

St. Jude the Apostle Parish



This is my Son,
the Chosen one.
Listen to him.

Luke 9:35

Sunday, February 28, 2021—Second Sunday of Lent

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor..... **Rev. James W. Kirkpatrick, Jr.**

Deacons..... Daniel Brick & John Steiner

Music Director/Organist/Choirmaster..... Michael Hauser

Folk Group..... Peggy Barkley

Family Faith Formation /Confirmation coordinator.... Lynda Mostowy

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Thursday - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Fridays - 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill out a registration form obtained at entrances to the church or contact the rectory during office hours.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

The Bereavement committee is a group that provides a luncheon in the Parish Hall for a minimum of 25 people and not more than 100 people following the **funeral Mass** of a parishioner. Volunteers are always needed and will be placed on a rotating team.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Tuesday and Thursday 6:45 am

Monday–Friday 9:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

Holy Day Masses see inside

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION

9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Sept. - June)

No First Friday devotion during July & August

NOVENA TO OUR LADY

OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays at the 9:00 am. Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:30 am–8:00 pm in Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 pm–4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made by calling the rectory 6 months in advance. **A date cannot be reserved until the couple meets with the pastor.** Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

BAPTISMS

Held at 1:00 pm on the last Sunday of the month. They can also be scheduled at weekend Masses. A required class for parents and godparents is held in church the Tuesday before the Baptism at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory for registration. A godparent is to be a Confirmed Catholic and be able to obtain a letter of recommendation from his/her parish.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“St. Jude the Apostle is a Roman Catholic community committed to knowing our Christian Faith. We are a welcoming community striving to live in the truth of the Gospel, with love in service to others. Led by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Eucharist, we believe in the dignity of each person and that all life is sacred.”

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
February 27, 2021—March 7, 2021

Saturday, February 27, 2021- (Vigil)

Dt 26:16-29 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

9:00 am – Deceased members of our parish community

5:00 pm—Pat Anastasi by Ron & family

Sunday, February 28, 2021—Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:1-10 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

8:00 am—William Foeller by family

10:00 am—Anthony Digangi (birth remb) by Suzanne Sciria

12 noon—Christopher Dobiesz by Aunt Joanne

Monday, March 1, 2021—Lenten weekday

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

9:00 am—Raziano family by Nancy

Tuesday, March 2, 2021—Lenten weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

6:45 am—Herman Schaeff family by estate

9:00 am—Laure Leffler by Pauline Ziatts and Diane Peterson

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 —Lenten weekday

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

9:00 am –Christopher Dobliz by Mom and Dad

Thursday, March 4, 2021—Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

6:45 am –Joseph Emry family by estate

9:00 am—Stella Usiak by Michael and Margaret Rider

Friday, March 5, 2021—Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

9:00 am—Felix Padula by Mildred Birkman

Saturday, March 6, 2021—(Vigil)

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

9:00 am—Joan Sestrich by Karen Westcott

5:00 pm—Arthur & Theresa Bertini by niece, Rosalie

Sunday, Marcy 7, 2021—Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

8:00 am –Laure Leffler by Tony & Lynn Donatelli

10:00 am—William Leach by wife, Emrelita

12 noon—Marjorie Platzer by family

Scholarship Grants available to our parish communities in North Tonawanda

North Tonawanda Catholic Club and Madonna Council, Knights of Columbus announce Scholarship Grants available to our parish communities. Scholarship Grants are available for 8th grade students going to a Catholic High School and High School seniors going onto college. The grants can be as much as \$1,000.00 each. Applications are available at Madonna Council or by calling 693-5470. The deadline for submission is **April 1, 2021**. The scholarship grants will be awarded based on academic standing, financial need and family involvement with Madonna Council. Membership in the Council is not a mandatory requirement. However, we are always looking for new members. Call for an application.

MESSAGE FROM FR JIM

Dear Parishioners,

This Saturday our second graders went to confession for the first time. I ask that you keep them in your prayers. Pray for them to continue to grow in faith and seek our Lord's forgiveness when they need it.

The children give us a good example. We all should consider going to confession during Lent. We should go at least once a year. However, I always say when asked that people should go to confession throughout that year when they feel they need it. We all probably should think about going more than once a year.

