

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Francis of Assisi



150 BROAD STREET • TONAWANDA, NEW YORK 14150

We welcome you to all Liturgies.

MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00–4:00 p.m.
(In Chapel Sacristy or by appointment)

BAPTISMS

Please call Fr. Mike at 693-1150
to arrange your child's Baptism.

CONFIRMATION

Student preparation is handled through
the Faith Formation Office (909-7110).
Adult preparation is handled through
the R.C.I.A. program (693-1150).

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least
6 months in advance with Fr. Mike.

R.C.I.A.

Adult: The Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
Any person interested in becoming
Catholic, contact the rectory.

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Michael G. Uebler, 909-1751 (cell)
Weekend Assistant Rev. Joseph T. Nguyen
Permanent Deacon Deacon Paul Bork
Business Manager Mrs. Carolyn Gorski
Secretary Mrs. Jane Leone
Trustees Mrs. Linda Carlson, Mr. David Sharp
Organist Mr. Robert Hull, 471-1256
Advocate for Disabled Persons Mrs. Cecelia Sharp, 957-3768

RECTORY OFFICE - 73 ADAM STREET • 716-693-1150

Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00p.m.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Coordinators Michael & Sue Ann Saltarelli 909-7110 (cell)

PARISH OUTREACH • 693-6247 -

Located in rear of St. Clare Center
Rita Alviti, Karen Szafran & Deacon Gary Hoover

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER • 70 ADAM STREET 692-7886

Director Mrs. Sally Babcock
Email Babcock@stfrancistonawanda.org
Website www.stfrancistonawanda.org

NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly welcome you to our Parish Community.

Bulletin available on the Internet: <http://www.ParishesOnline.com>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 5: Acts 2:14-22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 6: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 7: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 8: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 9: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 10: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday, April 11: Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
 1st Reading - Acts 4:32-35
 2nd Reading - 1 John 5:1-6
 Gospel - John 20:19-31



(Parking is available on Adam Street in School and Rectory parking lots.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 5 - Monday within the Octave of Easter
 8:30 Kellee Horn by Family

Tuesday, April 6 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 8:30 Saki Balafas by Family

Wednesday, April 7 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 8:30 Carmella Reinhardt by Family

Thursday, April 8 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 8:30 Special Intentions of Teresa Kubiak by Debra Gural

Friday, April 9 - Friday within the Octave of Easter
 8:30 Special Intentions of the Carmelite Sisters Little Flower Monastery by Oblates

Saturday, April 10 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 4:30 Mary Ann Zak (Birthday) by Son, Stanley

Sunday, April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
 9:00 Jean Graf by Outreach
 11:00 Deacon John Vassalo by Deyell Family

PLEASE SUPPORT THE LOCAL
 BUSINESSES WHO ADVERTISE
 IN OUR BULLETIN.

HELP US TO CONTINUE GOD'S WORK!
 REMEMBER IN YOUR WILL:
 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
 OR THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
 ENDOWMENT FUND

CHAPEL HOURS AND INFORMATION

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Parish contributions may be mailed to the rectory or dropped in the secure safe inside the front entrance of the Chapel. Donations may also be put in the drop box at the top of the stairs of the front entrance to the rectory. Our Chapel is under video surveillance 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 10
 4:30 p.m. Linda Carlson

Sunday, April 11
 9:00 a.m. Jane Holdaway, Jane Leone (choir)
 11:30 a.m. Jennifer Burton

CANTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 10
 4:30 p.m. Ned Schimminger

Sunday, April 11
 9:00 a.m. Ned Schimminger

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 10
 4:30 p.m. Joe Winter

Sunday, April 11
 9:00 a.m. Marilyn Renaud
 11:30 a.m. Monica Saltarelli

2020 Donation Statements

Anyone wishing to receive a donation statement for 2020 should drop a self addressed, stamped, business-size envelope into the collection basket or at the rectory office and your statement will be mailed to you. Thank you!

2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

April - June Church Offering envelopes (and Special Collection envelopes for online giving) are available in the Church vestibule, table in the Chapel and the rectory. We ask that you provide your ID# on each envelope. If you don't know that number, call the rectory (693-1150) for that information. Please call the rectory if you can't find them.

CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ronald Snyder ...692-0228
 Mary Ellen Roche ...531-0368
 James Jaskowiak ...694-9492 (h) or 807-9419 (cell/text)
 Thomas Smyers ...692-6976
 Kelly Oldenburg ...874-4516
 David Sharp ...957-3768 or dhsharp@verizon.net
 Linda Carlson ...694-0652

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, April 7

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - SVDP Food Pantry, Outreach, Family Clothes Closet & Hospitality

Thursday, April 8

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry, Outreach, Family Clothes Closet & Hospitality

Saturday, April 10

3:00 p.m. Confessions - Chapel

Sunday, April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

All weekend Masses will be live-streamed from the Church - go to stfrancistonawanda.org then click on the button to watch Mass live.

7-9 p.m. Confirmation Class

Real love begins when nothing is expected in return.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We pray for God’s healing and comforting presence for all of our sick and homebound parishioners, caregivers, family members and friends, especially: Kathy Kosiak, Vincent Polanowski, Sabine Miskey, Florence Donato, Trudie Lotz, Isaiah Sheehan, Jeanette Diegelman, Rich Petronio, Mara Moore, James Pasek, Jon Graefser, Reed Lesmeister, Patricia Shamber, Julie Kuciewski, Gene Graves, Judith Zielinski, Lydia Cannon, Trisha Cole, Art Francis, Vince Dominesey, Ashley McLearn, Kim Vaillancourt, Monica Shields, Christopher James Slauson, Rose LoGrasso, William & Patricia Blair, Jeanne Lauzonis, Ken Luckman, Daniel Paolucci, Kathy Mallery, Gerry Hess, Salvatore Scolla, Richard Murphy, June Brusino, Melissa Michael, Ayden Miller, Chris Golda, Lisa Kelly, Connor Radley, Robert McCormick, Teresa Meyer, Andrew Keleman, Nancy Lorch, Kyle Inman, John & Gerianne Ference, Patrick Roche, Angel Greenawalt, Kelli McDaniel, Duane Pietras, Liz Kobialka, David Hogenkamp, Jessica Cameron, Sandy Englert, Michael Moore, Ruth Tarasek, Charlie Insalaco, Judy McMahan, Neil Burrows, Meghan Wright, Beverly Overton, Donna Bene, Heather Hamilton, Virginia Quinn, Jon Graefser, Mary Barnes, Mike Koslowski, Dominic Cristelli, Mike O’Connor, Frank Corbett, Fr. Dennis Cleary, Tracey Everette, Oliver Laub, Norm & Kathy Kirisits, Linda Allen, Jim McNeill, George Mallory, Joyce Cassata, Mary Slauson, Renee Sylvies, Christian Licata, Vinny Frattura, Fr. Mike, Debbie Sepielli, Madonna Whitus, Jennifer Nicken, Derek Cline, David Hamp, Sherry Dominesey, Cynthia & Vanessa O’Connor, Donna Kovac, Lenore Sheehan, Derek Cline, Angelo DellaValle, Gerry Dickey, Jeffrey Frazier, Barbara Steves, John Long, Oliver Laub, Daniel Brown, Pat Smith. **Please notify the rectory when their names can be removed!**



May the miracle of His Resurrection live in your hearts forever.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciples whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Social Distancing Guidance for Liturgies

Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time. In order to accommodate growing Mass participation, please note the following: Families may continue to sit together in the same pew. Others must remain socially distant. If you come to church alone, or with one other person, please move to the middle of the pew to make room for others to be seated. Also, be sure to sign the contact-tracing forms at the doors of the Church, and work with the ushers to find safe and socially distant seating. We all need to cooperate at this time to make sure that everyone can come to church and worship safely. Please remember to wear a mask at all liturgies. If you don’t have one, there is a supply of masks in the vestibule, along with hand sanitizer.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES



