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Parish Motto:

Let us do little things with great love.



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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.

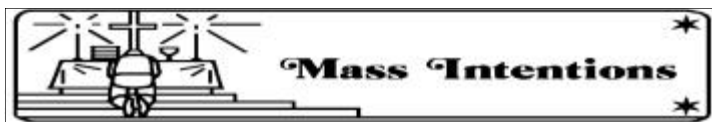
Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill is invited to contact the rectory to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

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, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God**

10:00 AM - Mike Fitzgerald - req. Family
Sunday Vigil - 4:00 PM - Edmund & Bernice Dull -
Estate

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of Our Lord

8:30 AM - Tomasz Olejniczak - req. Mother, Father &
Sisters

Monday, January 3

8:30 AM - Kathleen Connors - req. Family

**Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious**

8:30 AM - People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 5- St. John Neumann, bishop

8:30 AM - Patricia Coyle - req. Conrad & Suzanne
Piskorz

Friday, January 7

8:30 AM - Faithfully Departed

Saturday, January 8

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM - Colleen Jimenez - req. Mom Arlene Vail

Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM - Rosella Morgano - req. Scaglione Family

*In your prayers, please pray for the deceased
of the parish, especially Paulette Dailey and
Susan B. Kruszka.*

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

ISAIAH 60:1-6

PSALM 72

EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6

MATTHEW 2:1-12



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

PSALM 104

TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7

LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

A Message from the Pastor



**Merry Epiphany?
Blessed Epiphany?
Happy Epiphany?**

Nothing flows too smoothly, does it? Many people call this "Little Christmas." And the traditional date of the 6th of January was the 12th Day of Christmas. The end of the giving? So why do we elevate this feast?

Today's feast is actually considered as one with the Nativity. It is a multi-day celebration, a united recognition of the Incarnation -- God becomes man. God takes on our human form as foretold by the people of Israel. Today's aspect is that Jesus came for all people.

Recall the last Sunday before Advent. It was the Feast of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe. The Feast of the Epiphany is the precursor to Christ the King. Wise men, Magi, kings or lords from foreign lands, non-believers, (the Jews would have called them pagans) came looking for the new, promised King of the Jews. They knew more than the reigning king of the Jews.

These wise men knew as much as (if not more than) the leaders and scholars of the Church and the Law of the Israelites. The Magi had not only heard of the precepts of Israel, they were able to discern a time frame and read the omens. They followed the star.

The Magi brought gifts appropriate for a king, a priest, and with aids to an appropriate transition through death. The kings are then gifted by the God of Israel to understand dreams (Don't go back to Herod).

In essence the Magi are called to Jesus the King (still as an infant); given wisdom to interpret history and then given a messenger to guide them home and to protect the Child. The Church tells us that the Epiphany is the Nativity being given to the whole world, even to non-Jews.

The reality is that Jesus came to be King of the Universe, which includes non-believers. We, the believers, are called to respond in faith.

Can we see the Star, Jesus Christ, guiding us through our world? Do we honor Jesus as the Son of God, the King of the Universe as King, Priest, Conqueror of Death? Do we listen to the prophetic "Word" of God and care for the Christ? Do we protect Jesus, beginning in our prayer? Do we offer God to all by our life?

Maybe the best accolade is **Merry Christmas!**

Choicest Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Diocese to Celebrate 175th Anniversary

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

Catholic Charities Calls for Volunteers

Happy New Year! Is giving back on your to-do list for 2022? If so, consider becoming a Catholic Charities volunteer. View all current opportunities at www.ccwny.org and become a beacon of HOPE right here in Western New York.

Thank you for your support throughout the year! Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If someone you know needs help, call our Helpline at 716-218- 1419 or go to www.ccwny.org.

Covid-19 Protocol Reminders

MPB has Masses on Saturday at **4:00 p.m.** and on Sunday at **8:30 a.m.** Please note the following regulations:

- Masks are required and hand sanitizers are suggested. They are at the door.
- Please enter the church through the center front door. Exiting the church will be through the front side doors and through the doors near the sanctuary.
- Handicap entering and exiting is through the Garden door.
- There is no holy water in church. Do not share books. Touch as few things as possible.

Oplatki Available

For those interested in continuing the Polish tradition of Oplatki at Christmas time, envelopes of the wafers are still available at the rectory business office during business hours. Each envelope contains two wafers. Donations of \$1.00 will be accepted.

MPB Church Hours

The front door of the church is unlocked **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Friday** (8:00 am.-1:00 p.m.); **Saturday** (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.); and **Sunday** (8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.).

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.

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, Christine Radwan.

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.





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RTS is open Monday through Friday and dispatch hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Volunteers can choose a four-hour shift, one day per week or join as seasonal or back-up help.

If you are a resident of Evans, Brant or other towns in Southern Erie County and would like free transportation, call today. Call 716-472-6065 to volunteer or to register for service.

Covid-19: A Prayer for Solidarity

For all who have contracted the corona virus, we pray for care and healing and for those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

Father, during this time, may your Church be a sign of hope and comfort for all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. **Amen.**

2022 Envelopes

Envelopes for 2022 are available now and may be picked up in the Chapel following Sunday Mass.

January 8 & 9	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors
4:00 p.m.	N. Preischel, F. Dybdahl, Volunteer, J. Sack	K. Young
8:30 a.m.	K. Wells, K. Young, J. Dillon, L. Feider	J. Sedor

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 \(mpbangola.org\)](http://MPB Faith Formation (mpbangola.org)).

Becoming CatholicRCIA

If you have not had the opportunity to receive all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and would like to remedy the situation or if you have pertinent questions about your faith, contact the Faith Formation Office (549-1818) to discuss your concerns.

Adults, and children who have reached the age of reason (usually age 7), who are not baptized, prepare to enter the Catholic Church through a process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which can easily be accommodated to children.

RCIA gathers regularly and tailors the process to the needs of the individual. Adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who are preparing to become Catholic follow a similar process adapted to their own particular circumstances.

MPB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 2

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
 No Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. (K-8)
 No Faith Formation - 7:00 p.m. (9-11)

Tuesday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 9

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
 9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation (K-8)
 7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation (9-11)

Tuesday, January 11

1:00 p.m. - Operation Good Neighbor: Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. - Respect Life meeting: Chapel



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