

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23RD AND 24TH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm

Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Monday-Friday and First Saturdays

(All Masses are Live-Streamed on our Facebook Page as well)

CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).

Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

To listen to Mass on the Radio from the Church Parking Lot:
88.5FM

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

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PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.

For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

Prepare each day for the end of our earthly lives. There is an ancient practice of reflection on mortality that goes as far back as Socrates: *Memento, Mori*, or, *Remember, thou art mortal*. Today's Scriptures are perfect for the Christian spiritual practice of thinking about our life, and eventual death— a reminder that our ultimate goal in faith is to live with God after this life. Awareness of our own mortality should spur us to act righteously each day.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of January 23rd
(C) Church**

Sat., Jan. 23rd *Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00pm (C) +Rita Gabel
By Norbert Gabel and Family

Sun, Jan. 24th: *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am (C) +Cherie Hohman-Piniewski
By Jordan and Sydney
11:00am (C) ++Maynard & Barbara Gamel
By Joyce and Family

Monday, Jan. 25th: *Conversion of St. Paul*
8:30am (C) Jane Johnson (Healing)
By Janie Bettinger

Tues, Jan. 26th: *Saints Timothy and Titus*
8:30am (C) +Jessica Allan and the Allan Family
By Pat and Tim Allan

Wed, Jan. 27th: *Weekday*
8:30am (C) + All Souls
By Parish All Souls Intentions

Thur. Jan. 28th: *St. Thomas Aquinas*
8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Friday, Jan. 29th: *Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Pat Schmitt
By Ronnie and Monnie Geiger

Sat, Jan. 30th: *Vigil of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*
4:00pm (C) +John Lillie
By Mary Gattie

Sun, Jan. 31st: *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am (C) +Ronnie and Connie Gabel
By MaryAnn and Girls
11:00am (C) +Tom Powenski
By Teresa and Family

The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for Cherie Hohman-Piniewski as requested by The Family.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for the healing of Jane Johnson as requested by Janie Bettinger.

Readings for the Week of January 17th

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21



Weekly Collection (01/17): \$2020.00
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$47,374.60

2021 Collection Envelopes

The 2021 Collection Envelopes are available in the back of Church. If you do not currently receive collection envelopes and would like to, please contact the Parish Office.

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Tony Andolina, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Tony Andolina, Ann Andzel, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Mary Gattie, Art Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Robert Hogan, Jeanne Hutchings, Jane Johnson, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Mark Kozub, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Lou Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Levi Rothfuss, Wesley Schmitt, Kathy Smith, Sr. Lucina Stang, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter.



2021 Grand Raffle

Our 13th Annual Grand Raffle will take place on Tuesday, March 23rd 2021. Each ticket is \$20; there will be 30 winners and the prizes are:

1st Prize: \$4,000
2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$1,000
4th-6th Prizes: \$500 7th-10th Prizes: \$250
11th-20th Prizes: \$100 21st-30th Prizes: \$50

Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets to make the Grand Raffle a success. That means we need everyone to help. Tickets have been mailed out to all registered parishioners. If you need more tickets, they are available at Church or in the Rectory. They can make great gifts! Please return any tickets you are unable to sell.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be having the reception this year. We will draw the tickets with a small audience, possibly at a Pastoral Council Meeting, and all winners will be posted in the parish bulletin as well as on our Parish Facebook Page.

So Far 372 Have been sold!

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Requests

To schedule a mass please contact the parish office!
A Mass is a sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, brought forward in time to the present. At Mass you could say that a "time warp" is opened in which the sacrifice of Jesus is mystically brought forward to be present to us. When we are present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we are not merely turning our attention to the past, we are actually bringing forward into the present the most pivotal moment of human history. Masses can be offered for a number of intentions: for the deceased, to invoke the Lord's special graces for a friend or loved one, for a successful surgery and recovery, or for an anniversary. A \$15 donation is asked for each Mass requested.

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit, please contact the Parish Office. A \$10 donation is asked per week of the Sanctuary Candle being lit.