We pray for the safety of those serving in the Armed Forces, especially: SSGT Stephen J. Stanko, III, MSGT Richard Ball, MSGT Ryan J. Snyder, PVT1C Willard Bruce, MP Bobby Kindred, SGT James Retzer, PVT Jeffrey Alexander, PVT1C Rory Bruce, SGT Andy Sulski, M/SGT Christian Roeske, S/SG Michael Shilen, Timothy Juliano, PVT Jeffrey Seal, SrA Jacob Choate, Vincent J. Bartolomeo, SFC Danielle Sales, CPL Michael Girard, SR Andrew D. Potter, PFC Nicholas Kaiser, CPT Devin M. Finn, SGT Thomas Will, Jr., Jacob Gagnon, PVT Nicolas Paul, CPT Grant Peehler, Ryan Barnard, 1LT Jordan Zajac, Matthew Seal.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Greetings,

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

Our Center will be closed on Good Friday and the following week. We will reopen on Monday, April 12th. I hope all of the wonderful faculty and staff enjoy some relaxing time off.

This Easter will not be the same as Easter 2020, we actually may be able to see our family and friends face to face, instead of through a door or window. But still not like the "old days" before COVID. Once again, things are the same, but different.

Many blessings to you and your families as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflections of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.

I hope you find something to make you smile this week. For me, I can't wait to hug my Dad (I will be fully vaccinated by then).



Sally Babcock ~ ECC Director



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Scrip gift cards are still available, even though we are all in quarantine! Tops, Budwey/Market in the Square, and more are still in stock, and orders can be placed by emailing program coordinator Kathy Deyell at KDeyell@juno.com. She will make arrangements with you regarding payment and delivery. And don't forget, you can always order online at ShopWithScrip.com (contact Kathy if you need the enrollment code). Many vendors, such as Amazon and Walmart, have e-gift cards which are available almost immediately when you pay electronically with PrestoPay or a credit card, and physical gift cards can be ordered as well. Help support St. Francis of Assisi Parish even as we must remain physically distant from each other.

Easter Flower Memorials

Donations for Easter Flowers were made in memory of: Ruth & Leo Smith, Robert Szmanda, George & Jean Willis, Norma Lesmeister, Tom & Ellie Hardy, Cecelio & Carmen Figueroa, Reneé A. Hennessy, Edward & Mary Kalisiak, John & Helen Gauda, Stephen, Frances & Thomas Sliwa, Anthony C., Velia, Anthony S. & Eloise Leone, deceased members of the Greene & McNeill families, George X. & Betty J. Saltarelli, Edward & Ruth Harkey, Alice Lomax, Mary Frost and Richard E. Bishop.



LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

- Happy Easter, Alleluia!! It has been SUCH a blessing for me to participate in the RCIA process this year, walking alongside some friends who are making Confirmation at the Easter Vigil! Karen Szafran and Monica Saltarelli, our parish's RCIA team do a beautiful job of encouraging faith and sharing for the candidates. Thank you so much for your commitment and for allowing me to be part of such a wonderful experience! And congratulations to our 3 newly Confirmed church family members!

- When I was a small child, I vividly remember trying to mess with my father as he had his hands over his face, praying after communion. He looked at me and I KNEW there was something more important than me going on. Now, as I watch my granddaughter observe me, it occurs to me that Mass is one of the most appropriate and effective places for toddlers to learn that they are not the center of the universe! When Fern watches me pray and focus on the Altar, she learns to fold her hands and stop playing, and to focus as well. Are your kids little?? Bring them! They are part of our church family and we can all be part of their faith development. That's a beautiful thing!



ST. FRANCIS SVDP FOOD PANTRY

We have a non-denominational food pantry in the St. Clare Center. Anyone living in our area is welcome to come monthly to the pantry. The pantry is open Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please use the side entrance ramp to the Church to begin your food pantry assistance.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of paper & plastic bags, as well as instant potatoes. Please place your donation in the Barrel by the Chapel or Church front doors. St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks you for your generosity to help us serve the needy!

