

Queen of Martyrs Church

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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MASSES:

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM

Vigil of Holyday: 4:00 PM

Holyday: 7:00 AM, and 6:00 PM

First Friday: 7:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Every Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday: 10 AM to 1:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 10 AM-1:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM to Noon (Summer: Closed)

Evenings by appointment only.

NO OFFICE HOURS ON SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS.

BAPTISMS:

Sunday at 11:45 AM. Arrangements for Pre-Baptismal Instructions which are compulsory for the parents must be made at the Rectory office at least 2 weeks prior to the Baptism. Expectant parents are encouraged to make these arrangements before the birth of the child.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite Of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Program is for adults interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church, adult Roman Catholics who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and Catholics interested in Adult Education. Classes begin in the fall.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance with a priest.

SICK CALLS:

CALL THE RECTORY at any time, day or night.

SHUT-INS:

Communion is taken to shut-ins once a month. Call the Rectory Office during office hours to have your name included.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Are kindly requested to register as soon as possible.

YOUNG ADULTS:

Upon reaching their 18th birthday should assume their own identity by registering with the parish.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

These are testimonies to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic in this parish. Please use contribution envelopes to indicate attendance. To be a sponsor for Baptism, the sponsor needs to be confirmed. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are the sacraments of initiation. Stay close to Jesus by daily prayer, weekly worship and acts of charity and justice.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LORD OF ALL GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND

Jesus' power and claims divide those who encounter him. He is the long-awaited one, and he heals all wounds, even giving sight to the blind. We can trust that Jesus can heal all the wounds of our lives, giving us sight to see and light to follow in the darkness of sin.



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe Lord," and he worshiped him.

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40- 53
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



For the sick in hospitals, in nursing homes, and those who are homebound especially: Tom Barrett, Trevor Barron, Ronald Bergeron, Frederick Bloom, Tyler Jacob Borawski, Thomas Borowicz, Rita Buziak, Catherine Cammarata, Justin Chandler, Michael Ciszewski, Mary Ann Conroy, Joseph Daily, Stephanie DiMaggio, Joseph E. Engelhaupt, Debra Finger, Kara Garlach, Gordon Gladden, June Greene, Ronald Heil, Melanie Hill, Richard Horvatis, Dorothy Hosinski, Joe Hunka, David Janiszewski, Sadie Kassim, Phyllis Kendzierski, Dorothy Kracht, Tom Kulaszewski, Pat Kupkowski, David Kusek, Ken Labenski, Rose Lesch, Mary Lidkea, Robert Lipiarz, Michelle Martin, Mark Mays, Patricia Mazur, Thomas P. Michals, Erin Mildenberger, Rebecca Miller, Michael Muroff, Tim Nietopski, Alice Nowak, Judy O'Leary, Pat Palascak, Maxine Paoletti, Rita Piskorz, Theresa Pochylski, Bernadine Powlowski, Nolan Przybysz, Patricia Rakiski, Adolph J. Rakowski, Barbara Robertson, John Szczepanik, Edward Sponholz, Fr. Jerry Stelmach, Gary Stiles, Diane Strausser, Zach Sucharski, Ethel Thomas, Grace Tucker, Kayla Urban, Dee Urbaniak, Pat Ward, Marcia Weigand, Theresa Wesley, Thomas Wnuk, Alfred T. Wojciechowski, Wanda Wojciechowski, Frances Zagorski, Judith Zielinski, Daniel Zotara, II, Lorraine Zotara



...the safety and quick return of those serving in our Armed Forces, our parishioners and loved ones: Kevin Ardonetto, Matthew Baideme, Thom Brown, Patrick Desmarais, Colin Dudziak, Barbara Fowler, Michael Fowler, Janet Glindeman, Julia Glindeman, William Glindeman, Justin Kasprzak,

James A. Koller, Claymore Mac-Tarnaghan, Colton Marinelli, Joe Seminatore, Jonathan Sicurella, Capt. Glen Taylor, Christopher Wojcik.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/26 7-9:00 pm Bible Study Class (Church Hall)
- 3/27 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 3/28 10-10:45 am Religious Education Class for 1st Eucharist

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Classes began for the Sacrament of First Communion and will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:00am to 10:45 am in the Music Room (School Building) next to the Religious Education Office.

Sacramental classes will be held for 3rd Grade Religious Education students (ONLY) on March 22, 29 and April 5, from 10:00am until 10:45 am. All classes are MANDATORY!

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Our Parish Bible Study Class will meet on Thursday, March 26th, from 7 to 9 PM in the Church Hall.

Everyone is welcome ~ see you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00 PM until Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be held at Noon and 7 PM.

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In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

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VOCATIONS

Has shame and fear caused you to hide from God, thinking that if you listen to Him you would only hear harsh reprimands? Remember that God is merciful. Turn back to him, and listen to him speak to your heart.

