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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 4 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM
Tuesday & Thursday: 8 AM
Holy Day: Please consult
bulletin.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: Before daily Masses
Divine Mercy Chaplet:
After daily Mass & 15 min. before
weekend Masses
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament: Tuesdays after
8 AM Mass until 10:00 AM & Every
First Friday of the month 6-8 pm
including confessions

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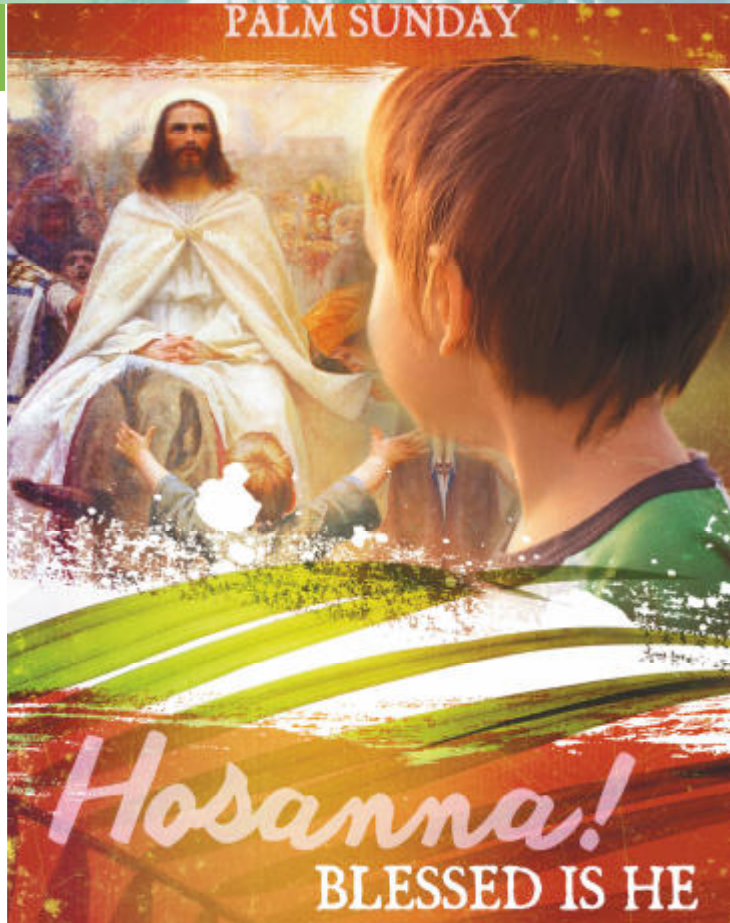
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PALM SUNDAY



ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:15 AM, 9 AM & 12 PM
Monday-Friday: 12:10 PM.
Holy Day: Please consult bulletin

DEVOTIONS

Novena to our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal:
Mondays 12 PM
Novena to St. John Neumann:
Thursdays after the 12:10
PM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament: First Saturday of the
month following 5:30 Mass until
8:00 pm
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MISSION STATEMENT

At Divine Mercy Parish, in the spirit of our Christian charity and Catholic faith, we dedicate ourselves to imitate the life and ministry of our Merciful Savior Jesus Christ, who lives in our midst. Through spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we share our faith, build up the community and extend a warm welcome to our friends and visitors. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.

PASTOR

Rev. Jacek P. Mazur

PERMANENT DEACONS

David P. Slish (DM)
Benjamin R. Marino (SM)

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

COORDINATOR

Ms. Julie Belkota

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST

Gary A. Sage

We wish to welcome all visitors, members and children who are worshiping with us today. We pray that worshiping with us will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with us as God's people, as well as comfort and strength for all your needs. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to join us. But above all, we invite you to come worship with us at any time.

MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Mary of the Cataract R.C. Parish, in the Spirit of St. John Neumann, our mission is to provide the local community and the faithful visiting the majestic Falls with the opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus in our midst and in the Sacraments. We dedicate ourselves to teach our Catholic Faith and how to live it daily. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.



