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in the City of David,  
a Savior has been born  
for you who is  
Christ and Lord.”*

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### Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m.  
*Please check Bulletin for Holy Day Masses*

**Confession:** Saturday: 3:00– 3:30 p.m.  
Any time after morning Mass or call Fr. Bill

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Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Wed. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Closed Wednesday afternoon & Friday

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday–Friday: 8:15 a.m.

**Confession:** Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

PASTOR..... Fr. Bill Quinlivan, 823-7077 ext. 223  
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## Father Bill's Column

### CHRISTMAS – LIGHT OF JESUS

**CHRIST, GOD'S SON, LORD JESUS  
YOUR BIRTH WE NOW PROCLAIM  
AS WE LIGHT THE CENTER CANDLE  
WE NOW GLORIFY YOUR NAME  
THE ANGELS SANG TO BETHLEHEM  
AS A NEW STAR LIT THE SKIES  
GIFT OF CHRISTMAS, NEWBORN SAVIOR  
TO BOW BEFORE IS WISE!**

As we utilize our newly installed cameras and streaming system, this Christmas comes to all who will receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. In our two linked parishes, we usually put the Advent wreath away as the church gets decorated for Christmas. (Our THANKS so much to the volunteers who did that this year!)

Some churches have a tradition of keeping the wreath and placing a single white candle in the center to represent the light of Christ. This practice is probably an offshoot of the use of our Paschal candle blessed each year at the Easter Vigil.

A few months ago, I was contacted by a church musician who came across my Advent Wreath Carol (whose lyrics I have used as part of my bulletin column reflections these past several weeks.) Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ohio asked for the music for my song to teach their choir. I quickly sent it.

Then I heard from the woman (whose name is Carol – yes. Ironic for a Christmas choir director, eh??) that their tradition includes the Christ candle on Christmas. Could I write another verse? I was happy to – and share that lyric with you at the top of this column with a prayer that this Christmas season will find you deeply immersed in the light and love of God's Son, our Lord and Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ!

Peace, Fr. Bill



Both St. Martin of Tours and St. Thomas Aquinas are now scheduling Baptisms. Baptisms will again take place after the 4 PM Mass on Saturday or after the 10 AM (STA) or 11 AM (SMT) Mass on Sunday. Please call the parish office to begin the process and set a date.

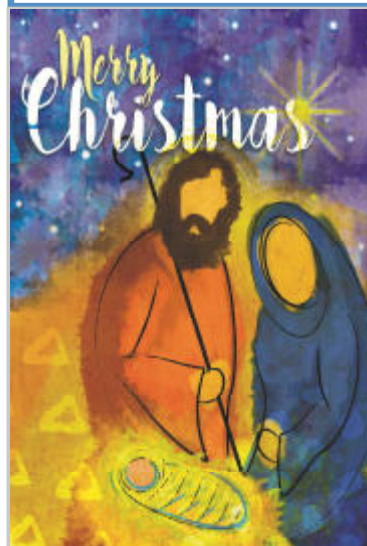


### Planning a Wedding

Couples should contact the pastor, Fr. Bill Quinlivan (823-7077) to make arrangements for their wedding. He will get you started on the procedures needed to be followed to be married in the Catholic church.

### Letter of Recommendation

A Letter of Recommendation to act as a sponsor for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation can only be issued to parishioners who have been registered a minimum of six months and who regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments. Regular use of church envelopes indicates attendance at Mass. Call the parish office for more information.



*Fr. Bill, Fr. Greg,  
Deacon Dan, and the  
entire staff of  
St. Martin of Tours &  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
wish you and your  
family a very  
Merry Christmas and  
a healthy, happy  
New Year!*

### UPDATED COVID REGULATIONS

Please be advised that Erie County and the Diocese of Buffalo has provided **NEW COVID REGULATIONS** for those attending Mass. Until further notice, those entering the church must wear masks at all times while in church. Social distancing must also be observed. The church will continue to be sanitized after Masses.



