

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

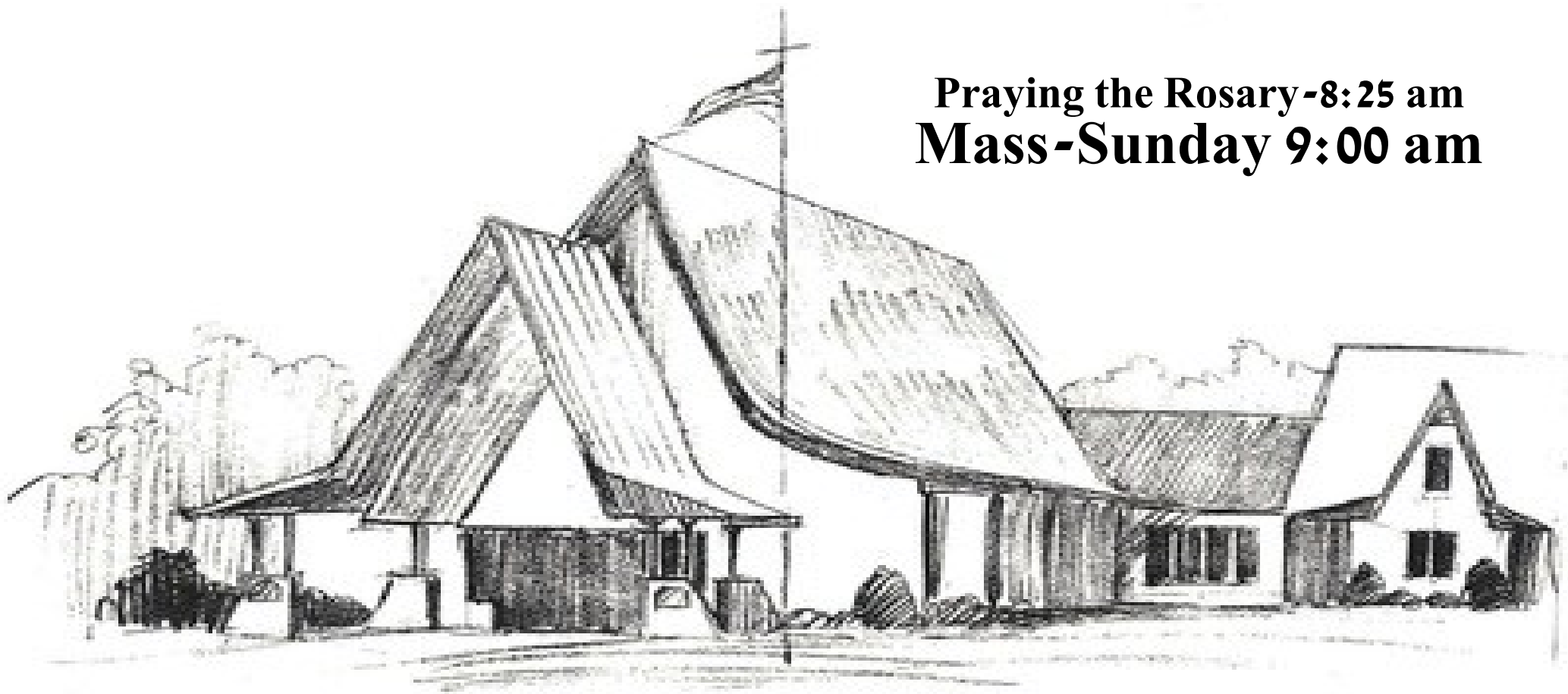
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Family Head Pastor---Fr. Gerard Skrzynski
Senior Parochial Vicar--Fr. Karl Loeb
Parochial Vicar--Fr. Aaron Kulczyk

Praying the Rosary-8:25 am
Mass-Sunday 9:00 am



Our Parish Mission

- ◆ *Provide for the spiritual and temporal well being of those entrusted to our care*
- ◆ *Reach out, welcome and invite all people to assist in the building of God's Kingdom*
- ◆ *Use our gifts to continue the mission of Jesus*
- ◆ *Lead others to a deeper knowledge, love and service of God*

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PARISH BULLETIN

LITURGY:	Sunday at 9:00 am
WEEKDAYS	Thursdays 8 am Saturdays 8 am
HOLY DAYS:	TBD
RECONCILIATION:	TBD
BAPTISMS:	By appointment only
WEDDINGS:	Call at least 6 months in advance so that our community can assist you with this important event.
SICK CALLS:	Call anytime 716-652-6400
PRAYER CHAIN:	If you know someone that you would like our faith community to pray for, please call the rectory.

