

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 30TH AND 31ST

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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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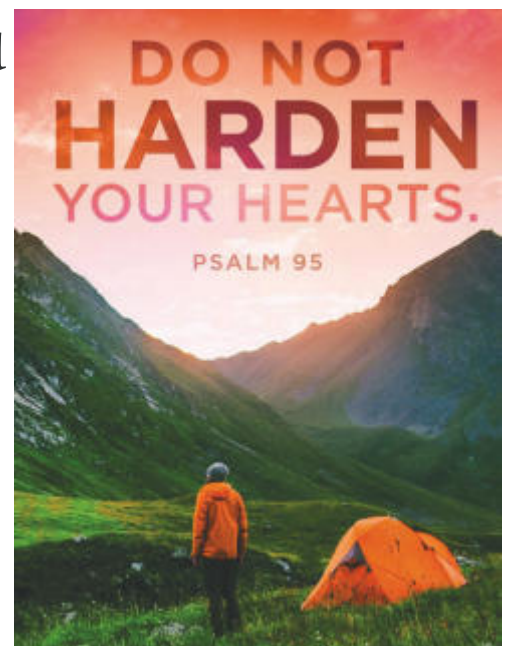
Compassion Ministry..... Anne Schmitz

Bereavement..... Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

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.

Those who witness Jesus' authority and healing power are amazed. In today's Gospel account of Jesus entering Capernaum, those who heard his teaching and witnessed him drive out an unclean spirit are astonished. Their amazement is due to the authority of Christ, who is God himself. Are we, too, in awe at the work of God in our lives?



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of January 31st
(C) Church**

Sat., Jan. 30th *Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in 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 Mary Ann and Girls
11:00am (C) +Tom Powenski
By Teresa and Family

Monday, Feb. 1st: *Weekday*
8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Tues, Feb. 2nd: *The Presentation of the Lord*
8:30am (C) Mary Gattie
By Roger and Kathy Powenski

Wed, Feb. 3rd: *Weekday*
8:30am (C) + Eleanor Avery
By Joyce Schmitz and Dave Winter

Thur. Feb 4th: *Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Buffalo
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Friday, Feb. 5th: *St. Agatha*
8:30am (C) +Rita Gabel
By John & Annette Noto

Sat, Feb 6th: *First Saturday Devotions*
8:30am (C) For All Who Uphold the Sanctity of Life
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Sat, Feb 6th: *Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*
4:00pm (C) +Yvonne Gabel
By Norbert Gabel and Family

Sun, Feb 7th: *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am (C) +Jennifer Kozub and Anne Wilson
By Maryanne Kozub
11:00am (C) +Otto Werneth
By Hilde Werneth

The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for Sadie Jo's 5th birthday as requested by Mom, Dad, and Rex.

Readings for the Week of January 31st

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:6-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Weekly Collection (01/23): \$1,644.00
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$49,018.60

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, Jean Luno, 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 416 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.

We must continue to sanitize the pews, door hands, bathrooms, and other areas of the Church after every Mass. We are in need of volunteers to help us accomplish these tasks. All supplies are in the first pew, with instructions on what needs to be done.



Youth Ministry Pizza Sale

Pizzas are available this weekend! Pre-orders may be picked up from the back of Church. Limited number of pizzas available for those that did not pre-order.

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

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

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, Appeal 2021 also helps to support the Fund for the Faith. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the Fund for the Faith continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience and enable us to more effectively spread the Gospel message of Christ's love. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, donations to the Fund for the Faith are more important than ever as we extend comfort to all of God's people— our family, friends and neighbors alike. Our hope and prayer is that a successful Fund for the Faith drive will help restore and support expanded ministries including Catholic education and formation programming for youth and young families. For a list of the programs the Fund of the Faith supports, go to www.ccnny.org/appeal-programs. You can make a secure online donation at www.ccnny.org/donation.

This Week's Second Collection

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Faith Formation January and February Calendar

- S 31 A & C 9:40 – 10:50 AM FFF Family Classes***
 & All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**
- M 1 Monday 4-6 PM CGS II (2nd & 3rd Grade)
 - T 2 Tuesday 4-6 PM CGS II/III (4th – 6th Grade)
- S 7 B & C 9:40 – 10:50 AM FFF Family Classes***
 & All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**
- M 8 Monday 4-6 PM CGS II (2nd & 3rd Grade)
 - T 9 Tuesday 4-6 PM CGS II/III (4th – 6th Grade)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Homily

Too often, we define a prophet as one who sees into the future – a forecaster, or a psychic. But the biblical meaning of this role is someone who interprets the divine will. The prophet delivers God's message to his/her contemporaries and advocates for adherence to God's plan.

In the first reading, we encounter Moses, God's prophet who did marvelous deeds in fulfillment of God's will— leading the Israelites out of Egypt, giving them God's commandments, and leading them to the brink of the Promised Land. Moses relays God's message of another, far greater prophet: *I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I commend him.* Further, God would hold accountable those who will not listen to his words.

And God did, indeed, send the greatest prophet of all— his Only Begotten Son. In Hebrew, the word for this anointed one is "Messiah". In Greek, it translates as the "Christ". The angels confirmed the arrival of this Messiah in their message to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth. The Father confirmed the anointing of Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan and again at his Transfiguration. When Jesus preached, he revealed what the Father wanted him to reveal. Whenever Jesus spoke or performed healings, he did so in harmony with God's will: "His works and words will manifest him as 'the Holy One of God'" (CCC 438).

In today's Gospel, we read of one such instance. When Jesus was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, *the people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.* And that authority was further manifested when he drove out the unclean spirit from a man. The people were even more astounded that even the unclean spirits has obeyed him. The Church, too, continues to act publicly and authoritatively in the name of Christ. She exists to proclaim the Gospel message. In the name of Jesus, she calls down God's protection against evil in the rites of initiation.

What is the lesson for us in all of this? Perhaps the clue can be found in today's psalm response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts* (Psalm 95:7-8). We are constantly being bombarded with messages, with voices: from marketers and politicians; from friends and foes; from those who spew hate and from those who seek peace; from voices who want us to satisfy our own interests and from those who seek the common good.

Let us listen to God's prophets. Let us focus on those who have God's words in their mouths. This will take prayer and discernment, but it is possible with God's grace. In the midst of all the noise, may we always be attentive to the voice of God.

Information on the Year of St. Joseph

In response to the call of our Holy Father Francis, in his Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" on the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church honored this year, we will be holding a diocesan-wide consecration to St. Joseph. In a visit to Rome with Pope Piux IX in 1849, it was suggested to Bishop Timon that our Diocese have our patronage to St. Joseph and later the St. Joseph Cathedral which was dedicated on July 1, 1855.

"As your new Bishop and Shepherd, I would like to encourage all of the faithful to join in unity with me in prayer with a consecration to St. Joseph in the Diocese of Buffalo. We will begin on Monday, February 15th, and culminate on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday March 19th at St. Joseph Cathedral, where I will preside at the 12:10 mass". All of the scheduled activities and information will be available on our diocesan website, including the daily prayers, which also can be downloaded for your convenience and use in various settings.

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