

Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Masses at St. James Church

Saturday

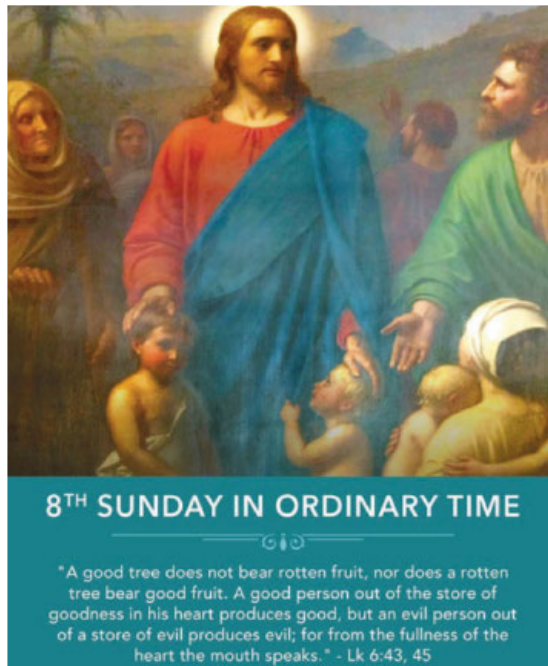
4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holydays

Listed in the Mass Schedule



Our Vision Statement

“to be a blessing to one another.”

Pope John Paul II

Our Mission Statement

Our goal is to bring people together to Christ with the help of our patron saint, Saint Mother Teresa.

Our current mission is to give life to our new parish.

Our strategy is to help all parishioners, especially our younger members, to discover their own personal calling and to share their talents and graces by becoming socially connected and a blessing to one another.

Contacts:

Pastor: Rev. David Richards, 683-6522

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Aaron Kulczyk

Deacon: John Hendricks

Trustees: Robert Ruhland and Kenneth Eschberger

Business Office: Janet Corda, Ext. 200

Parish Secretary: Sandra King, Ext. 201

Faith Formation Office : Debbie Pirog, CRE, Ext. 208

Faith Formation Secretary: Jessica Damian, Ext. 207

Building & Grounds: Dale Earsing, Ext. 210

Music Director: Susan Loniewski, Organist

Caring and Sharing Ministry: Janet Corda ext. 200

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Beth Bauer, 681-5844

Cemeterian: Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Friday: 9 AM—1:00 PM

If the rectory is closed, please leave a message. It will be answered in a timely manner. Thank You for your kind understanding.

New Parishioners

You are more than welcome in our Catholic Community. Please call the rectory to register.

Baptisms

Please call the rectory to schedule a Pre-Baptismal class. Ceremony at your pleasure, during or after Mass.

Marriages

Please consult with the pastor at least six months before anticipated date.

Confessions

Wednesdays and Fridays at 6PM

Letters of Recommendation

Issued to registered parishioners who support their church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are in a valid marriage if married.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 27, 2022—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM Elizabeth Opoka req. by Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
 11:00 AM Raymond Schwartz req. by wife, Grace and children

Monday, February 28, 2022—Weekday
 6:30 PM Jessie Kaczmarek req. by family

Tuesday, March 1, 2022—Weekday
 8:00 AM For Parishioners
 7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 2, 2022—Ash Wednesday
 6:45 AM Prayer Service with ashes @ OLP
 8:00 AM Mass with ashes @ OLP
 12:10 AM Mass with ashes @ STC
 4:00 PM Prayer Service with ashes @ OLP
 6:00 PM Confessions
 6:30 PM John and Helen Pirog req. by Shirley Guagliardi
 (Mass with Ashes)

Thursday, March 3, 2022—Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM Mothers' Day Intention

Friday, March 4, 2022—Weekday
 6:00 PM Confessions
 6:30 PM Fathers' Day Intention
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5, 2022—Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 4:00 PM Alice and Thaddeus Jackowski req. by Marlene Smith

Sunday, March 6, 2022—First Sunday in Lent
 8:30 AM Kevin Hejmanowski req. by Brian Hejmanowski
 11:00 AM Helen Pirog req. by Kathy Lipiec



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February Split Club Results/Week #4

Total: \$ 470.00 Split: \$ 235.00

Benefit Club Tickets

Benefit Club Tickets are available for purchase at the rectory during regular business hours or by calling Doreen Morabito at 684-6025.

