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HOLY WEEK 2021

Palm Sunday - March 27th & 28th

- 4:00pm (Vigil) - St. Ambrose Site
- 8:30am - Holy Family Site
- 10:00am - St. Ambrose Site
- 11:30am - Holy Family Site

Extra Confessions

- Monday, March 29th: 6:00pm - 7:30pm (St. Ambrose Site)
- Tuesday, March 30th: 2:00pm - 3:30pm (St. Ambrose Site)
- Wednesday, March 31st: 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Holy Family Site)

Tenebrae Service

- 'The Darkness of Shadows'
- Wednesday, March 31st: 7:00pm (Holy Family Site)

Holy Thursday - April 1st

- Morning Prayer: 8:00am (St. Ambrose Site)
- Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm (Holy Family Site)

Good Friday - April 2nd

- Morning Prayer: 8:00am (St. Ambrose Site)
- Passion: 3:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)
- Stations: 6:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

Holy Saturday - April 3rd

- Blessing of Baskets: Noon (Both sites)
- Solemn Easter Vigil: 8:30pm (Holy Family Site)

Easter Sunday - April 4th

- 8:30am - Holy Family Site
- 10:00am - St. Ambrose Site
- 11:30am - Holy Family Site

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

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.

A NOTE FROM FR. MOCK...

I want to extend a warm welcome to Father Steve Jekielek as our new Pastor. Father Steve's appointment from Bishop Fisher will be effective on April 14. I have known Father Steve for some time, first as a seminarian doing his Pastoral Care Summer at Mercy Hospital, and then from the Northern Erie Vicariate meeting when I was pastor of Saint Benedict and he was Parochial Vicar at Saint Gregory the Great and then Pastor of Saint Christopher in Tonawanda. I have always known him to be a true gentleman in any of our conversations. I trust you will find him to be a worthy successor to Father Bryan.

Also, as we offer Father Steve a warm welcome, we say thank you and farewell to Father Martin Gallagher. Father Martin has been appointed by Bishop Fisher as the new Pastor of Blessed Sacrament in Tonawanda, also effective on April 14. Although Father Martin's time at Our Lady of Charity Parish has been brief, I know you join me in wishing him well as he takes on a new role in the Dioceses of Buffalo. Becoming a Pastor for the first time is an exciting opportunity. May God be with you, Father Martin!

-Fr. Mock

A COVID-19 PRAYER

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Jer 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.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R/. 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. **R/.**

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. **R/.**

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. **R/.**

Second Reading

Heb 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 word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jn 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN

Harvest House Bottles for Babies Campaign continues throughout Lent. As in past years, parishioners are invited to take a baby bottle home, fill it with loose change, and return it by **THIS WEEKEND**. Bottle returns can be placed in the collection basket during weekend Masses. The monetary donations collected in the baby bottles will benefit the baby ministry at Harvest House. Thank you in advance for being so generous with this ministry, especially during this global pandemic.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of every month, immediately following the 8:00am Daily Mass until 9:30am.

Come spend some time with the Lord as he is exposed on the altar. Various devotions will be offered, with Benediction to follow.

DISCIPLESHIP SCHEDULE

(PLEASE NOTICE UPDATED DATES)

Monday, April 19th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

In Church or Zoom (*please use code from last meeting to log in... link found on our website*)

Monday, May 3rd, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

In Church or Zoom (*please use code from last meeting to log in... link found on our website*)

PARISH TRANSITION PRAYER

God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on Our Lady of Charity parish and guide us during our time of transition. As we will be saying "Welcome" to a new Pastor soon, we ask that you bless our parish that his presence will be a grace both for him and for us. We are filled with faith, energized by the power of your love and united in the mission entrusted to us. We need your grace to be receptive to this change and view it as an invitation to conversion and growth. We pray this in the name of your Son and Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us. Our Lady of Charity, pray for us.

SOCIAL ACTION

During this Lenten season, we will be collecting socks for the Bishop Kmiec Food Pantry. The socks will be included with the Easter Dinners. All NEW socks are needed for men, women, children, and infants. Any and all types of socks can be donated: dress, casual or sport.

Collection boxes will be placed at the back of St. Ambrose worship site until **THIS WEEKEND** when they will be delivered to the pantry. If you would like, you may take them directly to the pantry. Thank you in advance for your support in this endeavor.

COOK WANTED

Bishop Head House is looking for a weekend cook. Saturdays 3 meals, and Sunday brunch only. If interested or have questions please call Deacon Dan at the Residence (824-4644).

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

Sunday

8:30am (St. Ambrose Site)

10:00am (St. Ambrose Site)

11:30am (St. Ambrose Site)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Currently by appointment only.

(Office will be closed 12:00pm - 12:30pm for lunch)

Friday, closed

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Please consider remembering our parish community in your will.

DISCIPLES STAY ACTIVE

COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact the parish office at 822-5962 or Mary Anne at 822-1837. Thank you!

Sponsors for the coming weeks include:

March 26: Liturgy Committee

April 2: Audrey K. & Friends

April 9: St. Vincent de Paul

April 16: St. Volunteers Needed

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 31st, 7:00pm

Holy Family Site

The word 'Tenebrae' means 'darkness caused by shadows.' All are invited for a very special choral prayer service on the Wednesday of Holy Week commemorating the seven last words of Christ. The church will be lit only by candle light, with each candle being extinguished as Christ dies on the Cross until the church is left in total darkness.

