

# 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.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER

Jesus said:  
"My sheep hear my  
voice; I know them,  
and they follow me."

John 10:27



#### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 10:00AM  
Mon, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM

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. May 9 ~**

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Tues. May 10 ~ St. Damien de Veuster**

**Private Prayer** - Church open from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Wed. May 11 ~**

8:30 a.m. - Mary Cosgrove (Riley family)

**Thurs. May 12 ~ St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, &**

**St. Pancras**

**Private Prayer** - Church open from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Fri. May 13 ~ Our Lady of Fatima**

8:30 a.m. - Assunta & Gene Luciani (estate)

**Sat. May 14 ~ St. Matthias**

No Mass

**Sun. May 15 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10:00 a.m. - Pro Populo

Lucille Stiglmeier (John Paul, Vincent, & Tina)

Jacqueline Wachowicz (Phyllis, Dawn, &

Marty)

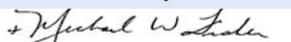
Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Many families around the world today face many challenges, including lack of access to resources the faithful need to nourish their spiritual lives. Often, there are too few priests to meet the needs of the many communities they serve, or the communities themselves are simply too isolated to have access to her important resources for the faith. Funded by the collection for the Churches of Latin America and Africa, which will be collected together this time, priestly training and many catechetical ministry projects have been funded, aiming at strengthening and bringing hope to the faithful.

For example, Churches in Guatemala, Peru, Columbia, and in most parts of Africa, great distances and deteriorated roads mean that Church agents must often travel by foot, bicycle, or mule to rural communities. As a result, some communities are visited by pastoral agents and ministers only once per month, others sometimes just twice per year. Because of your support, leaders continue to reach out and serve the rural communities, ensuring that all feel included in our family faith.

The collection for the Churches of Latin America & Africa empowers the faithful to deepen their faith and share with each other and the world.

Please be generous in this collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the youth of Latin America, Africa, and the Caribbean. Your support on May 15th will make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

  
Most Reverend Michael M. Fisher  
Bishop of Buffalo

## The Misunderstood Mystic

### Nondual Faith

Today Father Richard examines a specific example of Paul's nondual, "both-and" thinking. Paul saw Christ's cross as a third way beyond the cultural-religious conflicts of his time.

One of the dialectics that Paul presents is the perennial conflict that today we call conservative and liberal. In his writings, Paul's own people, the Jews, became the stand-in for pious, law-abiding conservatives; the Greeks provided his metaphor for intellectuals, cultural critics, and people we would call liberals. Paul sees the Jews trying to create order in the world by obedience to law, tradition, and kinship ties. The Greeks try to create order by reason, understanding, logic, and education.

Paul insists that neither of them can finally succeed because they do not have the ability to "incorporate the negative," which will always be present. He recognizes that *the greatest enemy of ordinary daily goodness and joy is not imperfection, but the demand for some supposed perfection or order*. There seems to be a shadow side to almost everything; all things are subject to "the powers and principalities" (Ephesians 6:12). Only the unitive or nondual mind can accept this and not panic, but, in fact, grow because of it and grow beyond it.

Neither the liberal pattern nor the conservative pattern can deal with disorder and misery. Paul believes that Jesus has revealed the only response that works. The revelation of the cross, he says, makes us indestructible, because it says there is a way through all absurdity and tragedy. *That way is precisely through accepting and even using absurdity and tragedy as part of God's unfathomable agenda*. If we can internalize the mystery of the cross, we won't fall into cynicism, failure, bitterness, or skepticism. The cross gives us a precise and profound way through the shadow side of life and through all disappointments.

Paul allows both conservatives and liberals to define wisdom in their own ways, yet he dares to call both inadequate and finally wrong. He believes that such worldviews will eventually fail people. "God has shown up human wisdom as folly" on the cross (1 Corinthians 1:21), and this is "an obstacle that the Jews cannot get over," and which the Gentiles or pagans think is simple "foolishness" (1:23).

