# Sunday, February 22, 2015



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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m. (Confessions 3:30 p.m.) Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. (Confessions 10:00 a.m.)

Holy Days and Holidays: As announced.

**Church of St. Adalbert** 212 Stanislaus Street Buffalo, NY 14212

St. Adalbert's Cemeteries: 6200 Broadway, Alden, NY 14086 681-3090

http://buffalocatholiccemeteries.org/LOCATIONS/StAdalbert.aspx

Trustees: Edward Bosiacki Jennifer Snyder-Haas

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 a.m. Convent Chapel Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday The Rosary is recited after daily Mass; Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited the first Friday of each month.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday3:30 - 6:30 p.m.Sunday 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.Phone:716-893-0412Fax:716-893-9864Internet address:http://StJohnKantyChurchBuffalo.wordpress.comOn Facebook:www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty

**Parish Membership:** We welcome all visitors and ask that if you like what you see and hear to please contact the parish office to register. A parishioner is someone who has completed a registration form, regularly attends Mass, and regularly supports the parish financially through the use of envelopes. It is necessary to be a registered and active parishioner in order to receive a letter of recommendation to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. If you are moving away, we ask you to please contact the parish office so we can update our records.

**MARRIAGE:** Please consult with the Parish Administrator/Deacon at least six months to one year before setting a wedding date.

**BAPTISM:** Call the parish office for an appointment and interview.

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 21, 2015 Saturday after Ash Wednesday 12 Noon Memorial Mass for Christine Pawlak at St. Adalbert 4:00 p.m. +Richard Zak, (Family)

Sunday, February 22, 2015 First Sunday of Lent 10:30 a.m. +Edwin Marciniak, (Wife & Children)

Monday, February 23, 2015 Lenten Weekday 8:30 a.m. +Wiliam Karla, (Kathleen Karla)

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 Lenten Weekday NO MASS

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 Lenten Weekday 8:30 a.m. +Viola Dombkiewicz, (Family)

Thursday, February 26, 2015 Lenten Weekday 8:30 a.m. +Benedict Zarajczyk, (W & T Domino)

Friday, February 27, 2015 Lenten Weekday 8:30 a.m. +Alex & Laura Grzywa, (W & T Domino)

Saturday, February 28, 2015 Lenten Weekday 4:00 p.m. +Halina & Antoni Smolen, (Family)

#### Sunday, March 1, 2015 Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. +Ralph & Gloria Snyder, (Jennifer) If the Mass is for a loved one, please inform an usher. **To schedule a Mass please call the parish office. The offering for Mass is \$15.00** 

**The Sanctuary Light:** The Sanctuary Light is a reminder of the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the tabernacles of the Catholic Churches of the world. The Light is available for "A Special Intention" or "in Memory of Your Deceased Loved One." With a donation of \$15.00 the light will burn for the week for your prayer intention and will be published in the bulletin. Please call the parish office at 893-0412 to schedule your intention.

The Candle is Lit In Memory of Edwin Marciniak By Wife & Children

If you would like to follow Fr. Bob Pecoraro's blog the address is:

http://bobpsj.wordpress.com/2014/03/31/a-new-adventurebegins/

#### A Few Words from Deacon Dave:

Lent has begun! We will not hear Alleluia sung until the Easter Vigil, the liturgical color is violet, the environment is one of quiet simplicity. All are asked to repent, to grow in quiet, interior ways through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are asked to do something different in our daily lives, and to do these good works quietly without seeking attention. The past few weeks we have been promoting the practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy as a parish community. Every week we will all have the opportunity to actively help others, perhaps in the process deny ourselves some of the comforts we are used to. I ask we all give it a prayerful effort and participate as best we can.

As I have mentioned before, we are very fortunate to have quality music ministry active during our liturgies. Both the contemporary group and the traditional choir are seeking new members. Lent is an ideal time to try a new worship practice such as singing with the music ministers. Simply approach

either of the groups and you will be welcomed. No previous choir experience necessary!

Finally I would like to encourage everyone to attend our parish retreat presented by Sr. Louise Alf as she will lead us to grow closer to the Lord by "Rolling away the Stones". Please make an effort to attend on Sunday March 1st right after the 10:30 mass. Sister is a very dynamic, engaging presenter. We are very fortunate to have her visit our parish. I certainly hope we have a good parish representation at the retreat. Details are in last week's bulletin. These bulletins, complete with our Lenten calendar, are available this week for those who were frozen out of Mass last week! See me if you have any specific questions. Blessings to all,

Deacon Dave

**Sister Louise Alff** is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Neumann Communities. She is a native of Buffalo, NY. In the Diocese of Buffalo she served in the areas of Religious Education, Adult Faith Formation, Parish Ministry, Home Visitation and Co-Director of RENEW for the Diocese of Buffalo.