Parish Meetings

Allied Society.....Monday, February 28th @ 6:30 PM
 Ladies Sodality.....Monday, March 7th @ 6:30 PM
 Holy Name/Ushers.....Sunday, March 13th @ 8:30 AM
 (Communion/Breakfast)
 Monday, March 14th @ 7:00 PM

Bags of Cash Drawing

IT’S BACK! The Boys and Girls Club of Depew and Lancaster is having a Ca\$h Drawing on **Saturday, March 12th at 4 PM**. Tickets are: \$20.00 each, 3 for \$50.00 and 7 for \$100.00. Need a ticket? Stop at the parish rectory during regular business hours or call the office. Let’s show our support by making a purchase!

Help Wanted

St. Augustine Cemetery, located at Cemetery Rd. in Lancaster, NY is currently looking for a part-time grounds keeper. If interested, please call Dave at 683-5031. If no answer, please leave your name and phone number. Thank You!

Caring & Sharing

We have an Easter Basket filled with eggs on the table at the break in the church. Please take an egg, open it and provide an Easter Basket of goodies for the child named inside. Then attach the tag to the Easter Basket and return to the table. We hope to provide Easter Baskets to several needy children in our community. Your participation is always greatly appreciated and means so much for a child. We will also be providing hams to the needy families

Bingo at:
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish
Thursday, March 3rd @ 7:30 PM
Captain: Michele Armstrong
Doors open at 6:00 PM



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach tells us that a person's speech discloses the bent of their mind. Jesus says that we speak from our heart's abundance. If goodness is in our hearts then our words and actions will produce good. Try listening carefully to what people around you say. Do their words convey encouragement or put downs? What feeling do their words give you—a sense of anger or resentment or perhaps concern and caring? Now reflect on your own words. What is in your heart that your words are conveying? You may not even be aware of how your words reflect what is in your heart. Ask the Spirit to help you, to heal whatever blocks the goodness within you and to let that goodness shine through in what you say and do.

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, Most High.
-Psalm 92:2*

Road to Renewal Updates

Welcome to the next of a regular series of updates, intended to keep you informed of the progress being made on the Diocese of Buffalo's *Road to Renewal*.

The pastoral plan is the strategic plan for the Family of Parishes that will define goals, strategies, outcomes, and methodology for reaching a vibrant future with vitality and fiscal responsibility.

The Pastoral Plan will be strategic for short-term and long-term planning for the family with clearly identified attainable outcomes.

The six pillars that the pastoral plan will address include liturgy, administration, forming disciples, spiritual life, outreach and in reach, and stewardship.

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 discuss details of the Liturgy. See you on the *Road to Renewal*!

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Please Note:

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 12:10 and 6:30 PM Masses on Ash Wednesday. If you are able to serve there is a sign up sheet posted in the sacristy. Thank You!

Catholic Charities

What is Catholic Charities to those in need? Sometimes a second home. Paul, a client for many years, said "The biggest thing that Catholic Charities means to me is, I don't have any immediate family and no guidance in life, and they have really guided me in good, positive directions and I can't tell you what they've helped me out with. Dental, with food, with housing and not just that—a warm and welcoming feeling when you come in this place, and that's how come I feel it's my second home." Your gift to Appeal 2022 helps people like Paul, and so many others, regain HOPE and a sense of belonging when they need it most. To make a donation today, visit www.ccnny.org/donation.

Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Please Remember In Your Prayers All Those Who Are Ailing Especially:

Robert Loniewski, Gerry Killian, Theresa Little, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Jim Purpora, Brian Mendel, Sharon Thompson, Joe and Laureen Enright, Jennie Taylor, Carmela Kosobucki, Susan Lauricella, Elaine Bylina, Wendy Dobbins, Stephanie Kasza, Joan Nierit, Lottie Grzybek and Jim and Barb Fox.

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