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Rectory Office Hours

Monday: 11a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5 p.m.,
(Closed Wednesday, Saturdays & Sundays).

Parish Holy Masses and Adoration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil – 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday – 8:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – Spanish
 Weekdays – 7:00 a.m.
 Holy Days – As announced in bulletin.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesdays: 7:30 a.m. -12 noon. &
 First Fridays: 7:30 a.m. –12 noon.

Our Offering to God

Stewardship: The collection for the weekend was \$2,748.62. .Month of November on-line \$821.00.Thank you for supporting the work of your parish.

A Face Mask covering your nose and Mouth is required



Isaiah 40:2 Her service is at an end; her guilt is expiated

Readings for the Week of Dec 6th 2020

Sun Is 40:1-5,9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8
 Mon Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
 Tue Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,6-11-12 /Lk 1:26-38
 Wed Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
 Thru Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
 Fri Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
 Sat Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38
 Sun Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Baptism Preparation Program

Both parents are asked to attend the baptismal preparation class prior to the celebration of the sacrament. The ideal time to attend is during the pregnancy. Please call for an appointment.

Children Baptism - Celebrated First Sunday of every month at 12:00 p. m. after 11 a.m. Mass.

Marriages

Wedding arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the desired date. Call Rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls

Any time, day or night. Call the Rectory as soon as possible.

Young Adults

Upon reaching their 19th birthday should assume their own identity by registering with the parish.

Letter Of Recommendations

A prospective godparent or sponsor needs some evidence that he/she is an active, contributing member of the parish and leads a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith. We can only give such testimony to those who are actually parish members.

End of Year Donations /Remebering Us In Your Will

If you wish to make an end-of-year donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please keep in mind that we must receive it by December 31th so that you can claim it as a charitable donation on your 2020 income tax return. **You may also want to remember your parish and cemetery in your will.** By so doing the Church's prayer will be of benefit to your soul. For legal purposes, our title is "**St Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church Society of Dunkirk, New York.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Every Saturday at 4 p.m.; Thursday before First Friday 4 p.m. ; en Española, Domingo's a las 2 p.m.

REGISTRATION & WELCOMING OF NEW PARISHIONERS
 Please call the Rectory for an appointment

Religious Retirement Collection Next Week

Next week's Second Collection will benefit thousands of senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests who spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies – often for little or no pay. Now their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's second collection helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Almost 94% of donations aid senior religious. Please be generous.

Schedule for Christmas/New Year's Day



Call for Reservations for Masses

Dec 24th Eve (Thursday)

- 4 p.m. Mass
- 9:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day:

Dec. 25th Day (Friday)

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 2:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Dec. 31 (Thursday) – New Year's Eve Day

- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Jan 1st (Friday) Nativity of The Lord Feast of the Mother of God

- 7 :00 a.m. Mass



Penance Service

In preparation for Christmas we have added extra confession times. Monday Dec 21st, Tuesday Dec 22nd, & Wednesday Dec 23rd, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Advent Crèche

The annual advent crèche will soon be placed in the sanctuary for those who want to make a thoughtful gift to a neighbor.

- **Week 2**, Parish Christmas Basket Project Hats, Scarves, mittens, gloves ,Mittens, winter gear Christmas Basket Project
- **Week 3**, Socks, (Men's , women, children) Toiletries (deodorant, bath soap, shampoo body wash)) etc. for Rural Ministry
- **Week 4**, Circle of Love, cash donations, Material (1yd pieces) yarn laprobes



Christmas Flower Donations



Please have your Christmas Flower donations in by Monday December 21st in order to have them published in the following weekend's bulletin. Thank You.

Mass Schedule

Vigil) Saturday, December 5th, 2020-Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m. Joseph Jasinski by the Family

Sunday, December 6th, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Paul Renckens by wife Nancy Renckens
11:00 a.m. Edmund P. Van Den Vouver by Gerald Haase
2:30 p.m. – Spanish -Parishioners of SEAS

Monday December 7th 2020 –St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Arlene Griswold by David & Jean Crane
7:00 p.m. Frank, Carrie & Frank Jr. Gawronski by Family



Tuesday December 8th, 2020 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother

7:00 a.m. Barbara A Ortolano by the Larienvy Family
12 p.m. noon- Frank Gawronski Sr. By Childrens
1:40 p.m. NCCS- Parishioners of SEAS
7:00 p.m. Charlotte Murphy by estate

Wednesday, December 9th, 2020- Advent Weekday- St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

7:00 a.m. Carmelo Torres by Leo & Sandy Bain

Thursday December 10th, 2020- Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Helen Bain by Leo & Sandy Bain

Friday, December 11th, 2020- Advent Weekday- St. Damasus I, Pope

7:00 a.m. Alvina Mohan by Leo & Sandy Bain

Saturday, December 12th, 2020- USA-Our Lady of Guadalupe

7 00 a.m. Barbara Ortolano by Leo & Sandy Bain

(Vigil) Saturday, December 12th, 2020- USA-Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 p.m. Ed Van Devourer by Nancy Renckens

Sunday, December 13th, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Nancy Eberz by Gileen French
11:00 a.m. Gerald Haase by Frederick Mackowiak
2:30 p.m. - Spanish -Parishioners of SEAS



Vocations

"Prepare the way of the Lord!" God has called some men and women to show His children how to do this through their leadership as priests and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535. Or visit buffalovocations.org.

