hours for Thursday of the Third Week of Lent (Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1976):

Prayer is the offering in spirit that has done away with the sacrifices of old...

... We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to him: it is the offering he has asked for, the offering he planned as his own.

We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart, we must fatten it on faith, tend it by truth, keep it unblemished through innocence and clean through chastity, and crown it with love. We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

Since God asks for prayer offered in spirit and in truth, how can he deny anything to this kind of prayer? How great is the evidence of its power, as we read and hear and believe.

Of old, prayer was able to rescue from fire and beasts and hunger, even before it received its perfection from Christ. How much greater then is the power of Christian prayer... it gives the armor of patience to those who suffer, who feel pain, who are distressed. It strengthens the power of grace, so that faith may know what it is gaining from the Lord, and understand what it is suffering for the name of God.

In the past prayer was able to bring down punishment, rout armies, withhold the blessing of rain. Now, however, the prayer of the just turns aside the whole anger of God, keeps vigil for its enemies, pleads for persecutors....

Its only art is to call back the souls of the dead from the very journey into death, to give strength to the weak, to heal the sick, to exorcise the possessed, to open prison cells, to free the innocent from their chains. Prayer cleanses from sin, drives away temptations, stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous, brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm. ...

May these words of Tertullian who lived a long time ago (c.160 – c.225) inspire us in our prayer life today!

Fr. Jim



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ideas for Lent

Make and study as set of **Resurrection Eggs**

Eggs. Use a set 12 plastic Easter eggs, each containing a trinket related to the Easter story. The children can tell the whole story of the crucifixion and resurrection.



On April 23, 1833, Frederic Ozanam's twentieth birthday, six students met in the office of their mentor Emmanuael Bailly, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was born. They resolved to respond to Christ's call by dedicating themselves to the poor. They asked Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, for the names and addresses of several families in need. Sr. Rosalie was known as "The Mother of the Poor" in the Mouffetard Quarter of Paris. She taught Frederic how to minister to the poor with love, respect and friendship.

We try to follow her teaching in our conference here at Nativity. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have been able to help several families with food, rent, utility bills, mattresses and furniture this year. Thanks to Canisius College and Sleep in Heavenly Peace we have been able to provide new and used beds for children.

Holy God, we thank you for the gift to us of
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20

8:00 am – Gary M. Stott by Brian and Leslie Shields

4:30 pm – Peter S. Swartwout, Sr. by Joseph Cal

7:00 pm – Mass for parishioners

Sunday, March 21

7:30 am – Louis Gornick by Frank and Judy Ford

9:00 am – Edward Schoeppner by Jim and Debbie Houser

10:30 am – Julius Hajdu by Frank and Eva Szinger

12:00 pm – Dr. John Clark by Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Justicia-Linde

Monday, March 22

7:00 am – William J. O’Hara by Brian and Leslie Shields

9:00 am – Gary M. Stott by Tom and Charlotte Downing

Tuesday, March 23

7:00 am – Dr. James J. Steinagle by Mrs. Stephen Cavanaugh

9:00 am – Ida Garringer by Bill and Barb Adelsberger

Wednesday, March 24

7:00 am – All Souls

9:00 am – Anne Greenwood by her family

Thursday, March 25

7:00 am – Joseph M. Ference by A. Charles Thomas

9:00 am – Terry Coughlin by Dan and her sons

Friday, March 26

7:00 am – All Souls

8:30 am – Tim Fidgeon by John and Joyce Berdysiak

Saturday, March 27

8:00 am – Dianne Zylka by her husband

4:30 pm – Dorothy Grucella by her family

7:00 pm – Frank Breese by Rosemarie Breese

Sunday, March 28

7:30 am – Rita Macna by her family

9:00 am – Mass for Parishioners

10:30 am – deceased members of the Kalinowski family by their family

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, Mary Duggan, 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 Zsebehazy.



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

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LENT V

First Reading - JEREMIAH 31: 31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Response - PSALM 51

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

Second Reading - HEBREWS 5: 7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Gospel - JOHN 12: 20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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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.

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.