



COMMUNICATION ADVISORY

February 2, 2021

WHAT: Consecration to St. Joseph

WHEN: Monday, February 15, 2021 through Friday, March 19, 2021

WHERE: Throughout the diocese

The Diocese of Buffalo will begin a 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph on Monday, Feb. 15 that will continue through March 19. This is to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named “Universal Patron of the Church” and Pope Francis call for a Year of St. Joseph, as well as the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Buffalo, and named Cathedral.

Bishop Michael W. Fisher will celebrate Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19 at 12:10 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Buffalo to conclude the consecration.

“As your new bishop and shepherd, I am encouraging all of the faithful of our diocese to join together with me in prayer during this very special period of consecration to St. Joseph,” said Bishop Fisher. “St. Joseph provides a timeless example of faithfulness and trust in God, despite uncertainty and even unreasonable circumstances. We would do well to reflect on how his witness might inspire our own as we seek in our day and time to reveal Christ to our world.”

More information can be found at www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-joseph.

We ask all pastors and parish administrators to **please notify the Office of Communications with a listing of your special Masses, Holy Hours and prayers, so that they can be posted on** www.buffalodiocese.org and our social media outlets.

Pastors are also asked to provide copies of the “33 Days of Prayer and Daily Challenge” document to their parishioners that may request them. English and Spanish versions may be downloaded here:

[https://www.buffalodiocese.org/documents/Pro-Life/Consecration/33-Days-of-Prayers-and-Daily-Challenge%20\(ENGLISH\).pdf](https://www.buffalodiocese.org/documents/Pro-Life/Consecration/33-Days-of-Prayers-and-Daily-Challenge%20(ENGLISH).pdf)

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