Second Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 5

Reading 1**IS 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm**PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14**

R. (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**



John Banach, Guy Brooks, Janet Bonasera, Nicholas Botticello, Sue Dietzen, Vincent Filutze, Joe & Jose, Michele Gambarelli, Keith & Kevin Jones, Rev John Mack, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Jack Pencek, Joel Rivera, Lenny Schrantz and Jack Van Dervort. Call with a new name or email: to st.elizannseton@netsync.net Listings are normally for Three weeks only.

Reading 2**2 PT 3:8-14**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. Alleluia

LK 3:4, 6**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

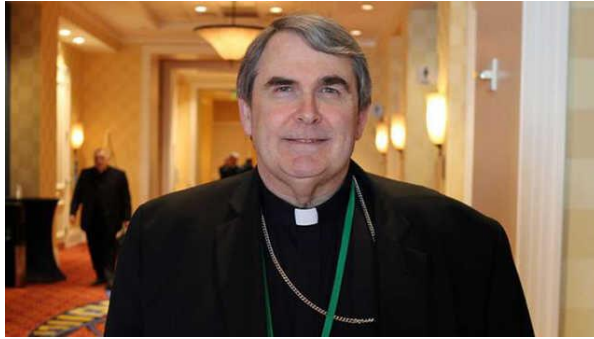
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel****MK 1:1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**Memorials****Barbara Bernstein by Kathleen Andrews**

The Editorial Board: Fisher will take reins as Buffalo's bishop, steering diocese through troubled times



There is no puff of white smoke to announce the appointment of a new Catholic bishop, but the Vatican's naming of Michael W. Fisher as the 15th bishop of the Buffalo Diocese on Tuesday nonetheless represents a momentous day for the area's 600,000 Catholics.

A sense of hopefulness and new possibility always accompanies a change in leadership, whether it's a church official, a politician, a CEO or a sports coach. Fisher will be installed on Jan. 15 with a clean slate as he tackles the challenge of leading the Buffalo Diocese through troubled times.

The coronavirus pandemic struck another blow to the diocese and its finances, already reeling from the priest sex abuse scandal that led to monetary settlements with victims and to the diocese filing for bankruptcy. Covid-19 restrictions and safety concerns caused a sharp drop in church attendance this year, with a corresponding decline in cash donations from parishioners.

After Bishop Richard J. Malone took early retirement in December 2019, Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger took over as apostolic administrator. Scharfenberger has worked to erase any sense of moral bankruptcy in the chancery, which under previous bishops kept quiet about priests who were credibly accused of abusing children, transferring some from assignment to assignment while keeping them in ministry.

New York's attorney general, Letitia James, in November filed a civil suit against the diocese, Malone and former Auxiliary Bishop Edward M. Grosz in connection with the abuse scandals.

Fisher, who grew up in Maryland, is a former Eagle Scout who started delivering the Baltimore Sun as an 8-year-old paper boy (we'll give him extra credit for that).

He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from the University of Maryland, a background that should serve him well as he walks into the thicket of financial and legal pressures engulfing the diocese.

Most of all, the 62-year-old bishop – who was 32 when first ordained as a priest – will need to help the diocese earn back the trust of churchgoers. Fisher said on Tuesday he will reach out to the victims of clergy abuse.

"I hope to walk with them in seeking healing and listen and, in some way, soothe the wounds that have been inflicted," he said.

"I want to be a part of the healing process there, to show that we can be trusted."

During Fisher's two years as auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, he has also been outspoken about the need to heal racial divisions in American society, which he has said will require going beyond prayer and dialogue to taking action. It's a cause he mentioned again on Tuesday.

Racism "is a sin," Fisher said. "It is a sin against the dignity of every human being."

It's refreshing to hear a church leader mention social justice in a time when doing so can bring unthinking accusations of radicalism. Fisher's background suggests he is committed to serving the faithful as a pastor and training younger members of the clergy.

The Movement to Restore Trust, the lay organization formed to help reconnect the diocese with area Catholics, praised Fisher's appointment. "We are greatly encouraged that Bishop Fisher considers himself first and foremost a pastor," the organization said in a news release.

Now is the bishop's honeymoon period. The hard work will begin on Jan. 15.

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