

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 3/4, 2021

Welcome to the place where we can always find hope. Our parish is rooted in the joy of the Resurrection, and we are excited that you have chosen to spiritually join us in sharing your Easter hope and joy! You are always welcome here as you are.

We are, in fact, here to love you, support you, celebrate you, help you grow, deepen your faith, and raise you up as a fellow child of God. Not one of us is perfect, and each of us has our own personal story. Here, we respect that. At Our Lady of Charity Parish, we don't just worship outside the box... we worship outside the *tomb*. Just as Jesus rose from *his* tomb, shining a radiant light

on all humanity, we're here to offer a ray of hope for a better today and a beautiful tomorrow to anyone who chooses to pray with us. (No matter how far apart.)

May the joy and the hope of the Resurrection fill each of our hearts today and always. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

Please know that as we continue to navigate COVID-19, our doors and hearts are *always* open and you are *always* welcome here. Happy Easter! Alleluia!

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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. STEVE...

To my new family at Our Lady of Charity Parish,

It is my honor to be named by Bishop Mike as your new pastor! My name, as you know, is Father Steve Jekielek and I have spent the last six years as pastor of St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church and School in Tonawanda. I wanted to introduce myself to you before I arrive and give you a little background. I was raised in Lewiston by my parents Al and Rita Jekielek. My dad passed away in 2014. Mom still lives in the house in which I grew up. I have two sisters, Kathy (husband Steve) and Ann. I have four nieces and two nephews. I also have great nephews and great nieces along with an extended family of aunts, uncles and many cousins. My home parish is St. Peter in Lewiston where I was quite active. I attended Lewiston-Porter schools and then went on to UB to earn an undergraduate degree in Biology and then a Masters degree in Business Administration. I worked for 19 years for a company that makes products for medical research prior to entering the seminary to study for the priesthood. I attended Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora and was ordained a priest by Bishop Kmiec in 2011. Upon ordination I was assigned to St. Christopher for three years as a parochial vicar. I was then assigned to St. Gregory the Great in Williamsville as a parochial vicar in 2014. Eleven months later, Bishop Malone asked me to return to St. Christopher as the new pastor. I now look forward to the next chapter in my priesthood as I begin my ministry among you! Fr. Bryan is a good friend of mine and I know that with his leadership and guidance, wonderful things have happened at Our Lady of Charity! I look forward to continuing the building up of God's kingdom in South Buffalo! The talents of everyone in the parish are needed as we move into the future. We are asked by God to minister together, each in our own state of life, each sharing their specific talents for the benefit of all. That is what a family does! As we enter the glorious Easter Season, let us give praise to our God for His great love for us and ask Him to bless our family of faith!

Be assured of my daily prayers!

Praised Be Jesus Christ...Now and Forever!!!!

Father Steve

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." **R/.**

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD." R/.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. R/.

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 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 to the other disciple 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, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb 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. The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

FISH FRY THANK YOU

Many thanks from Boy Scouts Troops 256 and 335 to all who helped make our Scout Drive-Thru Fish Fry a success! We couldn't do it without you!

EUCHARISTIC 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, <u>April 19th</u>, 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)

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.

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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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr.
Nelson H. Baker #1043 will hold their next meeting
on Monday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria of
OLV Elementary School. Plans for our 94th
anniversary party will be finalized. Information about
summer retreat offerings will be shared. We will be
continuing our study of Mary's Mantle. Also details

continuing our study of Mary's Mantle. Also details of our upcoming fundraiser will be shared. A report on our diaper drive will be given. CDA is a national women's organization of Catholic women 18+ and all are welcome to attend a meeting.

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).

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.

Buffalo, NY April 3/4, 2021

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:

April 9: St. Vincent de Paul

April 16: Volunteers Needed

April 23: MAK & Friends April 30: Liturgy Committee

FAREWELL, FR. MARTIN!

This weekend is Fr. Martin Gallagher's last weekend with us as Parochial Vicar. Please offer a prayer up for him as he prepares for his new assignment as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Tonawanda. We thank him for sharing with us his many gifts and talents throughout the past several months, and we will continue to pray for his brother, NYS Trooper Joseph Gallagher, who recently passed away after a tragic car accident. God speed, Fr. Martin!

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.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NDA

- Notre Dame Academy Easter Break is 4/1 4/9
- 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 brandnew Facebook group just for you! Search South Buffalo Catholic Elementary Schools Alumni Group.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In the Christian faith, Jesus is the epitome of HOPE for All Seasons. His death and Resurrection showed us that after a definitive amount of time, ultimate good can be dispersed to all. Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Ignatius Loyola who called us to respond in faith, and to find God in all things. We thank you for being attuned to God's presence in everyday circumstances as he taught us, and responding in faith with a gift to the Appeal. With your help, we give HOPE for All Seasons. Thank you for your continued support of Appeal 2021! More information and prayer cards can be found in the back of church.

