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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.

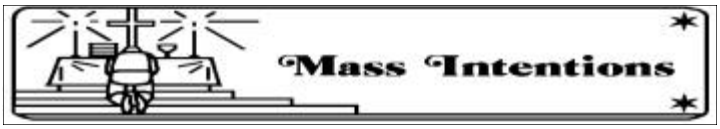
Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage must make an appointment to meet personally with the Pastor before a definite wedding date may be scheduled. Church arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding. No wedding date will be scheduled over the phone.

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, December 11 - St. Damasus I, pope

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Florence Graf - req. Josephine North & Charlene Nease

Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil & Family

Monday, December 13 - St. Lucy, virgin & martyr
8:30 AM - Patricia Coyle - req. Karen Erickson

Tuesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church
8:30 AM - Deceased Members of the Vollmar & Fraser Families - Estate of Neva Vollmar

Wednesday, December 15
8:30 AM - Ron Simchick - req. Wife

Friday, December 17
8:30 AM - Jack Dentice III - req. Maiorana Family

Saturday, December 18

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Janet Kaczmarczyk - req. "Cousin" Pat

Sunday, December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM - Carl & Mary Mascio - req. Joe C. Mascio

In your prayers, please pray for the deceased of the parish, and especially for **Tricia Ann Galfo, Jessica Grassmick, Louis A. Catalano**.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18a
PSALM 12
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7
LUKE 3:10-18

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

MICAH 5:1-4a
PSALM 80
HEBREWS 10:5-10
LUKE 1:39-45

A Message from the Pastor

We call today "Guadete Sunday" because our opening antiphon proclaims "Rejoice in the Lord Always!" We light the "rose" candle on the Advent wreath to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our savior. Remember from last week that we rejoice because 1) we are celebrating the day of Christ's birth, 2) we recognize Jesus' daily presence in our midst, and 3) we wait for Christ's return in glory.

To some it may seem strange that in the middle of a penitential season we would emphasize rejoicing. The Church even calls us to rejoice in repentance. Again we have been called to rejoice in our repentance. If we follow on with what we have talked about the first two weeks, we should be able to recognize that repentance is a "metanoia," Greek for a change of mind. In other words, it is a change away from sin and back toward God. A radical life change, it requires good fruits that show.

In our first reading from Zephaniah, the prophet encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of the expected deliverance by the Lord. I've mentioned before about visiting some of the sites of Paul's journeys especially while he was in captivity. Today's letter comes out of captivity and strongly proclaims: "Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again, rejoice…"

Luke expands our understanding of John today: John explains the secret of Christian joy is our whole-hearted commitment to God's Way by "doing" His will. John the Baptist challenges us to be generous and to treat others fairly, so all may have reason to rejoice. True happiness comes from doing our duty faithfully -- do good always and share our blessings with those who need. So John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration -- appropriate during Advent

John tells us to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting our lives reflect the transformation. The easiest is the joy we anticipate in the coming of the child Jesus. There should always be joy in our being prepared for the second coming of Jesus. Most challenging, I think, is to recognize Jesus' daily presence in our midst. If we work at living up to and acting as John tells us in the Gospel today, not only will we repent, but we will do it with joy! Gaudete!

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24
4:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary

Friday, December 31, 2021
(New Year's Eve)
Vigil - ***7:00 p.m.***

Saturday, January 1, 2022
(New Year's Day)
Morning Mass - ***10:00 a.m.***

Please Note: In addition to the Mass times listed above, there will be two Masses Sunday, December 26: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A Sunday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. Saturday January 1, 2022.

Dependency Treatment Program

If you or someone you know is struggling with an alcohol or drug addiction, now is the time to receive help.

Catholic Charities Dependency Treatment Program has immediate openings and is ready to help begin a path of hope and healing. The outpatient program is NY State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine.

More information is at www.ccwny.org/addiction.To begin referral process, call Central Intake at 716-895-1033. For more information on other services provided by Catholic Charities, visit www.ccwny.org.

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.

A Thank-You Message

Members of the Ladies of Charity thank you for your most generous donations. The Giving Tree project was a huge success despite the changes and precautionary regulations imposed during these times of the COVID pandemic. Thank you.

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, Christine Radwan.

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See 15 acres of spectacular Christmas lights, including a 9-foot tall outdoor illuminated Nativity scene and a life-size Fontanini Nativity scene in the Basilica. Visitors may also climb to the top of the Basilica for an angel's eye view of the Avenue of Saints and the Spirit of Christmas.

Admission and parking are free and groups are welcome (reservations appreciated). For scheduled hours of the office, gift shop and cafeteria, email office@fatimashrine.com or call 716-754-7489.

Nativity Sets on Display at Fatima Shrine

Fr. Roy Herberger's collection of International Nativity Sets from 59 countries are on display at the Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown during the Festival of Lights.

Visitors are welcome from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until January 2 (with the exception of December 24-25 and December 31). For more information, please call Fr. Roy at 716-852-2076.

December 18 & 19	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	J. Sack, volunteer, F. Dybdahl, N. Preischel	K. Young
8:30 a.m.	L. Feider, K. Young, J. Barone, D. Hosler	D. Gelencser

Faith Formation Sessions

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

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).

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.

St. Francis HS Names Honor Students

The following students from St. Francis High School have been awarded First Honors for the first quarter marking period: **Gavin M. Herman** (Senior) and **Devon C. Shepherd** (Junior).

MPB CALENDAR

Sunday, December 12
9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8): Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11): Parish Hall

Monday, December 13
6:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting: Annex

Tuesday, December 14
1:00 p.m. - Operation Good Neighbor: Parish Hall
Respect Life -- No Meeting

Sunday, December 19
8:00 a.m. - Rosary & Altar Society - Rosary
Meeting - following 8:30 Mass
9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8): Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11): Parish Hall

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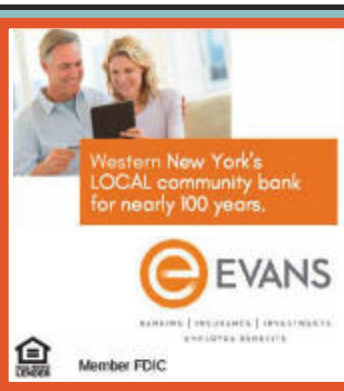

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