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website — www.buffalovocations.org!



TWO PRO-LIFE BILLS DEFEATED IN CONGRESS (2/25/2020): Two pieces of pro-life legislation, the Pain-Capable Unborn –Child Protection Act and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, failed to overcome a Democratic filibuster that prevented the bills from coming to the Senate floor for a vote.

The Pain-Capable Unborn-Child Protection Act which banned elective abortions after five months, the point at which science suggests an unborn child can feel pain. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act required that a child who survives a botched abortion attempt receive the appropriate medical care for their gestational age.

Although both bills received majority support, they each failed to reach the 60-vote threshold required to proceed. Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, a co-sponsor of both bills, stated that passing them would have been a “great step forward.” Ernst noted that the Born-Alive bill would not restrict abortion procedures. “These are living, breathing, babies that are born,” Ernst said. “They are born alive. They are babies, and they should be cared for.” (ncregister.com) The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a statement expressing strong disappointment in the proceedings. From Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann: “The ...Senate failed to advance two critical human rights reforms that most Americans strongly support. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would ban abortions after 20 weeks post-fertilization when a child can certainly feel pain and has a reasonable chance of survival. And the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act helps ensure that Roe v. Wade’s license to kill unborn children does not extend to killing the new-born babies who survive abortion. It is appalling that even one senator, let alone more than 40, voted to continue the brutal dismemberment of nearly full-grown infants, and voted against protecting babies who survive abortion, Our nation is better than this, and the majority of Americans who support these bills must make their voices heard.” (usccb.org)

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NEW DIOCESAN GUIDELINES IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

A Diocesan-wide suspension, until further notice, of the distribution of the Eucharist from the chalice/cup. We also advise that the Holy Eucharist is received in the hand only. Furthermore, following liturgical norms, provisions should be made for those who are unable to receive even a low- gluten host.

A Diocesan-wide suspension, until further notice, of the physical sign of peace. People may still, for example, turn to each other and say “peace be with you.”

Until further notice, holy water fonts are to be emptied and changed regularly. As a further precaution, they may be emptied or removed, if this is judged to be prudent and necessary.

Further updates will be given as and when the situation changes.



OUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 15, 2020

Sunday Collection \$ 3566.00
Parish Insurance \$ 860.00

May God continue to bless you for your generosity!



Don't forget to get your envelopes for our monthly 50/50 split club. Envelopes are available at all entrances of the church. Good Luck!!

UPDATE

Queen of Martyrs has received a reimbursement from Upon This Rock of \$8790.07. Some of this money was used to replace the vinyl fence behind the rectory. A big Thank You to everyone.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

On Wednesday, April 1st, a Lenten Reconciliation Confession will be at Queen of Martyrs. Fr. Lou and Fr. Edward Sheedy will be here from 3:00-4:00 pm and from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. There will be no Penance service.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Queen of Heaven, West Seneca
Monday, March 23, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Our Lady Help or Christians, Cheektowaga
Monday, March 23, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

St. Martha Parish, Depew
Thursday, March 26, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Queen of Martyrs, Cheektowaga
Wednesday, April 1, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On Saturday, March 21, our students will receive the Sacrament of First Penance at 12 Noon in Church. A Friends and Family Reception to follow in the Church Hall (below the church)!

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS OF 2020

Jaxson Dietl
Jeffrey Dziedzic
Jonathon Gugino
Leah Tesch
Corbin Wickline



Vigil Mass

Saturday, March 21, 2020—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 PM Stanley Maciejewski req. by Wife
- 6:00 PM Helen Zakowski and Deceased Family Members (Estate)

Sunday, March 22, 2020—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Geraldine Kae req. by Radominski and Kae Family
- 11:00 AM Nichalos Kowalski (1st Anniversary of Death) req. by Buckley Family
- Samuel Zarcone (2nd Anniversary of Death) req. by Wife and Family

Monday, March 23, 2020-Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM All Souls

Tuesday, March 24, 2020—Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Joseph Rutowski req. by Wife, Marcia and Family

Wednesday, March 25, 2020—The Annunciation of The Lord

- 7:00 AM All Souls

Thursday, March 26, 2020—Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Dorothy Bartczak (Estate)

Friday, March 27, 2020—Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Mother Angelica (4th Anniversary of Death) req. by Paul J. Krupinski

Saturday, March 28, 2020—Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 AM Scripture Reading/Communion Service

Vigil Mass

Saturday, March 28, 2020—Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 PM Victor Massalski Sr. (Anniversary) req. by Daughter, Barbara
- 6:00 PM Frances Gronowski req. by Zupo Family

Sunday, March 29, 2020—Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM Michele McEwen (2nd Anniversary of Death) req. by Mom and Dad
- Patricia Sullivan (Birthday) req. by Sullivan Family
- 11:00 AM Katherine Cartenuto req. by Family



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