



Lenten Retreat
“The Gift of Human Life”
with Fr. Mark P. Kaminski

Saturday, February 27th

Vigil Mass with Talk – 4:00pm at ICC
Vigil Mass with Talk – 5:30pm at Holy Spirit Church

Sunday, February 28th

Mass with Talk – 8:00am at ICC
Mass with Talk – 9:30am at Holy Spirit Church
Mass with Talk – 11:00am at ICC

Monday, March 1st

Mass with Talk – 6:30pm at ICC

Tuesday, March 2nd

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 5:30pm at Holy Spirit Church
Mass with Talk – 6:30pm at Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday, March 3rd

Lenten evening of prayer, song and reflection with Fr. Bill Quinlivan, – 7:00pm at ICC

Ordained in 2001, Fr. Mark has worked in the Diocese of Syracuse in a variety of roles: Director of Formation for Ministry, Director of Continuing Education for the Clergy, and instructor in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program. Currently he is Pastor of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church and Administrator of St. Mark's Church, both in Utica. He is also Regional Vicar for the Eastern Region.

Title of the retreat:

The Gift of Human Life.

Synopsis of the retreat:

As we enter into the celebration of the Holy Time of Lent, let's take a look at the wisdom of the Catholic Church's moral tradition in its application to contemporary life. Recent advances in medical technologies have brought with them new means of curing diseases, allowing us to live longer and healthier lives. However, they can also be the source of heightened anxiety. Our Catholic faith offers both the long tradition of reflection and Church teaching to guide us through these multifaceted issues. We will explain and discuss the moral principles of Catholic teaching with regard to end-of-life decision-making.

THEME: GOD HAS MADE A COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE. LET US RENEW OUR COVENANT WITH HIM.

Our readings revolve around the covenant God established with all of humanity, all of us. It began with just the few people taking refuge on the ark, but after the flood Noah and his family *were* all of humanity. The First Letter of Peter identifies baptism as a sign of that covenant, saving us as the ark had saved Noah. Jesus, God's new covenant with humanity, calls us to repentance and faith. May we heed that call and renew our covenant with God by living out the gospel.

Genesis 9:8-15	God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.
Psalms 25	"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."
1 Peter 3:18-22	The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.
Mark 1:12-15	Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

February 20, 2021

- 4:00 PM The Zakulski family, req. family
- 5:30 PM Noel Leigh, req. wife Pauline at Holy Spirit

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

- 8:00 AM Fr. Dawid's intentions, req. Altar & Rosary Society
- 9:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions, req. parishioners at Holy Spirit
- 11:00 AM Deacon John Wlos, req. Ron Smith

Monday, February 22, 2021 — Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 8:30 AM Kevin Devine, req. cousin Amy

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 — St. Polycarp, Bishop

- 8:30 AM Communion Service at ICC
- 8:30 AM All Souls intentions, req. parishioners at HS

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 — Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions, req. parishioners

Thursday, February 25, 2021 — Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 AM Communion Service at ICC
- 8:30 AM Thomas Hennessy, req. the Oorange family at Holy Spirit

Friday, February 26, 2021 — Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 AM Tony Chiarelli, req. Catherine Hill

Saturday, February 27, 2021 — Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 AM Communion Service at ICC

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 PM Jerome Schmitz, req. Barb & Ken Winter
- 5:30 PM Jane & David McMahan, req. daughter Pauline at Holy Spirit

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

- 8:00 AM Intentions of Marian Borowiak, req. Pat & Dick Casseri
- 9:30 AM Jeff Fazzolari, req. Charles & Corinne Leone at Holy Spirit
- 11:00 AM Marilyn Kogut, req. Sue & Jerry Kopryanski

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection is for Black & Native Missions.

LET US PRAY

We pray for the sick recommended to us, please notify the office when to remove their name: Madilyn Bocchine, Joan Moulthrop, Felice Krycia, Teri Hoeckh, Robert Zielinski, Isabella Phelan, Adrianna Eastman, Sebastian Mecca, Audrey D'Angelo, Tony Andolina, Betty Davies, John Maloney. Thank you for your prayers!

