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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday
11:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesdays, 1:00–5:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:4:00 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday, Friday:.....8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: During weekend Masses. Parents must be practicing Catholics and attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. Call the rectory office to register.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): call the rectory office.

Reconciliation (Confessions): Upon request only.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage must make an appointment to meet personally with the Pastor before a definite wedding date may be scheduled. Church arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding. No wedding date will be scheduled over the phone.

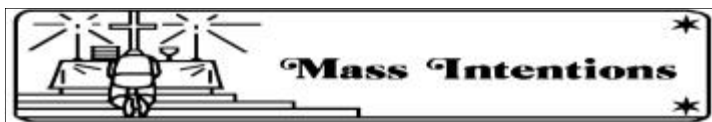
Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill is invited to contact the rectory to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Parish Devotions (Cancelled until further notice).

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration : Tuesdays: 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays after 7:30 a.m. Mass. *Recitation of Rosary:* daily after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Letters of Recommendation: Registered parishioners in good standing for a minimum of 3 months and active, who are confirmed, and if married, did so in accordance with the Church's regulations, will be issued letters on request. One week prior notice is required.

New Parishioners: We welcome you warmly. Please register at the rectory office as soon as you arrive

**Saturday, November 27****Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil & Family

Sunday, November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - Paul Kurzel - req. Wife

Monday, November 29

8:30 AM - Patricia Coyle - req. St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tuesday, November 30 - St. Andrew, apostle

8:30 AM - George & Ellen Phillips - req. Maiorana Family

Wednesday, December 1

8:30 AM - Ronald Piskorz - req. Rita Piskorz

Friday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

8:30 AM - Richard F. Klima - req. Chris Raczky

Saturday, December 4**Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM - Rose Pinker - req. Erin Wodzinski

Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - August Pingitore - req. Mary Salasny

In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**JEREMIAH 33:14-16****PSALM 25****1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-4:2****LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36****READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5****BARUCH 5:1-9****PSALM 126****PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11****LUKE 3:1-6****A Message from the Pastor**

We begin the new Church year with this First Sunday of Advent. The end of the last year readings complement our new year start. "Advent" comes from the Latin word "advenio," which means "the coming." The last week will focus on the anticipation of the physical coming of the Messiah -- Christmas. There is a second "coming" understood to be Jesus' coming into our personal existence, our acceptance and sharing. The third, which we focus on this weekend, is the second coming or the ever being ready for the coming of Jesus.

Many are scared when thinking about the end times; others just don't even think about it. As Christians, we profess Christ's life, suffering, death and resurrection. Our desire for his coming into our lives takes us through the suffering and death but leads us to the Resurrection and the preparedness for the second coming.

The prophet Jeremiah, who lived in exile with his people in a challenging time, is none-the-less full of hope and joy. His faith led him to expect God to renew His promise of love and care for His people. We Christians know that He did in Jesus Christ. We, therefore, can look at the "mess" that always seems to surround us and see the love of God at work. We can see the glory of God, the compassion of God, shining through the darkness (Out of the darkness comes a New Light).

The Letter to the Thessalonians challenges us to always be prepared for the end and to focus on increasing and to abound in love for one another. Our goal is to do God's Will, and the more we live in this love, the more joy and contentment we show.

The Gospel calls on us to keep vigilant! Don't get caught up in the signs and when the end is coming. Rather, live as if "Now is the time. Pay attention. Live well always."

As we begin Advent, let us ask our loving God to assist us in our desire and attraction to Him. Purify our love that we might radiate that Divine Love in the love we share with others. He is coming. May we rejoice and return that love through all we encounter.

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

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Faith Formation Sessions

Faith Formation classes for grades K-11 in the Parish Hall have begun. To register, contact the Rectory Office (549-0420). Grades K-8 report to class at 9:15 a.m. and Grades 9-11 at 7:00 p.m.

All who attend are to be masked and are to enter the hall at the gym entrance. Students K-8 must be signed in and picked up by a parent or guardian.

More information is available on the parish website: [MPB Faith Formation \(mpbangola.org\)](http://MPB Faith Formation (mpbangola.org)).

St. Bernadette Parish Hosts Scrabble Club

More Than Words Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette Parish Ministry Center (enter door #1 to the Father Carey Room), 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Bring your games and dictionaries.

Players of all levels are welcome. For more information, contact Joyce at 716-824-0846.

MPB CALENDARSunday, November 28

NO FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday, November 30

1:00 p.m. - Operation Good Neighbor: Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. - 'Warming the Winter Blues' - Hall

Wednesday, December 1

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study: Annex

Tuesday, December 7

7:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8

8:30 a.m. - Mass: The Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Diocese Announces Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Buffalo will mark the 175th Anniversary of its founding April 23, 2022. This will begin a year of events that are designed to inspire, renew and strengthen the faith and commitment to service of the People of God of the Church throughout Western New York. The anniversary events are part of the Diocesan Road to Renewal initiatives.