### Sacrificial Offering

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

**Week of December 12: \$3408**

**Immaculate Conception: \$277**



## St. Thomas Aquinas



## St. Martin of Tours



# Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, December 25— Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM Murphy & Kula Families by Joe & Kathy Kula  
4:00 PM NO MASS

### Sunday, Dec. 26— Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

10:00 AM (Birth.) Daniel J. Higgins by Trish & John Glose  
7:00 PM Linda Lavey by Mary & Gary Eaton

### Monday, December 27— St. John the Evangelist

8:30 AM Daily Mass at St. Martin of Tours

### Tuesday, December 28— The Holy Innocents

8:15 AM (Birth.) Erlynn Finkenbinder by Linda Smith

### Wednesday, December 29— St. Thomas Becket

8:15 AM Fr. James Fugle by Fr. Greg Dobson

### Thursday, December 30- 6th Day-Octave of the Nativity

8:15 AM John Martin by Debbie & Family

### Friday, December 31— St. Sylvester

8:15 AM Kathy Toepfer Possinger by Judy Delaney

### Saturday, January 1— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 AM Alice May & Mary Alice O'Brien by niece, Phyllis Doherty  
4:00 PM (Birth.) John O. Lockwood by Family

### Sunday, January 2— Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 AM Sr. Mary Telesphore Wozniak FSSJ by Joe & Kathy Kula  
7:00 PM Marie Fitzgerald by Lucy & Ed Holmes & Norine Kawczynski

### Saturday, December 25— Nativity of the Lord

11:00 AM Cecelia Pfister by Pfister Family

### Sunday, Dec. 26- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM Connie Janek by Esther Paradowski  
11:00 AM Robert Benz by Wife & Family

### Monday, December 27— St. John the Evangelist

8:30 AM Margaret Mary Hurley by Estate of Peggy Jo Diggins

### Tuesday, December 28— The Holy Innocents

8:30 AM Thomas Quinn by the John Cronin Family

### Wednesday, December 29- St. Thomas Becket

8:30 AM (Anniv.) Lynne Low by Family

### Thursday, December 30- 6th Day-Octave of the Nativity

8:30 AM Gloria Carlisi by Maureen Diggins

### Friday, December 31— St. Sylvester

8:30 AM (Birth.) Carlo & Carmela Giordano & Family by Family of William & Edna Keefe  
4:00 PM (Anniv.) Danny Wilson by Mom & Dad

### Saturday, January 1— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas

### Sunday, January 2— Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Phil Pecoraro by Pat Browne  
11:00 AM Stephen Meegan by Lee & Eileen Noworyta

PLEASE PRAY FOR, VISIT, CALL OR WRITE all the sick and suffering in our linked parishes including: Jack Fecio, Mary Kelly, Chester Lasota, Will Travis, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Fran McNamara, Mary Pat Smith, Aaron Jablonsky, Patrick Lalley, Dolores Mortellaro, Doris Lee, Bill Sanly, Holly Howard Bell, Kathy Cuthbert Milligan, Karen Pappas, Mary Clare Kelleher, Bill Dunford, Daniel Kubik, Peter Ray, David Ray, Rose Courtney, Tim Gallivan, Nancy Terrell, Rich Keim, Tim Malley, Maureen McCabe, Jim Kaska, Fr. Tom Quinlivan, Donna Cuddihy, Lorraine McGlaughlin, Norine Kawczynski, Denise Dunford, Tom Walsh, Maureen Fecio, James Foley, Michael Petmore, Joseph Kawczynski, Kathy Pauly, Carl Fodor, Karl Fodor, and Theresa Smith.

ALSO, WE ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially Suzanne Nyitrai, Frank O'Connor, and Donna Catanzaro.