We have our regularly scheduled confessions at 4 pm on Saturdays in room 1 in the parish hall. I will be hearing confessions every Wednesday from 7 pm to 9 pm in room 1 as well. We will also be offering confessions at 3 pm and 7 pm on March 23rd in room 1 and the library. We will have another priest available on the 23rd in addition to me. Please feel welcome to give us a call and make an appointment with me if that is better for you.

You can go face to face or behind the screen depending on your preference. I'm looking forward to the day when we can go back into the confessional. I hope that day is relatively soon.

Christ's Peace,

Fr Jim Kirkpatrick

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Diocese of Buffalo N. Y. Case # 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, NY ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code")

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:50 pm (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the Bar Date)

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseeofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

APPEAL 2021 - HOPE FOR ALL SEASONS!

When you are troubled, we are hope. Are you struggling with hybrid learning, trying to work remotely, having a hard time with the seemingly endless grey that is WNY in winter? If you are experiencing mental health, familial or marital problems we can help. Catholic Charities offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, Diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. To find out more, visit ccwny.org and click the "Counseling & Mental Health" tab under services on the right hand side. To begin the referral process, call 585-343-0614, or go to ccwny.org/counseling for information and contact number.

VOCATIONS



A Vocation View

Peter, James, and John hiked up a mountain and had an experience with Jesus. So do those who are called to follow the Apostles' footsteps in the priesthood.

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Our Lady of Fatima, The Traveling Madonna

Walking with Mary in Lent 10 steps

by Kathleen Beckman



Mary enriches our spiritual journey always. Perhaps we can consider living the Lenten season with Mary as fulfilling our Marian consecration also.

How do we walk with Mary during Lent? Here are 10 little steps.

1. Take up Mary's spiritual practices, which likely included, praying the Psalms, meditating on the Scriptures, offering hymns of praise and gratitude to God such her Magnificat
2. Imitate Mary's courageous "yes" more intentionally as you walk the Stations of the Cross with her.
3. Imitate Mary's forgiveness and mercy at the foot of the cross where she also forgave her Son's executioners.
4. Imitate Mary's complete focus on her son Jesus during all the phases of his suffering; and her intercessory prayer for everyone involved.
5. Strive to live Mary's faith, hope and love, simplicity, sacrifice, service and obedience—even in the face of such terrorizing agony
6. With Mary, sit at the feet of Jesus, choosing the better part—perhaps attend Eucharistic Adoration more frequently and read John's Gospel, Chapter 19.
7. Take up Mary's "beads". Intentionally, live Mary's memories! Linger in contemplation of the Sorrowful Mysteries, asking Mary to help you encounter Jesus in His Passion that you may live him more.
8. Consider when Jesus breathed his last and Mary did as he said, "Behold your son" - John the Beloved. She took him into her heart and brought forth the best of his Priesthood. Consider the vocation of spiritual motherhood or fatherhood of priests.
9. With Mary receive Holy Communion more often, mindful; that Mary helps you to encounter Jesus more intimately.
10. Console the Sorrowful Mother along the Via Dolorosa, perhaps offering to share in her pierced heart for love of God and neighbor

Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S is the President and Co-founder of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests (www.foundationforpriests.org), an international apostolate of prayer and catechesis for the holiness of priests.

If you and your family would like to honor Our Lady by inviting the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home, please call Ann 692-4396, to arrange a time.

DURING LENT

We offer Confessions on Wednesdays from 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall. Stations of the Cross is offered every Friday at 7 pm in Church. Also on Tuesday, March 23rd, confessions will be at 3 pm and 7 pm in Parish Hall. Bishop Michael Fisher will be coming, Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30 in Church. **RSVP.**

February 28, 2021

Our Faith Community's Gift to God

Receipts	2/20/21—2/21/21
Regular weekly	\$ 8,818.24
Solemnity of Mary	25.00
Snow	336.00
Heat	110.00
Candles	140.00
Rosary Guild	85.00
Auxiliary	200.00
Faith Formation	315.00
"We Share" Elec. giving-reg. wkly	910.00
Total Weekly receipts	\$ 10,939.24

Church in C. & E Europe & Poland \$ 85.00

For more information about the "We Share" Contribution Program, visit the Parish Website at www.stjudetheapostleparish.org Click on the "Parish Support" icon and follow the "We Share" link to make secure online donations using credit/debit cards or direct withdrawals from your bank account.

LETTER 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.