**DIVINE MERCY
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 27 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00 PM Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:30 AM Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena

Tuesday, March 30

8:00 AM Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

No 8:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM +Anna Wojton, req. by Family

+Irene Frosolone, req. by Husband Al

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Good Friday Service



Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

10:00 AM **Blessing of the Easter Baskets**

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

10:30 AM +Robert Koperski, req. by Linda Edwards
Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena



**ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 27 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:30 PM Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:15 AM +Barbara Maloney, req. by Tim & Carol Maloney

Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena

9:00 AM +Harris & Mary Williams, req. by the Williams Family

Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena

12:00 PM +Bettie Goodall, req. by Family

Intentions Included in Our Easter Novena

Monday, March 29

12:00 PM Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

12:10 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish & St. Mary of the Cataract, req. by Fr. Mazur

Tuesday, March 30

12:10 PM +Brian O'Laughlin, req. by Paul & Christina Walther

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

No 12:10 PM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 pm until 12:00 Midnight

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

12:00 PM **Blessing of the Easter Baskets**

5:30 PM +Rose Koelle, req. by Patti & Bill Rougeux & Family

The Aldrich Family - The Stender Family

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

7:15 AM +Leona Frank, req. by Family

9:00 AM +Ersilia Alvin, req. by Lucia Centofanti

12:00 PM +Gerard Ashby, req. by Family



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“Would you like Prayers said for anyone Family or Friend that you know of who is sick (seriously ill) or dying” The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said daily for their intentions by the 21 Members of The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group. Call 297-2738 to request Prayers! Leave message.

The office for **St. Mary’s and Divine Mercy Parish** will be closed on **Thursday, 4/1 and Friday, 4/2** .

The Paschal Triduum

The final week of Lent begins with Palm Sunday and the last three days of the Lenten season are called the Paschal Triduum (CCC 540, 1438). The Triduum begins at sunset on Holy Thursday and ends at sunset on the Easter Vigil. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper in the evening. Good Friday commemorates the death of Christ with the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion. On Saturday evening, the Easter Vigil celebrates the Resurrection of Christ and is the traditional time to confer the sacraments of Initiation on the catechumens.

Hosanna!

Please join us at St. Mary’s in praying the Rosary for our Country and our Holy Catholic Church, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 11:40 AM, and on Friday following the 12:10 Mass. Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Please keep our Military in your prayers: Christopher Ganczewski, Roy David Collin, Peter Cali, Thomas Human, Maria Morinello, David Alvarez, Michael Ferrusi, Kathryn Mitchell,

Please pray for our sick Divine Mercy & St. Mary’s Parishioners: Ryan Cali, Rebecca Cuddahee, Marie Venti, Cheryl Ryan, Loretta Dominick, Stephanie Borelis, Pauline Dempsey, Hugh Mellan, Ginny Sukmanowski, Cindy Rodenas, Sandy Krajkowski, Eugene Pitrowski, Jamison Hokanson, Donna Robbins, Joseph Insana, Peter Sinclair, Gabby Parisi, Lori Kozera, Julia Harrigan, Todd Schwartz, Rosemarie Pyra



Beginning in 2015, [The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc.](https://www.foundationofbuffalo.org) (“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.

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday before each Mass and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements to be made in advance. A pre-baptismal instruction is required for all parents prior to the date of baptism. Call the parish office for application. Godparents must present a letter of recommendation.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference, or equivalent pre-marriage preparation program. A parish Pre-Cana program is available. Contact the parish office for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome! Contact the parish office.

VISITATION OF SICK/CARE FOR THE SICK

Parishioners who are in spiritual need may contact Fr. Mazur at 282-0059 or 284-6641. Please notify the parish office of parishioners confined to their home or hospital.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome those wishing information and instruction:

- ◆ Non - baptized persons desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for themselves or their children
 - ◆ Those seeking the fullness of faith as members of the Catholic Church
 - ◆ Those Catholics wishing to complete the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Please call 946-1403 for more information

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Gladly given to those registered members of the parish (*at least 3 months*) who have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation; practice their faith regularly and support the parish through their sharing of time, talents and treasures.

Are you struggling with addiction of any kind and in need of a support system and/or just someone to talk with confidentially? Please call 284-6641 for more information.

WLOF 101.7 FM You can listen to our pastor, Fr. Jacek Mazur on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Sundays at 11:00am as he speaks about aspects of the message of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina. Or you can listen by logging to: www.stationofthecross.com, under: PODCASTS click: Divine Mercy in my Soul.

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