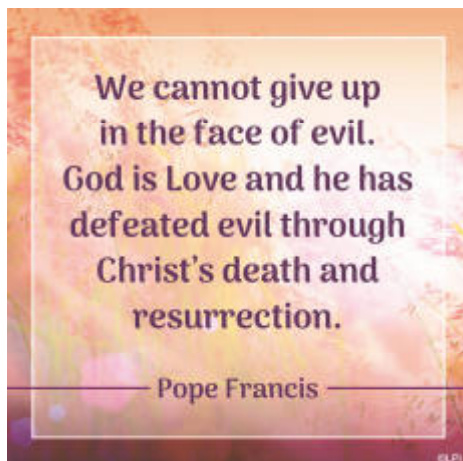
ST. FRANCIS FAMILY CLOTHES CLOSET

A Clothes Closet for infants, children and adults is available in the St. Francis of Assisi Church basement (use entrance by the ramp). All clothing is free. Hours are Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. - noon and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. COVID rules are in place. Call the Outreach office at 693-6247 if you have any questions. **Donations of gently used, laundered children's and adult clothing are appreciated. Please drop off your donations during regular hours.**

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.



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
In re The Diocese of Buffalo, NY
Case No. 20-10322**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on February 28,2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, NY, (“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 OR REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

UPCOMING EVENTS


Grief Support - the next session of Grief-Sharing will take place at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish Ministry Center, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, on Wednesday, April 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The topic for this session is Lessons of Grief - part 2. Who are you now that your loved one is gone? Why no one grieves perfectly. What grief can teach you about relationships. For questions or to register, call Sister Joyce King at 683-6522, ext. 103.

Faith Enrichment Series - the next session will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Monday, April 12 at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, (Mass at 6:30 p.m.). Guest speaker will be Reneé Villa and the topic will be: God Can Make Anything New: Dealing with Life Transitions in Light of the Resurrection. To register, call 683-6522 or go to www.olpparish.com. All are welcome!

Open House - Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year for students from Pre-K 3 - grade 8 at St. Christopher School on Wednesday, April 14, 6-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 22, 3:30-5 p.m. All tours are by appointment only due to COVID restrictions. Please contact the school office at 693-5604 to schedule an appointment for a tour during the Open House dates.

Fretthold & Hamp
Cremation & Funeral Services
693-4481

BUFFALO FLOOR MACHINE, INC. 
JANITORIAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES
2333 Military Road
Tonawanda, New York 14150
CHRISTOPHER HULL, Parishioner
694-6222

WAGNER MONUMENTS 
Monuments • Markers • Urns
Vases • Cemetery Lettering
892-5505
2953 Genesee Street
between Harlem and Union

KEVIN'S PLUMBING
Sewer & Drain Cleaning
Hot Water Tanks
Bubblers & Sump Pumps
Sewer Replacements
Call Kevin
716-898-9818 

Lingenfelter's Financial Services
Accounting & Tax Returns
Investments • Insurance
Paul Lingenfelter (Parishioner)
141 Wheeler Street 694-3391


TOM FEZER COLLISION INC.
COLLISION REPAIRS
625 Walck Rd., N. Tonawanda
693-6013



Ken Horn & Associates
Tax and Financial Planning
Accounting • Tax Returns
Locally Owned Over 30 Years
190 Delaware Street
Office: 695-7811 • Fax: 695-3772
~ Parishioner ~

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

Delbert E. McMaster Agency
ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE
111 Niagara St. 693-9841

SAMER K. RIAD, D.D.S., P.L.L.C.
Quality Dentistry
WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS
491 Delaware Street
Tonawanda
693-1299 

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
• Burglary • Flood Detection
• Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
 Authorized Provider **SafeStreets**  **1-855-225-4251**

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

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

JOHN O. ROTH FUNERAL HOME INC.
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1945
Jay W. Roth 25 William St., Tonawanda, NY 693-1551

Lombardo Funeral Home
Since 1907
Don't overpay for one of life's necessities.
• **Traditional Funerals starting at \$3,995**
Includes 2 day viewing, 20 gauge metal casket
(Concrete grave liner optional - not required by NYS; may be required by cemetery)
• **Direct Cremation \$899**
885 Niagara Falls Blvd. • (near Eggert Rd. & Sheridan Dr.)
837-7100
"The end of high cost funerals"

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
Contact **James McGee** to place an ad today!
jmcgee@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6429

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
BILLED QUARTERLY
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.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