

Welcome to the Parish Community of St. Katharine Drexel & the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

Church: 135 N. Ogden Street, Buffalo, NY 14206
Rectory: 118 Schiller Street, Buffalo NY 14206

Love Includes Everyone

Our family of faith celebrates the gift of all life and welcomes the faith filled and those who struggle with faith. Everyone is welcome to worship with us: including people of every age, color, ethnicity, origin, ability, marital status, sexual orientation, and life situation. Gathered together we learn to forgive, heal, dream, witness, love and welcome each other unto the Glory of God as Jesus has welcomed and loved us.



Third Sunday of Lent

*Jesus answered and said to her,
"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."*

John 4:13-14

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:30AM at St. John Kanty
10:00AM at St. Katharine Drexel
Mon, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM at St. Katharine Drexel
Tues, Thurs 8:30AM at St. John Kanty

Rectory Hours: Mon, Wed, & Thurs. : 9:00 - 11:00AM

Pastor Rev. James M. Monaco
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Baptism: "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit"

Parents are asked to make an appointment with Father Jim Monaco

Marriage: "What God has joined together, no human being must separate."

We highly recommend making arrangements at least 4 months in advance.

Parish Membership: "That they may be one."

Please call the rectory to register to become a part of our community.

Reconciliation: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."

Saturday 3 PM or by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:

"Come to me, all you who are weary." Please call the rectory to arrange Holy Communion in your home. Hospitals no longer notify patients' parish community when they are ill. Family and friends please call us!

Letters of Recommendation: "By their fruits you will know them."

Letters are issued to registered parishioners, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who are living and practicing their Catholic faith at Mass, supporting their parish, and caring for the poor.

"Christ wishes the Christian Community to be a body that is perfect because we work together towards a single end, and the higher the motive which actuates this collaboration the higher, no doubt, will be the union."

—Saint Katharine Drexel

Mass Intentions

Make Holy Mass a part of your daily rendezvous with God

Mon. March 13 ~

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

Tues. March 14 ~

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Kanty

Wed. March 15 ~

8:30 a.m. Norbert & Veronica Lazarus (Ron & MaryAnn)

Thurs. March 16 ~

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Kanty

Fri. March 17 ~ St. Patrick

8:30 a.m. - Michael Karg (David & Christie Mombrey)

10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer Meditation at St. Katharine Church

Sat. March 18 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Sun. March 19 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. at St. John Kanty

10:00 a.m. - Pro Populo

Nunzio Ferrucci (family)

Deceased of the Scanlon family (family)

Sanctuary Lamp...March 11 - March 17

*In Loving Memory of ...
The Dommer Family
(Pat Dommer)*



This Week at SKD...

The Chosen...Wed. March 15 at 6:30 in the rectory

Centering Prayer...Fri. 10am in the church

Friday Fish Fry...every Friday during Lent...4 - 7pm ...\$15

Interfaith St. Joseph's Table...Sun. March 19 11am - 2pm

“The poor are not people ‘outside’ our communities, but brothers and sisters whose suffering we should share.”

~Pope Francis~

Tax Statements

Contribution statements will be sent out by **request only**. Statements will start going out by the end of January. Please detach and place in the collection basket or send to the rectory. Attn: Annette

Name _____

Address _____

Envelope # _____

Expanding Circles of Love

Father Richard describes how we can grow in our love for God:

The God Jesus incarnates and embodies is not a distant God that must be placated. Jesus’ God is not sitting on some throne demanding worship and throwing down thunderbolts like Zeus. Jesus never said, “Worship me”; he said, “Follow me.” He asks us to imitate him in his own journey of full incarnation. To do so, he gives us the two great commandments: (1) Love God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength and (2) Love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:28–31; Luke 10:25–28). In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29–37), Jesus shows us that our “neighbor” even includes our “enemy.”

So how do we love God? Most of us seem to have concluded we love God by attending church services. For some reason, we think that makes God happy. I’m not sure why. Jesus never talked about attending services, although church can be a good container to start with. I believe our inability to recognize and love God in what is right in front of us has allowed us to separate religion from our actual lives. There is Sunday morning, and then there is real life.

The only way I know how to teach anyone to love God, and how I myself seek to love God, is *to love what God loves*, which is everything and everyone, including you and including me! “We love because God first loved us” (1 John 4:19). “If we love one another, God remains in us, and God’s love is brought to perfection in us” (1 John 4:12). Then we love with God’s infinite love that can always flow through us. We are able to love things for themselves and in themselves—and not for what they do for us. That takes both work and surrender. As we get ourselves out of the way, there is a slow but real expansion of consciousness. We are not the central reference point anymore. We love in greater and greater circles until we can finally do what Jesus did: love and forgive even our enemies.