**There will be a Parish Council Meeting
on Tuesday January 26th at 7pm in the
Parish Hall.**

**If you are unable to attend the meeting,
please let the office know.**



Youth Ministry Pizza Sale

It's that time of year again for our Youth Ministry Pizza Sale! Pizzas can be preordered before January 25th.

- Prices:
- One: \$8
- Two: \$15
- Three: \$23
- Four: \$30
- Five: \$37

Pre-ordered pizzas will be available for pick-up January 30th and 31st following Masses. There will be a limited number of pizza available that are not pre-ordered. Pre-payment is not required on pre-orders, but encouraged. To pre-order, contact the parish office, or fill out an order form located at the entrances of Church and from the Rectory.

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten-8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship application process is now open for new families. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2021. Scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size and the school's tuition cost. The highest scholarship amount for 2021-22 school year is \$2,500 per child. Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education. Website: www.bisonfund.com

Catholic Charities Message

Appeal 2021 is underway! Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2021 Chair Rick Cronin, and Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$10 million goal, as well as HOPE for all seasons as the campaign theme and St. Ignatius Loyola as this year's patron saint. Your donation to the Appeal can support Catholic Charities of Buffalo and the Fund for the Faith. Your donation stays in Western New York. Your gift helps those in our communities who are struggling to live, work and support families, and those who need spiritual care and support. You help provide HOPE for all seasons. And it couldn't be easier: visit www.ccwny.org/donation or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419 today!

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Faith Formation January Calendar

- S 24 C** 9:40 - 10:50 AM **FFF Family Classes***
& All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**
- M 25 Monday 4-6 PM CGS II (2nd & 3rd Grade)
- T 26 Tuesday 4-6 PM CGS II/III (4th - 6th Grade)
- S 31 A & C** 9:40 - 10:50 AM **FFF Family Classes***
& All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Homily

Given these last several months, we don't need a prophet to tell us that this world won't last forever. As Saint Paul reminds us, the world in its present form is passing away. Jesus may return any moment at the end of time, but if it's not during our lifetime, each of us will one day die. If we have repented, continuously seeking God's forgiveness for our sins, believed in the Gospel, and done our best to follow Jesus, then, God willing, we will see the kingdom of God, where we will enjoy eternal life.

If heaven is the goal, how should we behave? Today's readings offer a few practical suggestions.

The Ninevites teach us that we should acknowledge our own sinfulness, repent, and seek forgiveness. This is important not only because it is right and just, but also because it is an exercise in humility. The glossary of the *Catechism* defines humility as "The virtue by which a Christian acknowledges that God is the author of all good. Humility avoids inordinate ambition or pride, and provides the foundation for turning to God in prayer (2559)." Therefore, humility can help us grow in holiness.

Saint Paul tells us, essentially, to act in the opposite way as one would expect. We can take this to mean we should keep our focus not on the things and events of this world, but rather on heaven. We need to live each day knowing that we are preparing our souls to, hopefully, live in heaven with Jesus and all the saints and angels.

Finally, we see in the Gospel that Jesus tells us simply to repent and believe in the Gospel. He invites the first disciples, Simon and Andrew, to follow him. They do, and likewise with James and John. We learn from the Gospel that faith includes actively following Christ, even if that means leaving the good things of this world behind. Self-sacrifice is never easy, but following Christ is the most important thing we can possibly do in this life.

Therefore, let us ask the Eucharistic Lord we are about to receive to help us always remember to keep our eyes fixed on heaven, because this world in its present form is passing away.

Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, Do we come in tribulation,
 And having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
 We confidently invoke your patronage also.
 Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin
 Mother of God and through the paternal love
 With which you embraced the Child Jesus,
 We humbly beg you graciously to regard this inheritance
 Which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
 And with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
 O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
 Defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ,
 O most loving father, ward off from us
 Every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
 O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
 And from heaven assist us in our struggle
 With the power of darkness.
 As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
 So now protect God's Holy Church
 From the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
 Shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
 So that supported by your example and your aid,
 We may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
 And to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

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