



#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil**......5:00pm **Sunday**......7:30am & 9:30am **Tues. & Thurs**.....8:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

**Saturday**......3:30-4:00pm

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#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

#### Week of Jan. 2

Butch Rongo (In Memory of) by Family

#### Week of Jan. 9

For Andrew W. Begley (Anniversary of Death) by Mom & Dad

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday January 1st Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am Rev. James Waite & Rev. Joesph Dumphrey, OSFS and Staff by St. John's Legion of Mary

#### Sunday January 2nd Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Parishioners of St. John's 9:30 am Maryann Lawson by Mary DiMillo

#### Monday January 3rd Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am In memory of Sandy Berzer by daughter Mandy

#### **Tuesday January 4th**

8:00 am† Fr. Jerry Bartko, OSFS & Fr. Frank Schimscheiner, OSFS by Michael & Carol Iodice

#### **Wednesday January 5th**

8:00 am IMO Kathleen Naples by Rick

#### **Thursday January 6th**

8:00 am† Stanley Bronski by Vickie Doss and Sue & Jim Haar

# Friday January 7th St. Raymond of Penafort

8:00 am In memory of Donna Wilber by family

#### Saturday January 8th

5:00 pm† Robert Simon by Carol Pennesi

#### Sunday January 9th Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am IMO Richard Graesser 9:30 am IMO Dayson Kendrick by wife Barbara

## WEEKLY PRAYER

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-

16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



#### FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)



#### **PSALM**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)



#### SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,

and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



#### GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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# Advent & Christmas



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas are opportunities for us to reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the Word made flesh and dwelling among us, but we also anticipate in hope that Jesus Christ will come again in glory. As we maneuver between the first and second comings of Christ, we are reminded that the Church and her members must continually renew themselves. All of us need renewal, and true renewal is rooted in the Incarnation.

As the Road to Renewal in the Diocese of Buffalo progresses, the seasons we celebrate are an opportunity for us to focus on the nature of a family. Just as our Savior was born of the Virgin Mary, and became part of a family with St. Joseph, each of us are also part of a family. Our families take on many differing characteristics and are all unique, but each is called to be the center of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus as the center of the Holy Family was not exempt from the struggles of the world. Each member of the Holy Family had a role to play in salvation history. St. Joseph learned to trust, the Blessed Mother chose to say yes to God's plan, and Jesus had to be born into a family to save us.

Recently I shared that our parishes will be brought together into Families of Parishes. Each of our parishes will have a role to play in the new family structure as well. There will be new opportunities as well as new challenges that we will have to face together, but that is what family does. We journey together in faith with Jesus at the center.

My prayer is that our Renewal and the Families of Parishes model will introduce people to Jesus and save souls. This is the mission of the Church, the mission of our Families of Parishes and the goal we all strive for as we await the second coming of our Savior.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher Bishop of Buffalo

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## Pilot Families of Parishes have been identified!

#### Pilot Family #1 (Family #9)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bowmansville St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster Our Lady of Pompeii, Lancaster St. Philip the Apostle, Cheektowaga Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Depew St. Martha, Depew

#### Pilot Family #2 (Family #10)

St. John the Baptist, Lockport All Saints, Lockport Immaculate Conception, Ransomville St. Brendan on the Lake, Newfane

#### Pilot Family #3 (Family #14)

St. Michael, Warsaw St. Mary Immaculate, Pavilion St. Isidore, Perry/Silver Springs

## Timeline for 2022

#### January 2022

Activation of Pilot Families. As we begin with pilots, implementation teams will be working with pilot families to begin collaboration. The pilot period for parishes is 6 months between moving from the activation phase into the final inaugration phase.

Priest study day with Pastors from London, Ontario who have gone through Families of Parishes process.

#### April 2022

Pastors of Pilot Families are announced.

#### July 2022

The Pilot Families of Parishes are inaugurated and begin functioning as a family.

#### Pilot Family #4 (Family #20)

Assumption, Buffalo Holy Spirit, Buffalo St. Margaret, Buffalo St. Mark, Buffalo St. Rose of Lima, Buffalo All Saints, Buffalo

#### Pilot Family #5 (Family #25)

Holy Name of Mary, Ellicottville St. Philomena, Franklinville Our Lady of Peace, Salamanca

#### Pilot Family #6 (Family #31)

St. Martin of Tours, Buffalo St. Teresa, Buffalo St. Thomas Aquinas, Buffalo Our Lady of Charity, Buffalo

## Did you know?

We are projecting 99 priests will be available to serve in 2030. Of those 99 priests, 66 will be under the age of 70. We currently have 161 parishes and 132 active Diocesan Priests. We are going to 36 Families of Parishes.

#### Please pray for Vocations!



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