

## **Parish Bulletin Statement & Pulpit Announcement**

### **Rapid pre-pack (from the Diocese of Buffalo)**

*NOTE: To be used for the weekend of May 30 & 31, 2026*

Dear Parish Family:

As you know, the Diocese of Buffalo bankruptcy proceedings have been pending for more than six years. In furtherance of the efforts of all Parishes within the Diocese to achieve a fair and just resolution of abuse claims, and in an effort to bring the bankruptcy proceedings of the Diocese of Buffalo to a successful conclusion, a revised Chapter 11 plan that soon will be filed by the Diocese provides that all parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo will file “*rapid prepackaged bankruptcy*” cases immediately before a hearing on confirmation of the plan. This will happen if and only if sufficient votes are received for approval of the plan. This approach has the support of pastors and the Diocese.

The parish bankruptcy cases will not be commenced until later this year and will come at the very last minute before the “confirmation” hearing on approval of the Diocese’s plan. It is anticipated that parishes will emerge from bankruptcy within 48 hours. This approach has been discussed among all pastors and is the approach that was followed by parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as well as in the Archdiocese of New Orleans which resulted in the successful resolution and emergence from their respective Chapter 11 cases.

We will provide further updates as this process advances and are heartened at the possibility of at last providing victim-survivors the possibility of closure and healing. With the prospect of finally achieving this goal, we look to the future with renewed commitment and focus on our mission and work in service to the Catholic faithful throughout Western New York and our broader community.

## **Statement to Corpus Christi Parishioners Regarding “*Rapid Pre-Packed Bankruptcy*”**

To Our Beloved and Faithful Corpus Christi Parishioners:

Our Finance Team (Myself, the Trustees, the Finance Council, and the Parish Council Chairman) felt it was necessary to supplement the information you received today in the Diocese Bulletin Statement. We want to give you some insight into our decision process in an effort to be as transparent as possible about this important issue. As we try to give you as much information as possible, we are also bound by Confidentiality Agreements and Attorney Client Privilege Protocol in our communications.

Unfortunately this limits what we can pass on to you at this time. It is certainly unfair to have such an extremely important and complex decision dropped on you with little to no notice and only a brief explanation. The deadlines that drove this process were out of our control and were set by the Courts and the Diocese.

I want to assure you this decision was not taken lightly. The team worked very hard over the last 1 ½ weeks attending meetings with the Diocese, our Attorney, and internally that we were not allowed to share. The bottom line is that we have decided join all the other parishes to independently file Chapter 11 Bankruptcy later this year as part of the “*Rapid Pre-Packed Bankruptcy*” process proposed by the Diocese.

This process has been successful in Rockville Center Diocese, NY and New Orleans, LA.

The compressed timeframe we were given to work in was very difficult, but we gave it our best due diligence. In the end we had to rely heavily on the advice of our legal counsel (Probably the most experienced and successful lawyers with this process in the country).

Our consensus was that the Benefits outweighed the Risks and it is in our best interests to pursue this action.

I want to thank our Parish Financial Team for their hard work, advice, and counsel. They asked hard questions, got solid answers, did research, engaged in meaningful dialogue, and in the end came to an unanimous recommendation. We believe this is the best way to get this unfortunate situation behind us, get victims compensated, and move forward.

We will keep you updated as the process progresses.

Thank You and God Bless You for your continued support.

Yours Truly in Christ,  
Fr. Mariusz

**Sunday, May 31**

**Blessed Trinity Sunday**

**9:15 am Good Health and God's blessings upon Donna Oleszek on her Birthday**

**Monday, June 1**

*OBL; St. Justin, Martyr*

**8:45 am PRO POPULO**

**Tuesday, June 2**

**8:45 am + Christine & Ray Cooley**

By Lucy & Martin Ederer

**Wednesday, June 3**

*OBL; St. Charles Lwanga & Companions*

**8:45 am + Tommie Fisher**

By Lucy & Martin Ederer

**Thursday, June 4**

**8:45 am Stanley & Mary Ann Górski**

By Family

**6:00 - 8:30pm**

*Adoration of Jesus in the Most Sacred Sacrament in our Church*

**Friday, June 5**

*OBL; St. Boniface Bp & Martyr*

*First Friday of the Month*

**8:45 am Joseph & Bridget Anger and Family**

By Mary & Brian Haseltine

**Saturday, June 6**

*OPT; St. Norbert, Bp*

*First Saturday of the Month*

**8:45 am + Larry Wróblewski**

By Family

*Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows the Mass till 11:00 am in the Chapel*

**Sunday, June 7**

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

*Lumen Christi, pg. 696.*

**9:15 am + Gerald Foltyniak**

By Lisa Foltyniak

**2:00 pm In Thanksgiving for our priests, Father Mariusz and Father Marek**

*O Trinity, eternal Trinity! Fire, abyss of love...*

*You gave us not only your Word through Redemption and in the Eucharist, but you also gave yourself in the fullness of love for your creature.*

**St. Catherine of Siena**

**Adoration of the Most Bl. Sacrament**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of the Month Adoration

from 6-8:30 pm in our church.

