SACRED HEART OF JESUS

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE IN BOWMANSVILLE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: 8:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Confessions: 3:00 - 3:45 pm Saturdays
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Novena to
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Every Friday Morning After Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, First Friday and First Saturday Masses
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND CONFESSIONS
(Check bulletin for updates.)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
M-T-T-F 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

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Altar & Rosary Society
Thurs. after 1st Sunday 6:30 p.m.
Holy Name Society
2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.
Parish Pastoral Council - as scheduled
Parish Finance Committee
Scheduled quarterly.
Marian Movement of Priests
Monday mornings 10-11 am

Check the bulletins for committee meetings.

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Welcome to the Sacred Heart Parish Community

We are a family gathered in the name of Christ the Lord, united in the grace of the Holy Spirit and celebrating our Heavenly Father's love. You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service. Be grateful to those who in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. We ask God's blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your coming in and going out.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. You will need to meet with the Pastor prior to the Baptism. Baptism classes are held in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory to set up an appointment. Godparents are required to provide Baptismal and Confirmation information, as well as a letter of Good Standing from their current parish.

Marriages: The couple should meet with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the marriage to make arrangements. Attendance at a marriage preparation program is required.

Anointing of the Sick: Those advancing in age, those anticipating surgery or a stay in the hospital, are encouraged to be anointed or visited by a priest. Please call the Rectory.
Hospitals and nursing facilities do not call us, it is up to the family members to call the Rectory.

Letters of Recommendation: To receive a letter of recommendation to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered member of the parish for at least 6 months; who regularly attends Mass and receives the Sacraments. Regular use of envelopes (even if empty) indicates attendance at Mass. Sponsors are to be Baptized, Confirmed, and if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church. Adult children (18 and over) should be registered on their own.

New Parishioner Registration and Moving Out of the Parish: Please call the Rectory to Register. A census form can be picked up or mailed. Please call the Rectory if you are moving out of the Parish, or if you wish to discontinue envelopes. Thank you. We warmly welcome you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 24th	
4:00 pm	Antoinette Pribek† By Mr. & Mrs. James Wieand
Sunday, April 25th	
8:30 am	Germaine Pempsell † By Daughter
11:00 am	Rita Snios † By Bob & Judy Horst & Family
Monday, April 26th	
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of Pera Family † By Thomas Pera
Tuesday, April 27th	
8:00 am	Stanley Powalowski † By Kazmierczak Family
Wednesday, April 28th	
8:00 am	Pauline Christen † By Jim & Mary Ann Frank
Thursday, April 29th	
8:00 am	Pastor's Mass for Parishioners By Rev. Lukasz Kopala
Friday, April 30th	
8:00 pm	Nicholas Mueller † By Family
Saturday, May 1st (1st Saturday)	
8:00 am	Mary Ann Frank † By Peter & Pat Stahrr
4:00 pm	Irene Tarnowski† By Lola, Becka, Tracy & Andy
Sunday, May 2nd	
8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society † By Altar & Rosary Society
11:00 am	Lorraine Basher † By Family

ALL MASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.SACREDHEARTSHRINE.ORG

There is a story of a family man who had a terminal Ailment. Instead of just waiting for his death to come, he still worked very hard for his family and he never neglected to bring his family to church for Mass every Sunday.

He did his best to provide for the material and spiritual needs of his family. In his last few days he gathered his family and he told them that he had done everything for them so that they could have the best future that they could ever dream of. Then, after a day, he died.

This father in our story is a good shepherd to his family for he worked very hard for them to ensure their future. How many fathers are like this father in our story? There are many but there are many more who are fathers in name only. They don't care about the future of their family. Instead they focus on their many vices to satisfy themselves. They don't allow Jesus to shepherd them. They instead cling to the dictates of this world and they make it their shepherd.

The family man in the story is somewhat like Jesus who gave His life for our salvation. Do we completely trust our lives to Jesus, our good shepherd? Or do we trust ourselves more where we give more priority to our own personal needs rather than our need for Jesus?

For example, our Sunday obligation of going to Mass is sometimes taken for granted because we give more importance to our own agendas. How can we be properly shepherded by Jesus if we don't give much importance to the celebration of the Holy Mass? How can we be shepherded by Jesus if we don't even read the Bible?

