

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 30, 2022 | LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE REQUESTS

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, or request the Sanctuary Candle, please call or visit the Parish Office. You may also drop a clearly marked envelope with your request in the collection basket.

For Mass Intentions you will need: - Who and or what the Mass is for, whom the Mass is requested by, the date you would like the Mass, and a \$15 stipend per Mass.

For a Sanctuary Candle Request you will need: - Who and or what the Candle is being lit for, whom the candle is being requested by, the week you would like the candle lit (they are a 7 day devotional and begin on Sunday) and a \$10 stipend for each week requested.



PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Clergy

Fr. Mitch Byeck

*In case of emergency call
(716)703-4066*

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Deacon

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MASS SCHEDULE **Weekend Mass**

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday:
8:30a.m. in Church

Confession

30 Minutes before Weekend Masses, & everyday after Mass, or by appointment.

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00am

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Parish Hall Rental

To reserve the hall for a function, please contact the Parish Office at 716-337-2686.

For Information on Registration, Baptism, Weddings, and Faith Formation please call the Parish Office (716-337-2686).

Prayers and Reading

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday January 30th

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings- Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/ 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13/ Lk 4:21-30

Monday January 31st

Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder

Readings- 2 Sm 15:13-14; 16:513

Tuesday February 1st

Weekday

Readings- 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3/ Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

Readings- Mal 3:1-4/ Heb2:14-18/Lk 2: 22-40

Thursday February 3rd

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Readings- 1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12/ Mk 6:7-13

Friday February 4th

First Friday

Readings-Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29

Saturday February 5th

First Saturday

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Readings- 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF JANUARY 23RD

Sat, January 29nd	4:00 p.m.	†Michael Scott By Mary and Mike Gattie
Sun, January 30th	8:30 a.m.	†Betty Dole By Pete & Cindy and Family
Sun, January 30th	11:00 a.m.	† Otto Werneth By Hilde Werneth
Mon, January 31st	8:30 a.m.	†Deceased members of the Avery Family By The Family
Tue, February 1st	8:30 a.m.	†Bonnie Novak By Mindy Purdy
Wed, February 2nd	8:30 a.m.	Evelyn Gerald By Phil and Tracy Tremblay
Thurs, February 3rd	8:30 a.m.	For All Parishioners By Fr. Mitch Byeck
Fri, February 4th	8:30 a.m.	† Souls in Purgatory By Dave and Becky
Sat, February 5th	8:30 a.m.	All Who Uphold the Sanctity of Life By Fr. Mitch Byeck
	4:00 p.m.	†Roger Overfeild By Dorothy Overfeild
Sun, February 6th	8:30 a.m.	†Souls in Purgatory By Dead Theologians Society
Sun, February 6th	11:00 a.m.	†Ester Dittenhofer (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time) By Carol Leonard

The Sanctuary Candle in church is lit this week for Otto Werneth as requested by Hilde Werneth.

The Sanctuary Candle in the rectory is lit this week for Bonnie Novak as requested by Mindy Purdy.

Secretary Needed

If interested please contact the Parish Office. Job descriptions and more information available upon request.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Rebecca Allan, Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Ann Andzel, Paul Baker, Mary Bartz, Elaine Bauer, Carol Bloom, Ernest Bracikowski, Eileen Bunn, Mary Jane Butzer, Sharon Butzer, Don Caccioppo, Joey Crocker, Alyssa Cummings, Paula Czora, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Sandra Fellows, Laura Franchella, Mary Ann Gabel, Jason Gallaway, Frances Gardner, Olivia Gates, Mary Gattie, Phyllis George, Art Gernatt, Mike Gernatt, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Olivia Gullick, Bob Holbrook, Donna Holbrook, Jane Johnson, Tom Johnson, David Kerker, Susan Kester, Cindy Kohn, Rose Kohn, Daniel Kozub, Mark Kozub, Thomas Liis, Irma Martin, Lou Marconi, Kathleen Marshall, Diane May, Bob Mc Nerney, Rob McNeight, Millie Muehlbauer, Dave Niefergold, Emily Niefergold, Marty Niefergold, Sue Niefergold, Jean Olsen, Dave and Connie Otteni, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Marland Schmitt, Wesley Schmitt, Ellen Schuster, Michael Spicola, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Ed Stemper, Donelle Thomas, Ron Timmons, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter, Steffanie Wutz

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the Church entrances, or call the Parish Office. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is noticed otherwise. If someone on the list passes away, please let the parish office know.

HOMILY

Anyone who has been to a Catholic wedding has likely heard today's second reading there. It is chosen, and appropriate, not just for its relevance to the couple about to embark on a sacramental life together, but for what it reveals about God – that God is love. Love is not just a sentiment, but an action. Therefore, when patience and kindness are extended; when one bears, hopes, believes, and endures all things; and when one is not pompous, or jealous, or rude ... that is love. Anything else is not love. Saint Paul is not just “defining the love” that comes from God, he is confirming that all things good derive from love, and that authentic love produces goodness. This enduring reality of love is revealed in who God is for us, for no matter what we have done to and against him throughout our human history, he has never failed to love us.