Most of us were given the impression that we had to be totally selfless, and when we couldn’t achieve that, many of us gave up altogether. One of John Duns Scotus’ (c. 1266–1308) most helpful teachings is that Christian morality at its best seeks “a harmony of goodness.” We harmonize and balance necessary self-care with a constant expansion beyond ourselves to loving others. This for me is brilliant! It is both simple and elegant, showing us *how* to love our neighbor as our self. Imagining and working toward this harmony keeps us from seeking impossible, private, and heroic ideals. Now the possibility of love is potentially right in front of us and always concrete; love is no longer a theory, a heroic ideal, or a mere textbook answer. Love is seeking the good of as many subjects as possible.

by Richard Rohr OFM

Peace & Everything Good,

Father Jim

The depth of our giving should match the depth of what we have been given by God.
*Please remember St. Katharine Drexel Parish in your Will.
Thank You*

In Search of Living Water

As we progress through our Lenten journey, the readings for the Third Sunday of Lent remind us that hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. What wonderful news in these times where we see so much violence, lack, and degradation.

The Samaritan woman at the well had hoped that one day her people would encounter the One who is to come, the One who will tell them everything. Her hope did not disappoint as she was speaking to the very One who told her everything she had done. Although this woman was an outcast in more ways than one, she was chosen to receive living water from the very One she and her people had been waiting for.

Of all the things we cannot live without, water is the most vital. Our bodies and our earth are made up of mostly water and we cannot survive without it. The Israelites grumbled to Moses because he brought them out into the desert where they had no water. Our bodies immediately feel it when we are thirsty. You know the feeling when you are thirsty and in need of a drink of water. Imagine those who have no water or no clean water to drink. Imagine not being able to turn on your faucet and experience the flow of clean water. Unfortunately, this is the situation in many parts of the world. It is equally unfortunate that although water is one of God's precious resources, water has been commoditized and put out of reach for many people around the world.

The Samaritan woman went to the well in the middle of the day when it was the hottest because she was considered an outcast. Yet, she was not exempt from needing water. When Jesus promised her living water, she immediately accepted this invitation to not have to go to the well each day to draw water. Just as the woman at the well had the hope that she would receive Jesus' living water, we too live in this hope.

This month marks the 30 th anniversary of World Water Day, observed to raise awareness about the importance of water and to educate people about conserving it. Water is one of God's precious resources and we need to understand that we have the power to waste it and the power to conserve it. Part of our daily examination should be to ask ourselves which one we are doing: Am I conserving this precious resource or am I wasting it?

Carolyn D. Townes, OFS Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
US Secular Franciscan Order

- Sandra Ferranti...3/13
- Patrick Riley...3/13
- Mary Ellen DiVincenzo...3/16
- Judy Tweedy...3/17
- Katherine Jafari...3/17
- Marcus Campbell...3/18



*May the wisdom of God instruct us,
May the hand of God protect us,
May the Word of God direct us!*
~St. Patrick



Minister Schedule for March 19

Lector

Sun. 10:00 am M. & J. Morcelle

Eucharistic Minister

Sun. 10:00 am B. Schmitt & A. Snyder

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT March 12	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
MONDAY March 13	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY March 14	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY March 15	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY March 16	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY March 17	<i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i> Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14+17/ Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY March 18	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT March 19	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

... the sick of our parish especially:

Michael M.	Diane M.	Pat D.	Frank B.
Mary W.	Michael A.	Cheryl H.	Bill S.
Jerry & Pearl	Rodney S.	David B.	Emily
Nancy U.	Paul M.	Max T.	Irv G.
Mary D.	Mary Jane	James T.	Mary R.
Deanna S.	Richie B.	Ed S.	Tom T.
Kitty H.	Annalise F.	Carol S.	Kevin A.
Phyllis C.	Sandy K.	Pam R.	William W.
John W.	Janet	Chris R.	Rosemary V.
Adam K.	Kim C.	Eleanor S.	Daniel M.
Betty R.	Anthony M.	Donna S.	Dikk S.

... their caregivers, those in Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation, in Assisted Living and for those listed in our prayer basket. ,

... all the recently deceased. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, welcome them into the joy of eternal life.

If someone you know is being hospitalized or is seriously ill, please inform the Rectory.

... our military serving us in all parts of the world.

May God Keep Them Safe and bring them home!

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