THIS WEEK AT ICC & HOLY SPIRIT

Monday, February 22, 2021

- 9:00 AM—3:00 PM ICC Office & Chapel open
- 9:00 AM—noon Eucharistic Adoration (ICC)

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

- 9:00 AM—3:00 PM ICC Office & Chapel open

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

- 9:00 AM—3:00 PM ICC Office & Chapel open

Thursday, February 25, 2021

- 9:00 AM—3:00 PM ICC Office & Chapel open

Friday, February 26, 2021

- 9:00 AM—3:00 PM ICC Office & Chapel open
- 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Holy Spirit)
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (ICC)

Saturday, February 27, 2021—March 2, 2021

- 4:00 PM Lenten Retreat (ICC)
- 5:30 PM Lenten Retreat (Holy Spirit)

REMEMBRANCE CANDLE

The Vigil Candle or Eternal Candle that is always burning by the Blessed Sacrament can be offered for different intentions with the suggested offering of \$10.00. This candle will burn for 7 days and every Saturday will be replaced. Please pray for the intentions of the donors.

For February 20th at **ICC Church** the candle is for Fran Bowers, req. wife Marilyn and in the Chapel the candle is for Matt Funnell's intentions req. Uncle Jerry & Aunt Sue. For February 20th at **Holy Spirit Church** the candle is for the good fruits of the Season of Lent for all parishioners.

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May God reward you a hundred-fold every act of generosity to our parish. We are grateful to each of you for every donation. May our appreciation for the treasure that are Immaculate Conception and Holy Spirit parishes be expressed in our unselfishness and self-sacrifice. Thank you to all our generous parishioners and friends for the support of our parish. **GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS LEFT!**

"PLEASE REMEMBER IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN YOUR WILL"

**THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
IN THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
AND IN OUR PARISHES**

In response to the call of our Holy Father Francis, in his APOSTOLIC LETTER "PATRIS CORDE" ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH honored this year, we will be holding a diocesan-wide consecration to St. Joseph

In a visit to Rome with Pope Pius IX in 1849, it was suggested to Bishop Timon that our Diocese have our patronage to St. Joseph. Later, St. Joseph Cathedral was dedicated on July 1, 1855.

Bishop Michael Fisher has recently stated: "As your new Bishop and Shepherd, I would like to encourage all of the faithful to join in unity with me in prayer with a consecration to St. Joseph in the Diocese of Buffalo. We will begin on Monday, February 15th and culminate on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19th at St. Joseph Cathedral, where I will preside at the 12:10 Mass."

All of the scheduled activities and information will be available on our diocesan website, including the daily prayers, which also can be downloaded for your convenience and use in various settings.

For more information, please visit the following website: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-joseph>
St. Joseph, pray for us!

A Novena to St. Joseph will be held at ICC for 9 days from March 10th to March 19th before both weekend and daily Masses and Communion services.

THINK ABOUT IT

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Thank you to everyone for making this possible! There is much more to come as pledges are paid. It is not too late to get involved by contacting the church office or the Foundation at www.frcdb.org.

The funds received from Upon This Rock have been applied to the improvements stated in our original plan at ICC: 1) replace boiler system in the Church and school and 2) towards the cost of extending the canopy to the Duffy Center.

Holy Spirit Church: 1) repairing the windows of the convent, 2) purchasing A/C for the church and/or the Parish Center, 3) repaving the parking lot, and 4) purchasing metal doors for the Parish Center. We thank you for your support!

WORD ON FIRE DAILY REFLECTIONS

The Word on Fire Lenten daily reflections from Bishop Robert Barron will be available on our parish website (<http://icchsc.org>) beginning on Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

**LENTEEN EVENING OF PRAYER,
SONG AND REFLECTION
WITH FR. BILL QUINLIVAN**

Wednesday March 3rd at 7 PM Immaculate Conception Parish welcomes Fr. Bill Quinlivan for a Lenten evening of prayer, song and reflection. The theme will be Divine Mercy, as Fr. Bill was recently a speaker at the first Online Worldwide Divine Mercy conference last October. He has recorded 9 CDs of mostly original music and published two books. His double CD "*MercySongs/MercyPrayers*" come out of his love for St. Faustina as well as her spiritual director, Blessed Michael Sopocho.

Currently, Father Quinlivan is writing his third book which will look at the ways God's Mercy is expressed the **Rays** (from the image of Mercy) the **Gaze** (Christ's



perspective, looking at us) the **Ways** (the works of mercy and devotions like the chaplet) and the **Praise** of Mercy which is our eternal destiny. And learning to praise Him now is preparation for Heaven! CDs and books will be available. Check out Fr. Bill's website; www.frbillsings.com

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

During Lent, we will once again continue with our program "Change For Change." We will be donating the change to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist them in all they do for the people in need in our community.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NY
In re The Diocese of Buffalo, NY
Case No. 20-10322**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, NY., ("diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofbuffalo> or call (585) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.



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