PATRONS

Mike & Paulette Adams

Jim & Bea Montgomery

In Loving Memory of August Adler

In Loving Memory of Rose Painter

With loving Gratitude...Ed & Carol Burch Family

In Loving Memory of John Rickettson

In Loving Memory of Judith Calmes

In Loving Memory of Allan Claus

Don & Rosemary Cavaretta

In Loving Memory of Edward & Estella Petrie

In Loving Memory of Carol May Crowley

In Loving Memory of Morris & Betty L. Place & Family

In Loving Memory of Joanna Place

In Loving Memory of Daniel Petrie

In Memory of Dugan Family

The Hack Family

In Loving Memory of Joyce Faust

In Loving Memory of Ed Russell

Bill & Sandy Franczak

The Shanahan Family

In Loving Memory of Harry, Cecelia & Jerry Fronckowiak

In Loving Memory of Norbert Szarleta

In Loving Memory of Marge Kerber

In Loving Memory of Ralph & Marie Uplinger

In Loving Memory of Terry & Rose Kirsch

In Memory of the Ulrich & Yerge Families

Klimaszewski Family

The Vanderbush Family

Glenn & Karen Kline

In Memory of Robert & Marguerite Kramer

The Youngers Family

Larry & Sherrie Krzeminski

The Zakrzewski Family

In Loving Memory of Edwin & Shirley Zywczyński

Ray & Ann Zywczyński

In Loving Memory of David Uplinger

In Memory of Tony & Helen Ruminski

Loving Memories of Anna & John Paluch & Family

If you are unable to attend St. Joseph's new mass time, other local parish mass times are below for your convenience. Please be sure to use your St. Joseph's envelopes within our Family of Parishes for your offering to be allocated St. Joseph's.

St. Jude/ Sardinia: Saturday: 5:00 pm

The New St. Mary's:

Sunday: 9:00 am (Arcade)

Sunday: 11:00 am (East Arcade)

St. Mary's (Strykersville):

Saturday: 5:30pm

WHEAT SCATTERED & SOWN

Immaculate Conception/ East Aurora:

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am

St. Vincent de Paul: Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10 am.

Annunciation/ Elma:

Sunday 8 am, 11 am, 5 pm

St. George/ West Falls: Sunday 10:30 am

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

WHEAT SCATTERED AND SOWN EVENTS

When Jesus used the image of the shepherd, the people who listened to him would have immediately understood what He was talking about.

To most of us sheep all look the same. But a shepherd, can distinguish one from another and knows each one of them. When a shepherd calls his sheep, they recognize the voice and respond. **The flock knows, trusts and follow the shepherd.** A shepherd leads, guides and protects the flock. A shepherd would never put the sheep in danger.

No, we are not sheep; **but the language and image of Jesus the Shepherd can help us to appreciate the relationship He offers to each of us today.**

We are known and loved personally and intimately by Jesus; we are not all the same to Him. The Prophet Isaiah (41:1) wrote these powerful and profound words; *'I call you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.'* These are the words that Jesus speaks to each of us every day of our lives.

Jesus calls us by our name out of love; He invites us to follow Him freely; this invitation is entirely ours. We may take our time in answering this call. We may even try to ignore His call. Jesus will wait and will never stop calling us by name. **Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.** Bishop Mike always encourages us to pray for vocations.

Father David Baker encourages listening for the voice of Jesus and has dedicated **Diocesan Vocation websites... www.buffalovocations.org and www.buffalodeacons.org** as well as a listing of **Religious Communities of Women and Religious Communities of Men** within Buffalo along with contact information.

Let us pray for our young people who are preparing for graduation and are beginning to think about what their future may hold for them. Perhaps some may be thinking about the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Maybe a word of encouragement would be just what someone needs to answer God's call.

As we continue our Easter celebration, let us remember that God loves us. We are precious in God's eyes. God continually calls us by our name each and every day.

~Father Jerry

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life -- especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Haiti Committee Bake Sale at St. George Parish

On Sunday, April 28th members of the Haiti committee will be present before and after the 10:30 am Mass offering baked goods and treats for sale. Proceeds benefit the on-going support of the medical clinic at our twinned parish, St. Michael's, in Coq Chante. Thankfully, the gang violence of Port-au-Prince has not spread to this area of Haiti.