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday**; adoration follows the Holy Mass in our chapel till 11:00 am.

**Octave of Corpus Christi**

The celebration of the Octave of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ will take place throughout our East Buffalo Family of Parishes from June 4 to 11.

**Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Diocese of Buffalo will join Catholics across the nation in a historic celebration of faith and devotion with a special Consecration Mass on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, June 12, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral. The Mass coincides with the national call by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in anticipation of the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. All are welcome to attend this special liturgy celebrating faith, unity, and the enduring spiritual foundations of the nation.

As the United States commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Catholic bishops of the United States are highlighting the contributions of Catholics to American life and the enduring impact of the Catholic faith on the history and future of the nation.

The faithful are also invited to participate in two nationwide initiatives:

“250 Hours of Adoration,” encouraging Eucharistic adoration and prayer for the nation; and

“250 Works of Mercy,” inviting Catholics to serve others as a visible sign of hope and charity for the future of the country.

**Income vs Expenses**

March \$11,933.27 vs \$19,606.83

April \$51,385.00 vs \$23,935.12

May \$7,950.00 vs \$25,194.81

*excluded fuel fund,*

*buffalo water, national grid, national fuel*

**June 8<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary  
of Mariusz Dymek, OSPPE**

*If I were to meet a priest and an angel,  
I should salute the priest before I saluted the angel.  
The latter is the friend of God;  
but the priest holds His place.*

*St. Teresa kissed the ground where a priest had  
passed. When you see a priest, you should say,  
“There is he who made me a child of God,  
and opened Heaven to me by holy Baptism;  
he who purified me after I had sinned;  
who gives nourishment to my soul.”*

*At the sight of a church tower, you may say,  
“What is there in that place?”*

*“The Body of Our Lord.”*

*“Why is He there?”*

*“Because a priest has been there,  
and has said holy Mass.”*

**St. John Vianney**

Dear Father Mariusz, God has given you a divine mission to represent Christ on earth and administer His sacraments. Because you put God first in your life, (and then His Blessed Mother),

We, your parishioners, want to sincerely thank you letting Christ shine through your life and for being the dedicated priest that you are.

We are blessed to have you as our pastor.

**Saint Bernard** tells us that everything has come to us through Mary; and we may also say that everything has come to us through the priest;  
*yes, all happiness, all graces, all heavenly gifts.*

*If we had not the Sacrament of Orders,  
we should not have Our Lord.*

*Who places Him there, in that tabernacle?*

*It was the priest.*

*Who was it that received your soul,  
on its entrance into life?*

*The priest.*

*Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its  
pilgrimage?*

*The priest.*

*Who will prepare it to appear before God, by  
washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of  
Jesus Christ?*

*The priest – always the priest.*

*And if that soul comes to the point of death, who  
will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and  
peace?*

*Again the priest.*

*You cannot recall one single blessing from God  
without finding, side by side with this recollection,  
the image of the priest.*

Father Mariusz, on the Anniversary of your Ordination, we want to thank you sincerely for letting Christ shine through your life and for all that you do for us, your parishioners, including the small things that no one sees but God!

May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and your Mother too, hold you close to her heart and shower graces upon you and your Priesthood.

**Parish Council Update**

Dear Parishioners & Friends of Corpus Christi,

Topping our discussion at the May Parish Council meeting were the upcoming Corpus Christi Procession (Sunday June 7th) and (new this year) the celebration of the Octave of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, the latter which will take place throughout our East Buffalo Family of Parishes from June 4th – 11th.

Fr. Mark's Bible class on June 3rd promises to serve as an excellent lead in for this! Please see the family bulletin and Facebook for all details! Then on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> (5:15 PM), as part of a nationwide effort by the USCCB to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our Country, there will be Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral consecrating the United States Of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. First Saturday is June 6th! Mass is at 8:45 AM in the Chapel followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 11:00 AM. The Rosary will be prayed, confession available, with time for private prayer as well. A truly beautiful way to spend a morning; you are invited to stop in for any length of time. It's also a great opportunity to participate in the Five First Saturday's devotion to the Blessed Mother!

Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Mariusz (6/8)  
and Fr. Marek (5/23) on the anniversaries of their  
Priestly Ordinations!  
And thank you all for your continued  
support of Corpus Christi Parish!

*Sincerely, Liz Reiser, Parish Council Chair*