For Paul, the code words for nondual thinking, or true wisdom, are "foolishness" and "folly." He says, in effect, "My thinking is foolishness to you, isn't it?" Admittedly, it does not make sense unless we have confronted the mystery of the cross. Suffering, the "folly of the cross," breaks down the dualistic mind. Why? Because on the cross, God took the worst thing, the killing of the God-human, and made it into the best thing, the very redemption of the world. The compassionate holding of essential meaninglessness or tragedy, as Jesus does on the cross, is the final and triumphant resolution of all the dualisms and dichotomies that we face in our own lives. We are thus "saved by the cross"! Does that now make ultimate sense?

by Richard Rohr OFM

Peace & Everything Good,  
Father Jim

## Listening To and Recognizing Our Shepherd

“My sheep hear my voice,” Jesus says in this Sunday’s Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Easter, “and they follow me.” Jesus is the Good Shepherd: he feeds his flock, he loves his flock, he provides for his flock by sending them the Holy Spirit. I read once and found it fascinating that every day, sheep approach their shepherd to be touched on the nose. This is the sheep’s way to acknowledge their shepherd and for the shepherd to acknowledge their sheep in return. Plus the sheep would know that it really is their shepherd, their caregiver, and not someone else.

Jesus uses the shepherd image for those who believe in him also belong to him. It is all about hearing his voice, knowing him and following him. We recognize our shepherd in our midst and we also recognize when something is happening that is not of our shepherd Jesus. It is this recognition of Jesus that moved Paul and Barnabas to continue to preach about Jesus even after he had died and risen. When they were expelled from Antioch, they simply proceeded to the next town filled with joy because they knew Jesus and recognized his voice. They shook the dust from their feet, reminding those who resist that they are putting in jeopardy the invitation to life extended to them.

Over and over, Pope Francis has preached encounter, not confrontation; attraction, not promotion; dialogue, not debate. There are currently 8 billion people living on this planet. Most of them have a belief about God. These beliefs are not all alike but most of the 8 billion believers are convinced that theirs is the right one. If all the 8 billion believers were charitable and respectful the world would be a lot different than it is or has been. We would truly know and believe that Jesus is our shepherd.

Sr. Marge Wissman, OSF FAN Board Member



“Every human person owes his or her life to a mother, and almost always owes much of what follows in life, both human and spiritual formation to her.”

~ Pope Francis ~

To all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and foster mothers...God bless you for all you are and all you do!

Have a beautiful day!!



Augustine Loschiavo...5/13

## Minister Schedule for May 15

### Lector

Sun. 10:00 am N. Mariani, B. Schmitt

### Eucharistic Minister

Sun. 10:00 am C. Sundquist

### SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> May 8	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rev 7:9, 14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30
<b>MONDAY</b> May 9	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 42:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 10	<i>Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;</i> <i>Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i> Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 11	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8/Jn 12:44-50
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 12	<i>Saints Nereus &amp; Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i> Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25+27/Jn 13:16-20
<b>FRIDAY</b> May 13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 14	<i>Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> May 15	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Rev 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

... the sick of our parish especially:

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Jerry & Pearl	Michael A.	Cheryl H.	Bill S.
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Mary D. .	Josephine M.	Max T.	Rosalie
Deanna S.	Paul M.	James T.	Emily
Kitty H.	Mary Jane	Jerry S.	Bella
Jeffrey P.	Richie B.	Ed S.	
Phyllis C.	Annalise F.	Pam R.	
John W.	Janet	Chris R.	
Adam K.	Kim C.	Eleanor 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

Sgt. Matthew Keene & Cory Zachrietz

**HOPE Day is coming!** Catholic Charities’ one-day “above and beyond” fundraising effort is Wednesday, May 11. Last year donors contributed nearly \$317,228 in 24 hours and this year we are aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details on how you can make a contribution or help spread the word this Wednesday and to track our progress on **HOPE Day**.

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