



**Sunday Masses**

Sunday: 9:30 am (said in English)

**Weekday Masses**

Masses are in our Chapel  
Monday thru Friday 8:45 am

**Confession/Reconciliation**

Before Holy Mass on Sunday - 9:10 am  
or by appointment

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Prayed in English & Polish after  
9:30 am Mass on Sunday

**Sacrament of Anointing**

In case of emergency,  
Please call the office.

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday thru Thursday  
From 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

**Letters of Recommendation**

Only registered and participating parishioners will  
be issued a Letter of Recommendation.

**Welcome**

We extend to our visitors a very special welcome. We  
trust that the liturgy will be a blessing to you and that  
you will visit us again. If you are interested in joining  
Corpus Christi Parish, you can visit our office between  
9:30 am and 1:30 pm Monday thru Thursday or by  
calling us at 716-896-1050 to register.

**Attendance/Collection for Sunday**

February 26, 2023

Attendance: 62  
Envelope Collection \$935  
Checks without Envelopes \$85  
Loose Cash Donations \$400  
Collection for the Church in  
Central and Eastern Europe \$50  
Fuel \$250  
Maintenance \$55  
Activity Account \$2000

**THE 12 STEPS TO HOLINESS  
AND SALVATION**

From the Works of St. Alphonsus Liguori

“A great servant of God, Vincent Carafa, S.J., says  
*that the Lord has given us the joys and pleasures of  
this world not only that we may enjoy them, but also  
that we might have an opportunity of making a  
sacrifice, by depriving ourselves of them for love of  
Him.*” (page 142)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023** Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 am + Rita Sikorski  
Requested by Mary & Beverly Sikora

**Monday, March 6, 2023**

8:45 am Andrew Gill  
Requested by Haseltine Family

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023** Saints Perpetua &  
Felicity, Martyrs

8:45 am + Stephan & Gisela Eller  
Requested by Martin & Lucy Ederer

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023** Saint John of God,  
Religious

8:45 am Matthew Gill  
Requested by Haseltine Family

**Thursday, March 9, 2023** Saint Frances of Rome,  
Religious

8:45 am + Alina Wigorski & Celia Oleniewski  
Requested by Mazyglod Family

**Friday, March 10, 2023** – *Day of Abstinence*

8:45 am + Eugenia Wanjiru Mwose  
Requested by Dr. Steven & Janelle Horn  
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English in Church

**Sunday, March 12, 2023** Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am + Brad Hummel  
+ Mike Rovillio  
+ John Wora  
+ Margaret Walier  
Requested by Matt Klinczar

**\* Please read the attached letter from Bishop  
Fisher**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church Burns**

Kurdziel and Bergen Families

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel Burns**



**Prayer Requests**

Andy Nowak  
Lucy Werenski  
Richard Werenski  
Stephen Werenski  
Millie Zimmerman  
Joan Wisniewski  
Maryann Szczecinski  
All the victims of Syria & Turkey Earthquake  
All the victims of Abortion  
Brother Tomasz Fabiszewski OSPPE

**Diocese of Buffalo  
Office of the Bishop**

**Saint John Kanty Pierogi/Placek  
and Basket Raffle**

The following is from a letter from the Bishop dated April 25, 2022:

“Enclosed please find the schedule of Diocesan Collections for the year 2023. Please note that these collections are not optional and must be observed within your parish.”

“Each of the collections on this list is very important to the life of the Church in our country and throughout the world.”

“Our generous contributions to these collections are a way for us actively to participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy that Our Lord taught us by His own words and actions. I appreciate your cooperation with this responsibility.

*January 29 – Catholic Relief Services*

*February 19 – Church in Central & Easter Europe*

*March 5- Black and Native Missions*

*April 7 – Holy Land (Good Friday)*

*April 30 – Catholic Home Mission Appeal*

*Sunday in May – Church in Latin America & Africa*

*June 11 – Catholic Communication Campaign*

*Mid-June to Mid-July – Mission Cooperation Plan*

*Sunday in July – Peter’s Pence*

*August 6 – Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Fund*

*August 20 – Catholic University*

*Sunday in September – Seminarian & Diaconate Formation*

*October 8 – Respect Life Sunday for Moms & Babies*

*October 22 – World Mission Sunday*

*November 19 – Catholic Campaign for Human Development*

*December 10 – Religious Retirement Appeal*

**Am-Pol Eagle Polish Cultural  
Enhancement Series**

Pisanki Class. Learn the art of designing Polish Easter eggs using a Kistka (stylus) and bee’s wax. Four (4) sessions to choose from on Saturday, March 11 and Saturday, March 18. Cost is \$25 a session and seating is limited so call early for registration.

Butter Lamb Class is on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9 am – 11 am. Cost is \$15. Also, learn what to put in your Swieconka basket and why.

For registration or more information call Michelle Kisluk at 716-983-5084. Sessions can be added for groups and home parties are also available. Am-Pol Eagle/Buffalo Standard Printing Office, 3620 Harlem Road, Suite 4.

**JESUS and the Jewish Roots-----▶  
of the EUCHARIST  
by Brant Pitre**

If you would like a *free copy* of the Book to read for Lent, please take one of the books placed in the Narthex of the Church or visit the Rectory this coming week.

