

Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Website

www.BMTDepew.org

Masses at St. James Church

Weekday

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

6:30 PM

Tuesday /Thursday

8:00 AM

Saturday

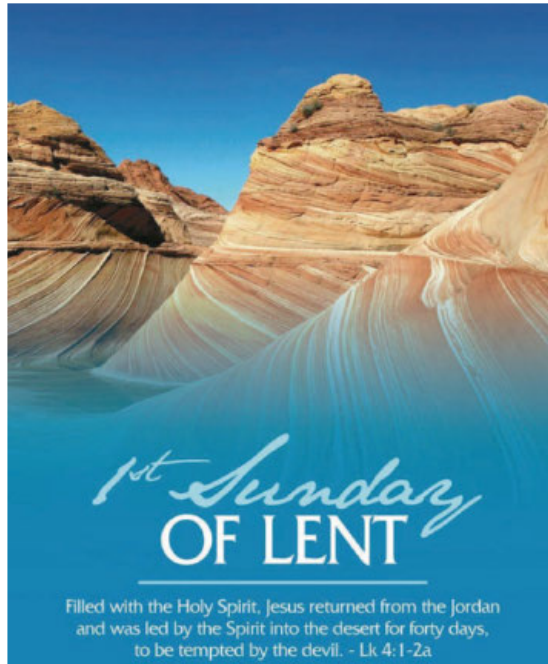
4:00 p.m.

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

Director of Youth Ministry: Lindsey Martin 683-6522 Ext. 108

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.

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, 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
- Monday, March 7, 2022—Lenten Weekday**
 6:30 PM All Souls' Intention
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022—Lenten Weekday**
 8:00 AM For Parishioners
 7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022—Lenten Weekday**
 6:30 PM Helen Pirog req. by Marlene Smith
- Thursday, March 10, 2022—Lenten Weekday**
 8:00 AM Fathers' Day Intention
- Friday, March 11, 2022—Lenten Weekday**
 6:00 PM Confessions
 6:30 PM Mothers' Day Intention
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 12, 2022—Lenten Weekday**
 4:00 PM Eileen Anderson req. by Beardsell family
- Sunday, March 13, 2022—Second Sunday in Lent**
 8:30 AM Annette Borgosz req. by Sr. Mary Helak
 11:00 AM Marie DiBease req. by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Volker

***"OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH"
 COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 26/27***

Weekly	\$ 4,129.00
Loose	\$ 395.78
Youth	\$ 3.00
Fuel	\$ 52.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 51.00
Catholic League to Poland	\$ 10.00

"MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION"

February Split Club Results/Week #5

Total: \$ 495.00 Split: \$ 247.50

Drawing this weekend! Good Luck to everyone!

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

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.

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 **No Later Than April 10th**. 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 10th @ 7:30 PM
Captain: Dave Kornacki
Doors open at 6:00 PM

First Sunday of Lent

In today's gospel, Jesus goes out into the desert to face three temptations. We too, face these three temptations. First, he is tempted by the flesh. He responds to the devil's temptation to change stones into bread by saying that "Man does not live on bread alone but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. The word nourishes and feeds us within. If we are unfaithful to the word, I believe at times we can become depressed and disheartened spiritually. Indulging in the passions of the flesh cannot fill that void that only the word can. The second temptation is the temptation of the world. The world isn't always bad but if we are too focused on the world and not on God we can become consumed with external beauty, power, wealth and fame. In this life, these things will crumble and fall but God's love is forever. The final temptation is pride or control. Jesus' response to this temptation is "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord your God." It can be a great temptation to try to control our lives, but when we do this we aren't listening to God. We must be open to surprises and trials sometimes. We need to let go and let God. I actually believe although it isn't easy, that when we respond to these three temptations as Jesus does, we will be more joyful and free. The temptations of the flesh, world and control only weigh us down in the long run.

Upon This Rock

Thank you for your faithfulness to fulfilling your pledge to Upon This Rock. As a result we recently received a disbursement in the amount of \$4,101.54. To this date we have received a total of \$100,723.09. Disbursements will continue until we have reached our total pledge. It is important to note that although this campaign ran for five years, we will continue to receive disbursements as long as we are making payments. Due to various circumstances several donors have extended their payment arrangements. Reminder that payments are made to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo-NOT the Diocese of Buffalo. The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo is a separate entity and cannot be affected by the diocesan bankruptcy or the Clergy Crisis. The most recent disbursements will be used for parking lot repairs.

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*. One of the six pillars that the pastoral plan will address is liturgy. During the month of February, the transition team looked at the aspects of liturgy including Mass schedule, sacrament schedule, establishment of a family liturgy committee, assessment of family properties, and a review of family social media messaging. Also, please remember to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey accessed via the link below. Just scroll to your parish to complete. It should take no more than 15 minutes. This survey will provide you the opportunity to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on the efforts of the family to help you grow. <https://www.catholicleaders.org/buffalodmi> 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 the role of the family pastor. See you on the *Road to Renewal*!

Catholic Charities

As a parent, you want to do whatever you can to help your child. That is what brought one mother to Catholic Charities' Multisystemic Therapy Program (MST) after her daughter was exhibiting several alarming behaviors such as running away, self-harming, drinking and doing drugs. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention that empowers parents or caregivers to find solutions quickly. "MST was the best decision I've ever made. They work closely with you and teach you the skills to get your child back. ...I lost her four years ago. My sweet, caring, polite daughter. She was heading down a path of self-destruction. I went from being hopeless to hopeful. And now with the time and dedication put in with MST, I have my child back. I cannot thank you enough." Your gift to Appeal 2022 helps families just like this one find HOPE when it doesn't seem possible. Visit www.ccwny.org/donation.

Lifelong Faith Formation

Welcome to March, a special month when we bring in the holy Season of Lent. It is the reminder of what Jesus did for us when he suffered and died on a cross on Good Friday. We honor two great Saints, St. Patrick and St. Joseph. St. Patrick was a bishop of Ireland and greeted the people with the shamrock of three green petals, to remind us of the trinity, God the Father, God the Son, Jesus and third, God the Holy Spirit. St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary, the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Wednesday, March 2nd the Faith Formation students joining the parishioners of Saint Mother Teresa Parish for the Ash Wednesday parish Mass. March 5th was the Confirmation Retreat, a time of preparation for the 10th grade Faith Formation students. They were enrolled in the program for Confirmation at the 4:00 PM Mass. Let us continue to keep the youth in our prayers.

Second Collection

This weekend, our parish will take up a special collection for the Black and Native Missions. Please be as generous as possible.

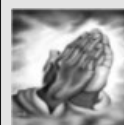
Needed: Altar Servers

If you are receiving First Communion in May, or if your above the 3rd grade why not consider being an Altar Server. The more volunteers we get, altar servers would only have to be there once a month to serve. What a rewarding way to celebrate Mass!

Lost & Found

This past weekend, a white child's winter coat, size 12 was left in the pew. If you are missing your jacket, please call the parish rectory, so you may pick it up. Thank You!

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



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

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