

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.



2nd Sunday of Lent

*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."*

Matthew 17:5

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
Director of Music Heather Lovelace
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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 6 ~

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

Tues. March 7 ~ St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

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

Wed. March 8 ~ St. John of God

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thurs. March 9 ~ St. Frances of Rome

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

Fri. March 10 ~

8:30 a.m. - All Mothers

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

Sat. March 11 ~

Sun. March 12 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

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

10:00 a.m. - Pro Populo

Lucille Stiglmeier (John Paul, Vincent & Tina)

Flora & Nicholas Iannaccio (family)

Loretta Swiat & Tommy Ferrucci (family)

Sanctuary Lamp...March 4 - March 10

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



Happening this week at SKD...

The Chosen...Wed., March 1st in the SKD rectory at 6:30

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

Friday Fish Fry...every Friday during Lent...4 - 7pm ...

\$15 fish or shrimp, \$18 fish & shrimp combo, \$20 seafood platter (fish, shrimp, & crabcake)

Faith Sharing...Sunday, March 5th at 11am

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 # _____

Gratitude is a Practice

Kristi Nelson is the director of A Network for Grateful Living, founded by Benedictine Brother David Steindl-Rast and friends. She shares her own story of learning to embrace gratitude as a way of life:

At 33 years old, I was diagnosed with stage IV Hodgkin’s lymphoma that had metastasized to my spine. After going through 18 months of hospitalizations, surgeries, chemotherapy, and treatments, I asked my oncologist, “When will I be out of the woods?” He answered, “You will never be out of the woods.” Having worked so hard to stay alive, I had not grasped the degree of uncertainty and struggle that would come with being a survivor. Understanding that my life would only ever be lived with the caveat of “for now” was sobering. I wondered so many things: How do I continue to live this way? What am I able to count on? . . . How do I live while expecting to die?

The first few years of uncertainty and remission put the blessings of my life in sharp relief. I was in *super-soak mode*—every experience was saturated with new meaning, and I was absorbing it all fully. I did not know any other way to live the moments I had than to greet each one as gratefully as I could. Not sure how much more time was mine, I was awestruck by every moment, every person, and every thing. Being grateful the first few years was relatively easy and revelatory. I would wake up in a room bathed in light, hear birds singing, and notice I was still breathing. . . . I could put both feet on the floor and walk freely to a kitchen where I could make a cup of tea. It was enough to make me start each day with tears of joy. Being alive was enough.

Perhaps like many of us, as her health stabilized, Nelson became “immune” to spontaneous daily gratitude:

But over time, all those amazing reasons to feel grateful joined the ranks of the taken-for-granted. I got healthy and busy. I began chasing goals and the fulfillment they promised. I martyred myself to a job, complained about things like traffic, my weight, and colds. I ruthlessly compared myself to others, succumbed to retail therapy and debt, and suffered from stress. Each year that passed, I built up a kind of gratitude tolerance—what used to be enough got left in the dust in the pursuit of having more. Having cheated death, I began cheating life.

After some challenging years, dramatic wake-up calls, and my share of spiritual suffering, I came to realize that maintaining a grateful perspective is a true practice. . . . This capacity for grateful perspective is a muscle I needed to build and use, and it is still something I need to nurture and tend daily. . . . The practice of looking at the world through grateful eyes and with a grateful heart is an exquisite end in itself.

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*

Up and Down the Mountain

The gospel passage for the second Sunday of Lent begins with Jesus leading his inner circle of disciples up the mountain and ends with all of them coming back down the mountain. While on the mountain, the three disciples witness the transfiguration of Jesus, shining like the sun, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and they want to hold onto the moment by building three tents. But then comes a shadow and a voice telling them to listen to God’s beloved Son, striking fear in their hearts. The first words they hear from Jesus are “Do not be afraid.”

The gospel stirs questions: Why only these three disciples? Why the need to go up a mountain? Why the experience of seeing Jesus transfigured? How are the disciples changed? The more important question for us is, what is the relevance for us today? What are my mountaintop experiences, regardless of where they occurred? All of us have had experiences of feeling God’s presence, God’s nearness in a special way and we want to hold on to the moment. But we, too, have to come “down the mountain” from a special encounter with the Divine, back into the shifting, perplexing, disturbing, often frightening messiness of the world in which we live.

So did Francis of Assisi after he experienced special moments with God, with the Crucified Jesus, in the caves on Mount Subasio. He, too, came down the mountain, renewed in his commitment to walk in the footprints of Jesus with his fraternity, to care for lepers, preach peace, to be brother to all of creation.

In our descent from “mountain” experiences, do we hear God’s voice saying to us, “This is my beloved Son...listen to him”? Can we also hear God say, “You, too, are my beloved; be light for others”? Too much to ask? Listen to Jesus say, “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

Sr. Marie Lucey, OSF Associate Director

Paul Riley...3/07
Dawn Malachowski...3/09
Dolores Criola...3/11



Congratulations...

Matthew Morcelle
First Honors at St. Francis High School
So proud of you! Keep shining!



We would love to hear about good news from students in our community. Please contact the rectory at (716) 895-6813 and we would be proud to share their accomplishments!

St. Adalbert 50/50 Split the Pot
St. Patrick’s Day Raffle



Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. There will be a live Facebook drawing on St. Patrick’s Day. Tickets will be sold through the rectories of St. John Kanty and St. Katharine Drexel. Tickets will also be available at the placek, pierogi and St. Adalbert Easter candy sale beginning Feb. 26th at St. John Kanty rectory from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Minister Schedule for March 12

Lector

Sun. 10:00 am B. Delenkitis & C. Ferrucci

Eucharistic Minister

Sun. 10:00 am C. Sundquist & R. McDivitt

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT March 5	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9
MONDAY March 6	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
TUESDAY March 7	<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i> Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mt 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY March 8	<i>Saint John of God, Religious</i> Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
THURSDAY March 9	<i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i> Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Lk 16:19-31
FRIDAY March 10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20 -21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY March 11	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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

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!

There is still time to participate in **Catholic Charities’ HOPE for the 100th: Personal Care Items Drive**. From now until March 24, we’re asking the community to collect donations of new and unopened toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, lotion. Items collected will be given to individuals and families in need across our eight counties. To sign up your parish or school, email Jewell Eason, Catholic Charities Events & Administrative Associate, at jewell.eason@ccwny.org. **Appeal 2023 is ongoing.** Make a contribution today at www.ccwny.org/donate or text **GIVEHOPE23** to 44321 today.



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