In 1996 she accepted a ministry position at RENEW International speaking nationally and internationally on developing Parish small Christian communities as vehicles of evangelization.

In 2006 she went to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as the Coordinator for Parish Evangelization. Her goal was to make good parishes vibrant communities.

Sister Louise Alff speaks of evangelization as her 'first love.' She has been a speaker on the National Level on various evangelization topics such as: *Evangelization 101*; *Practical* ways to reach out to inactive Catholics; How to create An Evangelizing Parish; Home Visitation and Ministry: Serving with an Evangelizing Heart.

Sister Louise moved to the Syracuse area in September of 2012 when she was elected as a General Councilor for her community.

Sr. Louise Alff, OSF 1131 Court Street Syracuse, NY 13208 315-634-7025 (work)

### **Religious Education**

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. February 22 Group 2 March 1 Group 1

#### OFFERTORY: WEEK OF February 15, 2015

We have been given many blessings. How will we share our treasure with others? All of the parish financial resources depend on the donations of the parishioners. In over half of the parables in the Bible, Jesus talks about money or material possessions.

Envelope #	Loose	Envelopes	Total
Reg. 48	\$82.00	\$673.00	\$755.00
Thank you and God bless you for your contribution			

#### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK.

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Patricia Milas, John Berra, Russell Serwicki, Richard Daszkiewicz, Steven Weidmann, William Taylor, Jessica Frysz, Amy Herdlein, Christopher Zdonczyk, Sharon Holtz, Leonard Tortorice, Beverly Dziadaszek, Nathan Smidt, Clayton Claston, John Wyzykowski, Bob Makowski, Sophie Baj, Peter Stelmach, Richard Czosek, Sigmund Mincel, Florence Szyndel, Dolores Bald. Walter Domino and all the sick of our parish. If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the rectory office. **IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS HOSPITALIZED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE.** 



As you know, life is a constant journey in one form or another; some journeys are great and others are smaller. The Jews traveled for forty years during the great Exodus with Moses. Just a few short weeks ago we again listened to the story of the Three Kings who followed the star to Bethlehem to find the King of Kings. We all journey through life from the womb to the tomb. In every case we are all looking to find God, and once we find Him we never travel back the same way. Your journey can also lead you sing in our church choir. Jesus and the Apostles sang at the end of the Last Supper. St. Paul encouraged the early Christians to sing hymns and St. Augustine said that singing well is praying twice. If you are considering taking the first step in joining our choir, we would like to meet you half way. For the first five weeks of Lent our choir will sing by the organ on the main church floor. Please give us a try for a week or two. You don't have to read music and there is no pressure to stay. You may find that your journey will lead you on a different path - a happier, peaceful, and more fulfilling road.

#### <u>February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 ~ First Sunday of Lent</u> A Family Perspective

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

#### First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2015

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Walter Szczesny ~ 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website ~ www.buffalovocations.org!

#### **Faith Reflection**

In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus' 40 days in the desert without food or water. Because Jesus was fully human, like us he had real needs, he endured temptation, and he suffered. And even though it wasn't always easy, he endured hardship for the purpose of giving life to others. Jesus endured his desert temptations and suffering by looking to the scriptures and praying. He understood that even in the midst of his particular temptations and suffering, he was not alone. We are not alone either. God is always with us to help us overcome our own temptations and struggles. But like Jesus, we need to look to the scriptures, pray and trust that God will be with us to see us through.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WLOF 101.7 FM, WBEN radio 930 AM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

#### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**ABSTINENCE:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th

birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday . This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**EASTER DUTY:** After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 22 (First Sunday in Lent) and May 31 (Trinity Sunday).

#### THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED:

**RECONCILIATION:** Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year (Canon 989).

**OTHER FRIDAYS OF THE YEAR:** Catholics should be reminded that all other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance, in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

**OBLIGATION:** The obligation which we have as members of the Church to do penance is a serious one. Furthermore, the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the church is a serious one.

While no one should hold himself or herself lightly excused, one should not become unduly scrupulous. Failure to observe individual days of penance is less serious than the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days.

**Lenten Homemade Pierogi and Placek Sale** starts the weekend of February 21-22 and runs weekends through Palm Sunday, March 29: Saturdays from 3-5pm and Sundays from 9:30am-Noon.

**Pancake Breakfast**–Sunday, February 22 after the 10:30 am Mass. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee, tea. Tickets at the door \$6.00.