First Friday Family Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Friday, May 3rd at St. Vincent's:

5:30 pm Bounce House & Pizza
6 pm Adoration, 6:15 Confession
6:30 pm Family Rosary
7 pm Mass followed by Anointing of the Sick
7:30-8:30 pm Social

All are Welcome - Bring a Friend!

Volunteers needed to help set up and/or clean up.
Families with children lead the Rosary decades.
Call or text Rachel Denz to sign up: (716) 581-1185.
Please bring a side dish or drinks to share.
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6441 Seneca St., Spring
Brook 716 652-3972 Email: svdparish@gmail.com

Buffalo Bells
presents
**Joy
in the
Journey**

Join us for a
FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY HANDBELL CONCERT

Monday, May 13 - 7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
6441 Seneca Street
Springbrook, NY

**Monday, May 20
7:00 pm**
Faith Lutheran
Church
1230 Bowen Rd.
Elma, NY

Buffalo Bells

There will be socializing and refreshments after each concert. Please join us!

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week
M – Memorial A – Anniversary L –Living

Thursday, April 25th

8:00 am-Josephine Rutecki

Saturday, April 27th

8:00 am-All Soul's Intentions

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 am-Florence Letson-M
(St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society)

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 28th
9:00 am –Valerie Sullivan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 28th
9:00 am –Dustin Bliss, Scott Youngers,
Nancy Hack & Nikera Kolacki

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 28th
9:00 am-Sacristan Needed

COLLECTION WEEK OF 4/14/2024

Regular Collection 4/14-\$2,220

Attendance

4/14/24-115

Counters for 4/28/24-Team S&V

Catholic Home Missions Appeal is April 28th.

Catholic Charities donations will be accepted in the church hall on **April 28th**. Please make your checks payable to "Catholic Charities."

The Baby Bottle Bonanza is still going on! As you fill the baby bottles with change and dollar bills, please bring back to the church and drop them off in the collection box in the vestibule. The final collection day will be next Sunday, April 28th.

Thank you to all of the women of the Parish that supported last week's breakfast with speaker Bernadette McNary-Zak, PhD. Additionally, we would like to *thank all of the volunteers* that helped cook and prepare the delicious meal!

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th**, we are asking parishioners to wear something **RED** to Mass to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Kiwanis will be holding their annual senior citizen breakfast on **May 2nd from 9:00-10:30** in our church hall. All senior citizens are welcome to attend.

100th Anniversary-We are celebrating our 100th anniversary in October. We are forming a planning committee, please call Dustin Bliss at 585-322-3665 if you would like to be a part of this group.



"Rosebud" Bouquets
Amanda Youngers
Lois Weber

Prayers for the deceased:
Nancy Lewis Pascucci

Prayer Chain

If you know someone that you would like our faith community to pray for, please call Bill Franczak @ 716-537-9448 or Mary Major at 716-537-9336. Please leave your name and phone number along with the name of the person going on the list and the reason why. Thank you!

Today's Scripture Readings
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 8-12
1 John 3:1-2

Psalm 118
John 10:11-18

Readings for Next Weekend
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 26-31
1 John 3:18-24

Psalm 22
John 15:1-8

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE 70%?

Did you know that a recent survey by the Catholic Church found that only 30% of all Catholics believe in the true presence of our Lord's body and blood in the Holy Eucharist? If you are one of the 70% and want to know the truth about your faith, we invite you to see a video that clearly and scientifically unlock any doubts you may have about Christ's true presence in the Holy Eucharist. Even those of the 30% will benefit from this video. You will be strengthened and rewarded for your strong faith. This video called "Science Tests Faith" runs for about one hour and covers a number of miraculous happenings including the bleeding host of Buenos Aires in 1996. Sunday, April 28 at 2:30 PM in Selbert Hall at the Church of the Annunciation.

Protecting God's Children Workshop is to be held at St. Vincent's in Spring Brook on Wednesday, May 8 from 6 to 9:30 pm in Walter Hall (school entrance).

Parish and Catholic school employees and volunteers over the age of 18 who work with children and young people in the Diocese of Buffalo, are required to attend a child sexual abuse awareness session.

Register at www.virtus.org or www.buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children.

Preregistration is required.

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