20 FOR 20 CAMPAIGN

Final lists are in the back of church for all who donated \$240 or more. Please review your name for misspellings, if you are missing, or if you would like it to change how it reads on the plaque. Please call the office (822-5962) with any changes as soon as possible so we can get this into production. (And there's still time to donate and get on it!)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NDA

- Notre Dame Academy Easter Break is April 1st – April 9th
- You are invited to join the next NDA Virtual School Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Quinlivan on Wednesday, April 14th at 8:30am, simply go to the Notre Dame Academy Facebook page.
- Are you a graduate of a South Buffalo Catholic Elementary School? Please check out this brand-new Facebook group just for you! Search South Buffalo Catholic Elementary Schools Alumni Group.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

When you are troubled, we are hope. If you have a child ages 12 to 17 who is displaying chronic behaviors such as: noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity in two or more environments (home, school and/or community), consider Catholic Charities' Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention provided in the natural environment of the youth. Interventions are research-based and the program offers 24/7 availability. For more information about MST, call 716-204-0555, ext. 330 or visit ccwny.org/mst. In other WNY counties, office-based counseling is always available to families at ccwny.org/counseling. **For more info, pamphlets and prayer cards are available.**

**** PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT ****

Masses are scheduled to resume at the Holy Family site the weekend of Palm Sunday. This is based on the scheduled completion of the installation of the new Lift-a-vator. Stay tuned to Facebook for updates. Please note that this is subject to change if there is an unknown delay. Thank you for understanding as we try to get our church up to date.



SAVE THE DATES



• Stations of the Cross •

Every Friday during Lent

6:00pm - St. Ambrose Site (Also available on Facebook and our website)

If you are interested in leading, please call the Parish Office.

• Easter Sunday •

Saturday, April 3rd (Vigil) & Sunday, April 4th

Vigil: 8:30pm (HF) 8:30am (HF), 10:00am (SA), 11:30am (HF)

Reservations **REQUIRED**. Sign-up on our website or call the office.

STAY UP TO DATE:

Please remember that due to COVID, the Easter Masses will be by reservation **ONLY**.

You can make reservations right on our parish website or by calling the office at 822-5962.

DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

PRE-BAPTISM SESSION

Before your child's Baptism, parents must virtually attend a Pre-Baptismal instruction class. The next session will be on **Tuesday, April 6th at 6:30pm** via Zoom. Please call the office (822-5962) to register. **Parents, remember you must have letters of recommendation from the godparents before the Baptism date can be set.**

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Interested in learning more about Scripture? Join Fr. Martin every Tuesday at 9:30am on Facebook Live for Virtual Bible Study! All are encouraged to comment and interact with each other. Bring your Bible, thoughts, and an open mind. All are welcome!

SCOUTS DRIVE-BY FISH FRY

- **WHAT:** DRIVE-THRU BWs BBQ Fish Fry DINNER (PRE-SALE ONLY). Includes: Beer battered haddock, potato salad and coleslaw, lemon wedge, rye bread & butter, tartar sauce, and a brownie
- **WHEN:** Friday, March 26, 2021
- **TIME:** 4:00pm - 6:30pm
- **WHERE:** St. Amrbose Site (Okell St. side)
- **COST:** \$15

Mail a check into the parish office, stop by during business hours, order right online on our parish website via WeShare ('Donate Online' button), or purchase after weekend Masses THIS WEEKEND.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us:
+Constance Torrey. +Richard Haynes, +Shirley Daluisio. May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

"MASTER, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ILL." (JOHN 11:1-2)

Irene Andrzejewski, Irene Barrett, Louise Beamish, Teresa Beamish, Lillian Beyers, Ann Alvira-Buchnowski, Patricia Cajak, Maureen Canney, Cheryl Clontz, Patricia Colern, Caroline Dominesey, Dottie Eberle, Brigid Evans, Vara Jones, Linda Kurcz, Madisyn Ledder, Janet Murray, Karen O'Neill, Mary Pilon, Maryann Rigby, Sandy Riley, Jane Rozek, Mary Sands, June Stebbins, Ruth White
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. / Sun., March 20/21 - 5th Sunday of Lent

- SA • 4:00pm
Robert Senefelder (req. by the Feeley Family)
- SA • 8:30am
JoAnn Baker (req. by the McClain Family)
- SA • 10:00am
Robert Mascia (req. by Carol Dixon & Family)
- SA • 11:30am
Tom (Tommy) Brinkworth (Birth. Rem., req. by Audrey Kunz)

Mon., March 22 - Weekday in Lent

- SA • 8:00am - **Molly Bociek** (Anniv. Rem., req. by Mom & Dad)

Tues., March 23 - Weekday in Lent

- SA • 8:00am - **Thomas Sarach** (req. by Ann Flaherty)

Wed., March 24 - Weekday in Lent

- SA • 8:00am - **Richard Haynes** (req. by Joan Coughlin)

Thurs., March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

- SA • 8:00am - **People of the Parish** (req. by Fr. Mock)

Fri., March 26 - Weekday in Lent

- SA • 8:00am - **Joan Griffin** (Birth. Rem., req. by her family)

Sat. / Sun., March 27/28 - Palm Sunday

- SA • 4:00pm
Catlyn Bouguard (req. by Sally Weimer)
- HF • 8:30am
Rosalie Mesanovic (req. by her family)
- SA • 10:00am
Thomas O'Malley (req. by the Ransbury Family)
- HF • 11:30am
John Harter (req. by Donald & Elaine Poletto)

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Holy Family Site (March 21 - 27)

Molly Bociek (Anniv. Rem., req. by Mom & Dad)

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.



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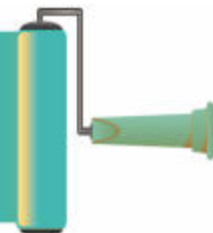
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