One of the messages that can be gleaned from our Gospel today is similar to Paul's. The setting of today's passage is Jesus helping people in the synagogue understand how some of the old prophecies refer to him. Yet they find it difficult to believe that this poor, obscure, son of a carpenter could possibly be the one who is fulfilling this prophecy from Isaiah. Their familiarity with Jesus makes it particularly challenging for them to see him as more than simply a charismatic teacher. They want Jesus to work some miracles to prove he is who he claims to be.

Rather than working miracles, Jesus scandalizes them by suggesting that his saving ministry is not only for the Jewish people. Once Jesus insists that the love of God is large enough to save even the Gentiles, this draws anger and rejection from his hometown community. The fact that he would suggest that God would have love and mercy for unclean outsiders is too much for the people to accept. Their admiration of Jesus turns to indignation very quickly. How could this possibly be the Anointed One if he suggests such shocking things?

Jesus is revealing a fuller and better understanding of God's love. God is so loving and merciful that even those who began as his enemies could be brought into his friendship. Jesus' mission was to make the way to heaven so that anyone who repents and believes in him could find the path home. Jesus would save Samaritans, Romans, and many other people that the Jewish crowd would view as enemies. This notion of God's love was so generous that the people were scandalized by its depth and scope.

It is not hard to be challenged by the scope and depth of God's love, and what that demands from us in return. It is difficult for us to truly grasp how the love of God can be so vast. We may even, at times, doubt that the Lord can truly love and forgive us, since we know the depths of our own sinfulness. Jesus rejects any limits on God's love, and Paul gives us words of great hope: Love never fails. We can know this only partially, for we see indistinctly, as Paul says. But through Christ we get a glimpse of what we, one day, will know fully. For faith, hope, and love remain – and the greatest is love.

Next week we will take up the *Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe*. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 counties that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee

When you are lonely, we are hope. One of the many things the pandemic has taught us is that we are social beings, and interactions with others are vital to our wellbeing. Catholic Charities programs like Friendly Phones, the Telephone Assurance Program, and Home Visitation work to keep homebound and disabled older adults socially connected with phone calls and home visits. Help continue these important social connections and extend HOPE to those who are lonely by donating to Appeal 2022. To make a donation today visit ccwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321. **Catholic Charities of Buffalo is HOPE FOR ALL SEASONS.**

Upcoming Events

The Men of the Challenge

We're a group of regular guys who, deep in our hearts, know we're not yet the boyfriends/husbands, fathers, or men that we know we can be.

We gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month to EAT, to LEARN more about our faith, & to be CHALLENGED to live as men of God each day.

Join us for our upcoming gathering: February 12th from 8am-9:15am in the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall
RSVP to Deacon Jeff (call/text) 716-432-8717

2022 Grand Raffle

The 2022 Grand Raffle is under way! The Raffle tickets are available in the back of church, at the side door, or in the rectory during office hours. *The early bird drawing for \$250 will take place on February 6th. The Grand Raffle drawing and Reception will take place Saturday March 19th.* Over \$10,000 in prizes! Sellers have the chance to win as well!

1st Prize- \$4,000.00

2nd Prize- \$1,000.00 3rd Prize- \$1,000.00

4th-6th Prizes- \$500.00 7th-10th Prizes- \$250.00

11th-20th Prizes- \$100.00 21st-30th Prizes- \$50.00

Over 260 tickets have been sold already!

Youth Ministry Pizza Sale January 29th & 30th

Frozen Pizzas from “Tim and Bonnies”

One Pizza: \$8 Two Pizzas: \$15

Three Pizzas: \$23 Four Pizzas: \$30 Five Pizzas: \$37

Do you feel you are called to serve Christ in a deeper way? Do you want to know something about the Permanent Diaconate? If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 55 and have asked yourself this question, please join us on *Saturday February 12 from 9am – 12 noon* to talk, pray, and discover more about the Permanent Diaconate with no commitment. We will gather at St. Rose Retreat Center, 217 Winston Rd. Buffalo, NY 14214 - Please RSVP to Deacon Howard Morgan at hmorgan@buffalodiocese.org and let him know you are coming. God is calling you, will you follow? -

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools.

New families can now apply for scholarships for the 22-23 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in K-8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. *The deadline to apply is February 28th.* The average scholarship is \$1,500 and the maximum award is \$2,500. For more information, call Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869 ext. 1.

Respect Life Rosary

Please join us on *Saturday Feb 12th at 9:15AM* in church for the monthly respect life rosary. All ages are welcome and there will be large rosaries with foam beads available for kids to use. This month we will be praying for an end to euthanasia and for all those living with a terminal illness. If you are unable to join us, please consider saying the rosary at home this month for our intention.

Ministry Schedule for Feb 5-6					If you are on the Ministry schedule and unable to serve, please use the contact sheets to find a substitute.
	EMOHC	Lector	Altar Server	Greeter	
4pm	Mary Ellen Skora	Sylvia Michalski	Anyone Available	Anyone Available	
8:30am	Mary Beth Andrews	Molly Kruszcza	Anyone Available	Tina Kron	
11am	Cheryl Quiter	Tartick Family	Tartick Family	Dorothy Bracikowski	

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