Project Keep Evans Warm and Fed

The warm clothing drive, **Project Keep Evans Warm**, also includes a food and paper drive. All collections will be turned over to Operation Good Neighbor for distribution to families in need who reside in Evans.

Requests for clothing donations include winter coats, gloves, boots and hats in all sizes, colors and styles. Children's sizes are very popular. All donated clothing must be clean. Dry and canned food for donations might include soups, cereals, pasta and vegetables. Baby food is in great demand. Paper goods (Kleenex, paper towels and bathroom tissue) will also be collected.

You may drop off donations in the Chapel foyer for Sunday morning pick-up. For home pick up, call 481-4480 or 507-6703. Leave a message.

Pray For the Healing of the Sick

Kathy Duerr, Mary Angela Richir, Kathy Nolan, Amy Jezioro Crawford, Lily Schwietzer, Sandy Clark, Cassie Rizzuto, Miya Wardlaw, Lynn Sellick,

Linda A. Hogg, Ryan O'Meara, Jean Francis, Deborah Schiedel Downs, Mason Joseph Reynolds, Patricia Jasinski, Ann Marie Collura, Fred Gugino,

Josephine Prisco, Jonah Delang, Robert Catalino, Michele White, Cheryl Kendall, Eryn Ramirez, Sandra Stevens, Jenna Place, Renee Perez-Quinn,

Bonnie Hyman, Mark Faraci, Jackie Francisco, Eleanor Rathgeber, Eugene Frometa, Richard Riley, Jane Granville, Jessie Keith, Diane Cooke,

Michael Rizzuto, Sr., Pauline Landes, Anna Marie Kirsch, Stephen Rodler, Karen Schiavone, Joseph Newland, Linda Muscato,

Lucille Zoda Galfo, Anthony Genovese, Dorothy Genovese, Patricia Latimore, Kimberly Borkowski, Jeannie DiChristopher, Eric Kohlmeier, Paulette Dailey.

December 4 & 5	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	R. Wargula, J. Sack, F. Dybdahl, M. Wargula	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	K. Young, K. Wells, L. Feider, J. Barone	J. Sedor



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To locate veterans' graves more easily in MPB's Holy Cross Cemetery, a US Veteran Gravemarker Decal will be affixed to the stone at each grave-site. The decal (shown at left) is of the American Legion Flag & Emblem.

The marking, at no cost to the family, will indicate where US Flags are to be placed on national holidays (Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4, Veterans Day) to honor those who served. A veteran's family preferring not to be a part of this project should contact the rectory office at 540-0420.

Feast of St. Nicholas

St. Mary of the Lake Parish, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg, will host a Feast of St. Nicholas celebration Sunday, December 5 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The event will include a pancake breakfast, face painting, arts & crafts, horse drawn carriage rides, Mr. & Mrs. Claus and Christmas carols. All are invited.

For further information, call 716-627-3123 or email secretary@smolparish.org.



Christmas Bazaar at SS. Peter & Paul Parish

SS. Peter & Paul Social Ministry will have a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The festivities will take place in the Parish Social Center, 68 East Main and Pine Sts., Hamburg.

The event features a bake sale, basket raffle, a homemade quilt raffle and a doll house raffle. It also includes a Kids Corner, holiday decorations, jewelry, books, household items and collectibles. Breakfast sandwiches, chili and beverages will be available for shoppers.

Please bring your shopping bags and be advised that masks may be required. All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Purchasing Gift Cards

An order form for holiday gift cards was included as an insert in the November 21 bulletin. The deadline for submitting orders is December 17.

After filling out the form, place it with payment in an envelope addressed to the Rectory Office. You may return it by placing it in the weekend collection basket, mailing it to the rectory (22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006) or by hand delivering it to the office during business hours.

When orders are filled, you will be called to make arrangements for pick-up. The gift card sale is an important annual fundraiser for MPB and has been quite successful in past years. The parish receives between 5% and 13% of the cards sold.

The 'Giving Tree'

Because of the observance of COVID protocols, the Ladies of Charity will continue last year's procedure for donating to the Giving Tree.

Members request that donations of the following \$25 gift cards be made and **purchased through MPB's cash (gift) card program**: Walmart, Old Navy, J.C. Penney, Target, T.J. Maxx and Kohl's. When ordering, your donation will be automatic if you indicate "Donate to Ladies of Charity Giving Tree" on the order sheet. The deadline for donations is Friday, December 10.



2022 Mass Intentions

Requests for 2022 Mass intentions may be made at the rectory during office hours or by mail. Please do not phone in requests.



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