



# SOUTH EAST BUFFALO VICARIATE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

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Welcome to our second vicariate newsletter. I'm proud to inform you that our vicariate continues to move forward in bringing the Gospel of Jesus to our communities in our work and prayer. It is exciting that our Vicariate is sponsoring a Lenten Lecture Series in which four dynamic speakers will share their reflections on Reconciliation and Healing, along with ways to move from healing into what we appreciate about being Catholic. The lecture series is a great opportunity for us to grow, learn and pray together as a vicariate. Reconciliation will be available after each talk along with fellowship.

Many good things are happening in our vicariate and this newsletter is meant to connect us to the ways in which our parishes bring others to encounter Jesus Christ. Please support the efforts of our vicariate and please note the representatives of your parish that are on the lay vicariate council. If you ever have questions or ideas for our vicariate you should contact your representative.

May God Bless you, and may our journey through Lent into Easter bring us to a deeper appreciation of Jesus' sacrifice and love for us. Keep smiling. :-)

Very Rev. Bryan Zielenieski, Vicar Forane

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## LENTEN LECTURE SERIES (Confessions will be available after all talks.)

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

**Speaker:** Fr. Cole Webster

**Topic:** Reconciliation

**Location:** St. Andrew, 65 Crocker St., Sloan



**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

**Speaker:** Fr. Jack Mattimore

**Topic:** Reconciliation & Healing

**Location:** St. Teresa, Seneca Street, South Buffalo

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

**Speaker:** Dr. Rose Hershenov, Professor of Philosophy at Niagara

**Topic:** Moving Forward in healing; Why I love being Catholic

**Location:** St. Stanislaus, Townsend St., Buffalo



**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm**

**Speaker:** Rev. Mr. Chris Emminger, Transitional Deacon

**Topic:** Moving Forward in healing; Why I love being Catholic

**Location:** Our Lady of Czestochowa, Cheektowaga



CHURCH	CONFESSIONS	DAILY MASS	WEEKEND MASS	DEVOTIONS
<b>SOUTH BUFFALO / FIRST WARD CLUSTER</b>				
<b>Our Lady of Charity</b>	Sat., 3:15 - 3:45pm St. Ambrose site  Sun., 7:45 - 8:15am Holy Family site	Mon. & Fri., 8:00am Holy Family site  Tues. - Thurs., 8:00am St. Ambrose site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 4:00pm - St. Ambrose</li> <li>• Sunday 8:30am - Holy Family 10:00am - St. Ambrose 11:30am - Holy Family 7:00pm - St. Ambrose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Friday Exposition &amp; Benediction (Noon - 6:00pm)</li> <li>• Anointing of the Sick (last Fri. of month after morning Mass)</li> </ul>
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	Sat., 4:00pm	Mon. - 9:00am Tues. - 7:00pm Wed. & Fri. - 12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 4:30pm</li> <li>• Sunday 10:30am</li> </ul>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Tues. - 7:00pm, Wed. - 12:00pm)
<b>St. Martin of Tours</b>	Sat., 3:00pm	Mon. - Fri., 8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 4:00pm</li> <li>• Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am</li> </ul>	Perpetual Adoration Chapel Rosary before Daily Mass
<b>St. Teresa</b>	Sat., 4:00pm	Mon. - Fri., 9:30am Sat., 8:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 4:30pm</li> <li>• Sunday 8:45am, 11:00am</li> </ul>	Rosary after Daily Mass
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	Sat., 3:30pm	Mon., 8:15am <i>(Communion Service)</i>  Tues. - Fri., 8:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 4:00pm</li> <li>• Sunday 10:00am, 7:00pm</li> </ul>	Rosary before Daily Mass
<b>EAST SIDE CLUSTER</b>				
<b>St. Stanislaus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	Sat., 3:15pm	Mon. - Fri., 8:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 4:00pm</li> <li>• Sunday 8:30am, 12:00pm (Polish)</li> </ul>	St. John Paul II, Sacred Heart of Jesus, First Fridays
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Sat., 4:15 - 4:45pm	Mon. & Tues., 10:00am (Convent Chapel) Wed. - Sat., 11:30am (Convent Chapel) (Thurs. Polish in Convent Chapel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 5:00pm (Convent Chapel)</li> <li>• Sunday 9:30am (English) 11:00am (Polish)</li> </ul>	Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sun. before Mass in Eng., after Mass in Pol.); Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Wed. - Fri. (10:00 - 11:30am), First Thurs. (7:00 - 10:00pm); Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa (every Sat. after 11:30am)
<b>St. John Kanty</b>	Sat., 3:30pm Sun., 10:00am	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8:30am (Chapel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 4:00pm</li> <li>• Sunday 10:30am</li> </ul>	First Friday Mass and Benediction, 8:30am