Trusting Jesus our good shepherd takes patience and we may not see now what he does for us, but we must still continue to trust our lives to Him and never rely on ourselves. As a conclusion let us pray:

OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you to care for all that are close to us,
to protect those who are threatened,
to welcome those who are rejected,
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,
to heal those who are broken and sick,
to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another
and love as you have loved us.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Lukasz

CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS

Marian Movement of Priests	We will meet 10:00-11:00 am every Monday in the Parish Center.
Bible Study 1 & 2 Corinthians	Next class will be Monday, April 26th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria. ***In this class we will cover 1 Cor. 12.***
Altar & Rosary Society	***The Altar & Rosary Society will have a meeting on May 6th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria. *Please send in your Dash's Receipts.***
Chicken Barbeque	***The Chesterton Academy Chicken Barbeque on Tuesday, April 27th is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.***
Holy Name Society	***The Holy Name Society will return to celebrate Mass together on Sunday, May 9th at 8:30 am. They will also have a meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 pm and will include the Litany and Rosary.***
First Communion	***First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2nd at 2:00 pm***

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

A Prayer When Lighting a Candle

O Blessed Lord, accept this burning candle as a sign of my faith and love for you. Like this candle, I am ready to be used in your service, without asking why and to what purpose.

Like this candle, I wish to stand in your presence to be consumed in the light and warmth of your love. Please hear my prayer and, if it be your will, grant my petition. Above all, make me loyal and faithful to you in all circumstances of my life. Amen.

The Rosary

During the month of May come pray the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary every evening at 7:00 pm in our shrine.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

*Please pray for our young people as they prepare to receive **JESUS** in the Most Blessed Sacrament for the very first time!*

Cole Abell
Carter Burke
Hildy Dickinson
Jacob Herbeck
Angelina Krajacic
Jack Lounsbury
Connor McCreary
Aiden Syroczynski
Brooke Syroczynski

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb
Saturday, May 1, 2021 - 4:30 pm Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral

There will be a celebration to pray for mothers, fathers, families and for children in the womb. Mass will include a special blessing for unborn children and their expectant parents. Prayers will also be said for couples who are hoping for the gift of a child and for couples who have suffered the loss of a child.

For reservation or information contact St. Joseph's Cathedral office by email or phone at

Pro-Lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org (716)842-2205.

RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER

During May 2021, we are collecting the following items for The Response-to-Love Center: Manwich, Potato Sides (au gratin, scalloped, etc.), Dried Beans(1lb. bags), White Rice (1lb. bags). Please place your donations in the barrel in the church v estibule. The Center staff thanks you for the generous items donated during April.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER DAY

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
"Leaders of the people and elders:
If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.* There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under Heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM–

The stone rejected by the builders was the cornerstone.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

JMJ

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY!

Mother's Day May Crowning A day to honor our Mothers!

Sunday, May 9th at the 11:00 am Mass we will have our May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This is a traditional Roman Catholic devotion during the month of May in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned with flowers as she is honored as Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth, Queen of Peace and the Queen of May. Participants rejoice with Mary in the Resurrection of her Son and honor her as the Mother of God.

Before Mass, at 10:30 am, we will have the Holy Rosary for the living and deceased mothers of our Parish.

The May Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place at the end of the 11 a.m. Mass.

Please join us for this annual tradition. Let us honor our Blessed Mother, and our earthly mothers, on this special day!

It All Began in a Garden...

The Ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will be having their annual Flower Fund Collection the week-end of May 1st and 2nd after all the Masses. At their recent monthly meeting the "Holy Water-ers" signed up for assigned weeks throughout the summer to keep the outdoor flowers flourishing. But we need your help to purchase those flowers. Please be as generous as possible when you see the ladies at the doors next week. Donations can also be mailed in or dropped off at the Rectory.

Bouquets for Our Blessed Mother

This year, beginning on May 8th, the Altar & Rosary Society invites all parishioners to join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to Our Blessed Mother, seeking her intercession and thanking her for her maternal, loving care. We invite you to share with us your prayer intentions to be entrusted to Our Lady. As we celebrate the gift of mothers and honor Our Blessed Mother, we also recognize that Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many. We hope this spiritual bouquet provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions brought to your heart by Mother's Day.

At the base of our Lady of Fatima statue will be vases filled with water. You are encouraged to bring flowers from your own gardens or purchased bouquets in honor or in memory of your mothers and Our Lady. For children, there will be bud vases to hold 1-5 stems of flowers.

Next to the flower display will be notecards to write your spiritual intentions or prayers of thanksgiving that can then be placed in the basket. This display will remain up during the entire month of May. You may continue to add intentions or fresh flowers throughout the month. Flowers will be maintained by the ladies of the Altar Rosary Society.

For the month of May

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1st at 8:00 am.

Please Note - First Friday Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 7th with 8:00 am Mass. Eucharistic Adoration will commence immediately after Mass and will go until 10:00 pm. and will end with Benediction.

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