FAITH FORMATION



Classes for MAR 2021

Elementary/Middle: 10:30-11:30 AM
on SAT, MAR 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

High School: 6:45-7:45 pm, MON, MARCH 8th and 22nd

First Holy Communion Families-Parent Meeting:

Thursday, March 18 at 11:00 am in the Parish Center or
Saturday, March 20th at 11:00 am in the church.

Please call the Family Faith Office if you cannot attend the meeting on either of those dates. Thank you

First Holy Communion will be on May 1 and May 8, 2021 at 10:00 am.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 27	5:00 pm	E. & G. Moran K. Adowski
Sunday, February 28	8:00 am	D. MacDonald, J. Maldonado, J. Casillo
	10:00 am	B. & J. Wiech, B. Brenchley
	12 noon	D. Peterson, J. Arnold B. Giroux
Saturday, March 6	5:00 pm	S. Cuccia, T. Sack J. Seymour
Sunday, March 7	8:00 am	P. Mancuso, T. Hanavan, D. Scibilia
	10:00 am	J. Renda, J. Kasperek R. Dunning
	12 noon	P. Ziatts, S. Ruska D. Durnin



LECTORS

Saturday, February 27	5:00 pm	T. Sack
Sunday, February 28	8:00 am	C. Yager
	10:00 am	L. & G. Pupo
	12 noon	M.A. Demler
Saturday, March 6	5:00 pm	K. Lord
Sunday, March 7	8:00 am	M. Martin
	10:00 am	N. Tomsen
	12 noon	N. Tomsen



HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for any retired men and/or women interested in becoming altar servers for our funerals. You will be trained. This is a wonderful ministry, and your help is appreciated. Call Fr. Jim at the rectory office 694-0540 if interested.



PRO-LIFE



An unexpected pregnancy might be confusing along the way, but life—though at times difficult—is ultimately beautiful. 10 Tips to support a woman in her new journey of being a mother. (Part 4)

9. Encourage her.

Society tends to focus on ways that an unexpected pregnancy can be challenging. Help your friend to think of the benefits. Remind her of the fluttering kicks, somersaults, and maybe even dance moves her son or daughter will be rocking once they grow a little more. With moms' groups and opportunities for play dates, there's a whole new social world to explore. And there are plenty of benefits to being a young mom—like having more energy to chase her kids around.

10. Point out some real-life role models.

Many amazing young mothers and birthmothers have experienced unexpected pregnancies and still followed their dreams. Other women have discovered that, even when unable to follow their lives as planned, something beautiful and good came out of the twists in the road, bringing opportunities, growth, and joy they hadn't imagined. Point your friend to some of the many websites, blogs, and social media accounts dedicated to supporting young mothers. And let's not forget Mary, whose "yes" to bearing Jesus affected the course of history. The Blessed Mother is a great person to pour her heart out to, and she's a powerhouse of intercessory prayer.

Diocesan Pro Life Office 716-847-2205 help during pregnancy
Project Rachel 716-847-2211 Confidential Hotline for post-abortion reconciliation
Confidential Help 888-456-4673 or www.hopeafterabortion.org

BISHOP MICHAEL FISHER

Bishop Michael will be coming to St. Jude's Parish on Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30 pm in Church for a Lenten reflection. You have to register by calling the rectory office 694-0540 or e-mail stjudetheapostle@roadrunner.com, before March 4th. So, please register today!



We were able to sell all of the 100 calendars for Ann Zon and the Nicaragua Missions. The total amount raised was \$1,055 which includes many donations. Thanks again!



AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knights of Columbus—Erie Ave., NT. will hold their annual Lenten fish fry dinners every Friday from 4-7 pm. **It will be Drive-thru**. The cost is \$11.00
American Red Cross—is providing FREE one-on-one home first safety education to any individuals or families interested. In just 15 minutes you learn—how to develop a home fire escape plan, how to make sure your smoke alarms are up to date, how to quickly and safely evacuate a home, home fire tips. If you are interested in scheduling a 15 minute education session with the American Red Cross, please call (585) 242-4090 or visit Redcross.org/homefiresafetyWNY.

St. Gregory the Great—invites you to 'FIAT' a monthly Eucharistic Conference. Please join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, faith-filled presentations, powerful music and prayer ministry. (Check out stgregs.org/flat). Just as Mary said "Yes" to the Holy Spirit in her life, this is an opportunity for you to also say, "Yes" to the Holy Spirit in your life! Our topic for March is the Fruit of Self-Control. FIAT is open to everyone, young and old alike. Our next night will be Saturday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in the church.

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