



A CCCB MEMBER PARISH



SUMMER 2017

WE'RE SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE HERE! WELCOME!
ST LAWRENCE PARISH BUFFALO, NY 14215

“Our pastor, Fr. Ron Sajdak, and all of us at St. Lawrence invite you to explore the continuing ministries to our Buffalo and Cheektowaga neighborhood. Founded in 1929, St. Lawrence is a congregation that responds to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.

In the Catholic tradition, we Pray, Proclaim and Provide for our neighborhood and beyond. To continue this mission, we need

PRAY-PROCLAIM-PROVIDE

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY AUGUST 13

POTTER'S HANDS PRAYER GROUP TUESDAY EVENINGS 7 pm

CONGREGA MASSES IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER SEPTEMBER

HOLY NAME SOCIETY & ST ANN'S RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

BINGO LUNCH AT 11:30 am AND BINGO AT 12:30 pm WEDNESDAYS

SUMMER LUNCH & READ PROGRAM (FREE) FOR KIDS UNDER 19 YEARS IN THE HALL (SCHOOL OR CHURCH – FOLLOW SIGNS) 11:00 am – 1:00pm

commitments of time, talent and treasure!”

Our Featured Group

Faith Formation

Acts 8:30-31

“Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” So he invited Philip to get in and sit with him.”

We are here to Pray, Provide and Proclaim, continually renewing ourselves as disciples and apostles of Jesus. “It takes a village to raise a child,” is an often used, perhaps overused, African proverb; however, it is essential that we realize that when we talk about the Prince of Peace in a homily, but our children hear us speak in hate-filled terms about refugees every day, our children will learn hate. Our faith must be part of our whole lives. That is the idea behind the new faith formation program established by the Diocese of Buffalo. This new plan is referred to as spiral in that it has no beginning and no real end as it goes forward. Additional information and flyers will be available prior to the scheduled events. See Welcome Desk or call the rectory or contact the Director of Faith

Formation. Our 2017-2018 plan follows.

Pre-K to High School

Students under Confirmation age attending Public Schools

To assure that we continue with all of the required content, **all students under Confirmation age** who are not enrolled in Catholic Schools will continue to receive textbooks for home instruction. **Registration is required annually. *Registration begins July 1. \$5/student***

Pre-K to 7th Grade

School age children and their parents irrespective of where they are enrolled in school will be invited to participate in **three** special afternoons per year. The first in September, the second in Mid-Winter and the last in May. These afternoons will be held in the Youth Room/Clinic Waiting Room of the FGH following the Sunday Noon Mass. Lunch and a movie for discussion is planned. Incentives for active participation are suggested using this or a similar plan - gift certificates awarded by drawing for movies or something similar. One "ticket" goes in the hat for each of these things: attendance, completion of textbook (in September a complete registration form and Baptismal certificate,) participation, one for each parent who attends with

them, and one if they bring a friend who is not already registered. **Free will offering. FGH after Noon Mass**

Fall **Finding Dory Sept. 10,**
Winter **An American Tale Jan. 28, Spring –The Lorax June 3**

School Age Children

Magnifikids! Back by popular demand. Please register for your copy as part of the registration for religious education. You may register for this even if your child attends a Catholic School.

Youth 13 – 20 years

Themed overnight retreats on topics suggested by our teen committee members. Meals and snacks provided. **\$5/person**
Fall retreat on sexuality and life issues. November 10-11.
Winter retreat on immigration and refugees. February 2-3.
Spring retreat on ecology and poverty. April 21-22.
Abbey of the Geneseo Date is TBA. Youth age 13 – 20 years.

Family Faith Formation

We are planning to set up a family camping trip for families of all ages to include a Vacation Bible School Program, cooking, singing and dancing together. **Winter 2018**

Family and Singles Mission

Mission in our community: Pray, Proclaim and Provide.

Visit a nursing home to play games with residents and establish prayer partnerships between participants and residents. Three times per year.

Place door hangers prior to Good Friday Passion Walk, encouraging families in the neighborhood to join us.

Scripture Study (Pacem en terres) and Soup Suppers at St. Lawrence Thursdays throughout the year. Start date TBA

Adults (Over 21 only)

Adults are our first witnesses especially older adults and they are encouraged to participate in different programs; however, they also have Faith Formation needs. **\$5.00 Wine and cheese served.**

Visit the Welcome Desk in the church on weekends or the rectory during office hours for more information, to join our worship community or to volunteer!

Fall evening **The Notebook.**

Winter evening **The Shack**

Spring evening **TBA**

Blog about our topics with Mary Weisenburger.

<http://minutemeditationswithmary.weebly.com/>

Soup suppers with Scripture Study on Thursdays to discuss Pacem en Terris (Peace on Earth Pope St. John XXIII)

Adult retreat - Abbey of the Geneseo for a day TBA

Sacramental Prep

Adults and un-baptized children over 7 - contact Faith Formation Director for arrangements (Also called RCIA)

Baptism
Parents of infants and children
Deacon Paul
School age children (parent not in RCIA) Contact Faith Formation

First Reconciliation
Home study with 3-4 meetings

First Communion
Home study with 3-4 meetings
Confirmation
Home study with 3-4 meetings,
Service Project, Assignments,
Retreat

Marriage As arranged with the celebrant - contact the priest or deacon 6 months in advance.

Rev. Ronald Sajdak, Pastor

Rev. Daniel Ogbeifun,
Associate Pastor

Barb Strusienski, Operations
Manager

Debbie Obstarczyk, Secretary

Joseph Strusienski, Custodial
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Office Hours Monday,
Tuesday & Thursday 9 – 4
Friday 9 – Noon

892-2471

Patricia Dyer, Faith
Formation, Clinic &
Franciscan Guest House

Clinic Mondays & Tuesdays 9
- Noon and by appointment

308-6302

Shaun Hughes Food Pantry

Food Pantry Tuesdays &
Thursdays 10 – 1

896-0047

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