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<b>KAISERTOWN CLUSTER</b>				
<b>St. Casimir</b>	First Fridays, 8:00am & 12:30pm	First Friday, 8:30am (Anointing Mass followed by Adoration until 1:00pm)	• Sunday 10:00am	12:45pm Sacred Heart Devotion and 1:00pm Rosary on First Fridays
<b>St. Bernard</b>	Sat., 5:00pm	Tues. & Thurs., 8:00am	• Saturday 5:30pm • Sunday 11:30am	
<b>Our Lady of Czestochowa</b>	Sat., 3:15pm Weekdays, 7:40am	Mon., Wed., Fri., 8:00am	• Saturday 4:00pm • Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am (Pol.)	Daily Rosary: 7:35am, Quarterly evenings of reflection
<b>CHEEKTOWAGA / SLOAN CLUSTER</b>				
<b>St. John Gualbert</b>	Sat., 3:30pm First Fridays, 8:30am	Mon. - Fri., 8:00am & 9:00am Sat., 8:00am	• Saturday 4:00pm • Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am (Pol.), 12:00pm	
<b>St. Andrew</b>	Sat., 3:30pm	Mon. - Fri., 8:00am	• Saturday 4:00pm • Sunday 8:00am, 11:00am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed. (8:30am); Rosary after 8:00am weekday Mass, Sacred Heart Devotion and Adora- tion, First Friday (8:30 - 9:30am)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR VICARIATE

### PENANCE SERVICES FOR LENT

- **March 9:** Our Lady of Charity at Holy Family, 6:30pm
- **March 30:** St. Thomas Aquinas, 2:00 – 4:00pm
- **March 30:** St. Martin of Tours, 7:00pm
- **March 31:** St. Bernard, 6:00pm
- **April 1:** Our Lady of Czestochowa, 7:00pm
- **April 6:** St. Andrew, 7:00pm

### OTHER EVENTS

- **St. Teresa:** St. Joseph's Table, March 5
- **St. Martin:** 'Soup, Song, Story and Stations', March 6 & March 20, 6:00pm
- **Our Lady of Charity at St. Ambrose:** Pot O'Gold fundraiser, Sat. March 7, doors open at 6:00pm (call 822-5962 for tickets to win \$15,450 in cash giveaways)
- **St. Stanislaus:** Polish Retreat led by Fr. Jan Carrol, March 27 – 29
- **Our Lady of Czestochowa:** Fish Fry, April 3
- **St. Thomas Aquinas:** 'Soup, Song, Story, and Stations', April 3, 6:00pm
- **St. Martin:** Songs & Prayers at the Foot of the Cross, April 10, 7:00pm
- **St. Martin:** Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour & Chaplet, 3:00pm
- **St. Teresa:** Spring gift card raffle, June 5
- **Our Lady of Czestochowa:** Miss Buffalo Polka Cruise, June 14



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Our Lay Vicariate Representatives

Maureen Wilson, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Cheektowaga  
Dave and Candy Carroll, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Cheektowaga  
Charlotte Zak, St. Andrew, Sloan  
Fran Szczesniak, St. Andrew, Sloan  
Bonnie Szalda, St. Teresa, Buffalo  
Cheryl McNerney, St. Teresa, Buffalo  
Martin and Mary Kennedy, St. Martin of Tours, Buffalo  
David McElroy, St. Casimir, Buffalo  
Molly Sheehan, Our Lady of Charity, Buffalo  
Carl Nowakowski, St. Stanislaus, Buffalo  
Beverly Sikora, Corpus Christi, Buffalo

**NEXT LAY VICARIATE MEETING DATE:** Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00am  
at Our Lady of Charity Parish in the conference room



### A PRAYER FOR LENT

Loving Father, I invite you into my life today  
and make myself available to you.

Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself  
by seeking your will and becoming a living example  
of your love in the world.

Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change  
in order for me to carry out the mission  
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging.

Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.

Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning.

Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged,  
and clarity in times of decision.

Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church  
to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times.

Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR SELECTING A NEW BISHOP

Merciful Father,

you gave us shepherds as successors of the apostles to guide and  
govern your church. We implore your Holy Spirit to guide the selection  
process as a new bishop is chosen to lead our diocese.

May he be a pastor filled with holiness and compassion  
who will foster healing and a greater love of your name.

Allow our hearts to be open to the candidate of your choosing  
so that, together as disciples of Jesus, we may continue to build your kingdom.

Amen.