Join St. John Kanty and enjoy their Pierogi and Placek sale which takes place each Sunday from 9:30-12:30 from now until Palm Sunday. Enter the Rectory using the parking lot door and purchase Basket Raffle tickets, St. Adalbert’s homemade Easter candy (including chocolate Last Supper), and tickets for a 50-50 Split the Pot Raffle. The winner for the 50-50 will be drawn live on St. Adalbert’s Facebook on Friday, March 17, 2023

**St. Patrick’s Day Commutation**

“Recognizing the spiritual and the cultural significance of Saint Patrick’s Day I hereby grant a commutation of the discipline of abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023.

A commutation of this discipline means that those Catholics who choose to eat meat on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> are **obliged** to choose another day **before** Friday, March 24, 2023 to abstain from eating meat.”

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher  
Bishop of Buffalo

**WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

**New Translation**

God, the Father of mercies,  
Through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and **poured out the Holy Spirit** for the forgiveness  
of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church may God  
**grant** you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, + and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. (by April 16, 2023)

**Previous Translation**

God, the Father of mercies,  
Through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and **sent the Holy Spirit among us** for the  
forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church may God  
**give** you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, + and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.





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February 28, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In recent days, you may have read news accounts of the ongoing process of the Diocese's Chapter 11 reorganization. Although the Diocese cooperated with the reporters and provided details relative to what has been asserted in several *Buffalo News* stories, very little of the information or perspective we provided was included. I wish to share with you some additional detail and context, knowing that this latest focus has likely given rise to questions and concerns about the Diocese's full commitment to resolving the many Child Victim Act claims in a fair, equitable and timely manner.

Contrary to the reporting, the Diocese is not engaged in delay tactics in order to "drag out" the process in the hope of somehow wearing down the victim-survivors and forcing them to accept an unfairly low settlement. The primary reason that the Diocese entered Chapter 11 reorganization just over three years ago was to ensure that the Diocese's limited financial resources could be put toward a settlement for all survivors of abuse. At that time, there were already hundreds of lawsuits pending against the Diocese. We now know that nearly 900 survivors have come forward to assert claims against the Diocese. The rules of Chapter 11 help to ensure that all survivors will be treated fairly. If the Diocese had not pursued reorganization in bankruptcy, there was every likelihood that judgments in favor of early litigants would have completely depleted the Diocese's limited resources, leaving the Diocese without the ability to provide financial restitution to the vast majority of other survivors.

Unfortunately, the Diocese's entry into chapter 11 coincided with the beginnings of Covid-19 lockdowns, which unavoidably delayed progress early in the case. For some time now however, we have been actively engaged in good faith negotiations with both the Creditors' Committee representing survivors' interests, as well as the Diocese's insurance carriers, in an attempt to assemble a settlement fund that will provide as much justice to survivors as possible, while also ensuring that the Diocese can continue to carry out its mission. The Diocese recognizes that no amount of money can undo the harm survivors have suffered. Moreover, it is unlikely that the Diocese could ever gather sufficient assets (even with the benefit of insurance contributions) to fully satisfy survivors' expectations and demands. Nevertheless, the Diocese remains optimistic that it will ultimately be able to bring the Creditors' Committee and its insurers together to agree upon a settlement that provides fair compensation for all survivors, and is doing everything in its power to achieve that result as quickly as possible.

I also feel it necessary to refute the assertion that the Diocese is improperly withholding abuse-related documents and other information. The Diocese has produced voluminous records to the Creditors' Committee and other appropriate parties in its Chapter 11 case, as well as to the New



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York Attorney General. We are aware of no outstanding requests from any of those parties for additional records relating to acknowledged perpetrators or the Diocese's handling of reports of abuse. Due to the sensitive nature of these records however, including the need to protect the identities of survivors, it would not be appropriate to make them available to the general public. That said, no individual within the employment of this Diocese who has been credibly accused of abuse will ever be shielded.

Since arriving as bishop of this Diocese in January, 2021, I have made clear that my highest priority is to work toward the healing of victim-survivors of abuse. At the same time, I realize that there is little I can say to ease the pain caused by the unconscionable crimes they suffered or explain how these heinous acts were allowed to happen. Ultimately, it is in what we do - far more than what we say - that will demonstrate to survivors and all of our communities that the failures of the past cannot be repeated. It is why we have put in place [rigorous policies and protocols](#) not only to ensure that young people and other vulnerable individuals are safe, but to allow us to measure and to account for the effectiveness of our approach to legal authorities and to the community at large. As I have stated repeatedly, there is zero tolerance for any act of abuse by a bishop, priest, deacon, diocesan employee or volunteer within the Diocese of Buffalo. Moreover, we require all who minister and work in the Diocese to conduct themselves and their interactions at all times in a professional manner and in keeping with the requirements of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am deeply grateful to all who continue to remain faithful throughout our parishes and who daily fulfill the many vital ministries that provide essential care for those in need, education for our youth, comfort to the afflicted and support for our elderly, hope for those who need it most. I recognize that this painful saga that threatens to obscure the good and holy work that the Church accomplishes each and every day on behalf of so many has tested your patience and perseverance. I plead with you to abide with us as we work toward bringing about true and lasting renewal of this Diocese and, most especially, some sense of reconciliation and healing for those who have suffered so greatly at the hands of individuals who betrayed their trust and violated their oath to God.

Let us not be afraid, nor lose hope in the One who offers us the only chance for forgiveness, healing and the possibility to make all things new.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher  
Bishop of Buffalo