Please call the Parish Office if you would like a family member, friend, or neighbor put on our prayer list. Please know that all ill and deceased parishioners are remembered in our prayers every day. **In case of serious illness, please call a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Sick while the person is still able to go to confession and receive the Eucharist.**







### READINGS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 62: 1-5 or Isaiah 52: 7-10

Acts 13: 16-25 or Hebrews 1: 1-6

Matthew 1: 1-25 or John 1: 1-18

### READING FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 or Colossians 3: 12-21

Luke 2: 41-52

### Thank You!

Many thanks to all those who contributed warm items and/or food to our Advent outreach this month. Many hats, scarves, gloves, winter jackets, etc. graced our parish Giving Trees this season and have been delivered to St. Luke's Mission to help bring the love of Christ to those in need. We were also able to deliver a number of boxes of food items to the Bishop Kmiec Food Pantry to alleviate the hunger of many in the South Buffalo community who rely on help in feeding their families. Your generosity is a blessing and sign to all that we are people of faith and compassion. Thank you for demonstrating the true meaning of Christmas.



### Give a Gift to the Lord this Christmas, YOURSELF!

"What return can I make to the Lord for all He has given me?" These words from Scripture challenge us to share the gifts and talents that the Lord has bestowed upon us. Our parishes are in great need of people to help with many of our ministries. This is especially true at St. Thomas Aquinas where lectors are needed to proclaim the Word of God at weekend Masses and funeral servers are needed to assist the priests at Masses of Christian Burial. All our parishioners, both men and women are asked to reflect upon this call to the Lord's service and hopefully, make a response in grace. Training is available for all ministries. Please call the parish office if you are able to help.



### Tabernacle Lamps

During the month of December, the sanctuary lamp at St. Thomas Aquinas will burn for the Glory of God and in memory of Jim & Kevin Higgins, as requested by the Higgins family.



### Honoring Coach Fitzgerald

In gratitude for all Pat Fitzgerald has given to us, the South Buffalo community would like to honor, thank and congratulate Coach Fitz for his 50 years of coaching. He is beloved and respected by his coaching peers and all his former players. Our goal is to have a great night of memories, while at the same time, raise funds for a Coach Pat Fitzgerald Scholarship. The scholarship will support both a male and female 8<sup>th</sup> grade student from Notre Dame Academy choosing to enroll at Bishop Timon and Mount Mercy. Donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated and are a small payback for all he has given to the thousands of South Buffalo kids he has coached over these many years. Please support us in honoring this great servant of our community at the Knights of Columbus on Legion Drive on Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30. For more info contact: Jack Hoffstetter-716-479-5544 or email jackhoffstetter@gmail.com.

### Congratulations to Our Scholars

We would like to congratulate the following students who have achieved honors for the first quarter of the academic year.



#### Mount Mercy Academy:

**1st Honors:** Sydney Ardanuy, Madison Edwards, Elizabeth Godsoe, Mary Bea Lalley, Brogan Maloney, Aubrey Monaco, Natalie Radwan, Mara Santana, Isabella Shea, Mary Vattes

**2nd Honors:** Meghan Bell, Ashley Cirbus, Lucy Duggan, Elyse Ellicott, Olivia Fuller, Maura Higgins, Mairin Kearns, Amelia Lalley, Ava Moran, Joelle Poletto, Tia Thourling, Taylor Jahn, Madison Leonard

**Merit Roll:** Kathleen Beale, Margaret Bell, Olive Churley, Claire Denning, Gabrielle Juliano, Bridie McCabe, Sara McCoy, Trinity Mead, Marren Phillips, Julia Rosato, Isabella Scarcello, Jenna Brown, Madeline Hagner

#### St. Francis High School:

**1st Honors:** Aidan Sikorski, Aidan Trimper, Ryan Adymy, Brody Krombach, Alexander Nguyen

**2nd Honors:** Eric Garvin, Joseph Unteregger

We are proud of you all!



### Sacrificial Giving St. Martin of Tours

**Week of December: \$4686**  
**Immaculate Conception: \$445**

# 2nd Annual Sweetheart Virtual Meat Raffle

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**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!**

Gather your family and friends to take part in this year's Sweetheart Meat Raffle on Saturday, February 5th. This year, we will be livestreaming from the narthex at St. Martin of Tours, providing a fun evening where we will be spinning the wheel for meat, gift cards, and special prizes. There will even be entertainment!

Tickets are \$50 each and are available after Masses, online, and at the parish offices. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Lucky numbers will be emailed to participants before the event.

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