HAPPY EASTER!

On behalf of our entire parish staff, have a most joyous and blessed Easter season! Alleluia!

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT

DUE TO A DELAY WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW LIFT-A-VATOR AT HOLY FAMILY, ALL MASSES CONTINUE TO BE AT THE ST. AMBROSE SITE.

FROM FR. MARTIN

Dear friends of Our Lady of Charity... I just wish to say thank you so very much for the time I have spent here in South Buffalo with all of you! These last few months have had many challenges, but it has been a very grace filled and joyous time for me as well. Thank you for letting me be part of your parish family and sharing in your lives, your joys, your sorrows, and your hopes! If I have any success at my new assignment of Blessed Sacrament in Tonawanda, that is, success as a pastor, spiritual leader, friend, and confidant, it will be in large part because of all of you...the people of Our Lady of Charity! From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!

I wish to say also, on behalf of my family, thank you so much for your prayers and condolences over the loss of my brother, Trooper Joseph Gallagher. My family and I are profoundly grateful for the kind words and thoughts many of you have shared on Facebook, as well as the cards, food, and other ways you have shown your care and compassion. I know that Joe's wife and children would also be so grateful for your kindness and prayers. Please continue to pray for my brother, Joe...that he will rest forever in the peace of God's kingdom. Please pray also for me...as I take on this new and exciting role as pastor. Through the prayers of Saint Agatha, Saint Ambrose, Saint Joseph, and Our Lady of Charity, may God abundantly bless you all! -Fr. Martin

Buffalo, NY April 3/4, 2021

DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, April 5th.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Virtual Bible Study this coming week is **canceled.**Please stay tuned for more information on the continuation of our weekly meetings. We encourage you to get together in some way virtually to talk about scripture during this Octave of Easter.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Heather McGinley and Kevin Collins are to be married on Saturday, April 17th, at the Holy Family Site. Please keep this couple in prayer as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Please join us for this beautiful novena. "Jesus I Trust in You."

- Good Friday April 2, 8:00am (after morning prayers) - DONE
- Holy Saturday April 3, 8:00am (after morning prayers) - DONE
 - Easter Sunday April 4 (on your own).
- Monday April 5 Friday April 9 (after 8:00am Mass)
 - Saturday April 10, 9:00am (St. Ambrose site)

(Please bring a rosary.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us: **+Trooper Joseph Gallagher.** May he 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

Daniel Barry, Michael Beyers, Leon Bolick, Owen Chase, Eric Crawford, Vincent Crawford, Frank Czapezyk, Francis Davis, Larry Deskiewicz, Richard Dinnocenzo, Paul Fitzpatrick, Jason Florea, John Godwin, Eric G., Emmett Jakubowski, Rob Karr, Pat Kuhn, Robert Maggio, Dr. Thomas Raab, George Rodriguez, Josean Rodriguez, The family of Coach Frank Rossi, Jeremiah Smith, Jim Sweeney

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., April 4 - Easter Sunday

SA • 8:30am

Sabina & Leo Noworyta (req. by their family)

SA • 10:00am

Terry Juda-Inglut (Anniv. Rem., req. by her husband, Jerry)

SA · 11:30am

Tom Brinkworth (req. by Molly Coughlin)

Mon., April 5 - Octave of Easter

SA • 8:00am - Michael Anthony Anderson (Birth. Rem., req. by his parents and grandparents)

Tues., April 6 - Octave of Easter

SA • 8:00am - William McClure (req. by his sister, Bunny)

Wed., April 7 - Octave of Easter

SA • 8:00am - **Ed McGlynn** (1st Anniv. Rem., req. by his wife, Helen)

Thurs., April 8 - Octave of Easter

SA • 8:00am - Tommy Lynch (reg. by the Ort Family)

Fri., April 9 - Octave of Easter

SA · 8:00am - Robert Katilus (reg. by his family)

Sat./Sun., April 10/11 - Divine Mercy Sunday

SA • 4:00pm

Thomas Kozakiewicz (Birth. Rem., req. by his wife, Kathleen, and sons)

SA • 8:30am

Tom Brinkworth, Ellen Coughlin, & Ron Zimmerman

(req. by their family)

SA • 10:00am

Ed McGlynn (req. by Mary Anne King)

SA • 11:30am

Albert & Janet Renzi (1st Anniv. Rem. reg. by Mrs. Richard Cunninghman)



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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