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OVERJOYED AT
SEEING THE STAR,
AND ON ENTERING
THE HOUSE THEY
SAW THE CHILD WITH
MARY HIS MOTHER.
- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

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Mass Schedule

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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.
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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.

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Father Bill's Corner

BACK TO OUR CENSUS

Will Christmas bring us back to our census?
Will we measure more than numbers can count?

Instead, stand in the Lord to be valued
Deposit good in Heaven's account...

Will Christmas catch us up in a myst'ry?
Will we un-wrap more truth than our gifts?
Belong to family eternal-the Holy one,
If you get my drift!

Christmas 2021, a feast amid pandemic times

We'll adore God's newborn Son
Even when no reason rhymes
Christmas this year—strange again!
Will we FaceTime, stream or Zoom?
Air-hug from at least 6 feet?
But for the Savior, make some room!

Will the inns of our hearts welcome Jesus?
Then in grace of salvation we'll bask
He who's Joy to Our World cares about us
Let Him see you smile...under your mask!
Will Bethlehem's arrival bless our gatherings?
Can Heaven count on us to give Him praise?
The gift who's wrapped in swaddling clothes
still offers
Yet another introduction to His ways....

Christmas 2021—Peace is born, He's right on time

Let's approach God's only Son
Songs in our hearts, ring like chimes
Christmas this year, bring it on!
Life is precious, womb to tomb...
Final birth will take us Home
So, innkeepers, make some room!!

Merry Christmas and Blessed 2022, 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.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



Happy
New Year to all
From Fr. Bill
and the staffs of
St. Thomas
Aquinas and St.
Martin of Tours

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 19: \$3428



St. Thomas Aquinas



St. Martin of Tours



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 1– Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 AM Alice May & Mary Ellen 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 Teleshore Wozniak FSSJ by Joe & Kathy Kula

7:00 PM Marie Fitzgerald by Lucy & Ed Holmes & Norine Kawczynski

Monday, January 3– Holy Name of Jesus

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

Tuesday, January 4– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:15 AM (Anniv.) Ron Hodge by Ramona

Wednesday, January 5– St. John Neumann

8:15 AM Kathy Possinger by Pat Quinlivan & Family

Thursday, January 6– St. Andre Bessette

8:15 AM Mark Zalocha by Donna Curry

Friday, January 7– St. Raymond of Penafort

8:15 AM Donald Zimmer by Pat Quinlivan & Family

Saturday, January 8– Christmas Weekday

4:00 PM Myles Lalley by Brendan & Kathleen Casey

Sunday, January 9– Baptism of the Lord

10:00 AM Margaret Starzynski by M/M Kevin McCarthy

7:00 PM Harry O'Brien by Maureen Myers & Family

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

Monday, January 3– Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 AM Gloria Carlisi by Richard Crane

Tuesday, January 4– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 AM Gertrude Nelson by Estate of Peggy Jo Diggins

Wednesday, January 5– St. John Neumann

8:30 AM Leona Badaszewski by Frank & Sally Ventura

Thursday, January 6– St. Andre Bessette

8:30 AM Helen McLaughlin by Jim & Mary Shea

Friday, January 7– St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30 AM Sister Patricia Collins by Donald & Sheila Gallivan

Saturday, January 8– Christmas Weekday

4:00 PM (Birth.) Mike Diggins by Family

Sunday, January 9– Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM (Birth.) David Brigham by Anne & Family

11:00 AM Constantine Poczkaliski, Jr. by M/M Melvin Rogalski

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 McLaughlin, 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 Doris Lee.

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
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

**BEREAVEMENT
Ministry**

*The Lord is close to the broken-hearted,
saves those whose spirit is crushed" Psalm 34:19*

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and need spiritual support, you are invited to our bereavement sessions offered at St. Martin of Tours on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the sacristy. Call Mary Catherine Kennedy 825-6327 for more information.

The Feast of the Epiphany

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the light of the star of David, the one who will be king of all the nations.

O come, let us adore Him!



Many thanks to all who supported our Warming Trees and food collections at our parishes this advent season. You made Christmas brighter for those in need. Also, we would like to thank all those who contributed to our Christmas Flowers and those who gave of their time and talents to so beautifully decorate our churches.

Catholic Fertility Care Sessions

Understanding how fertility and infertility work is Step One in successfully planning your family in a natural way. Whether trying to conceive, avoid, or space your pregnancies, the Creighton Model Fertility Care System is easy to learn. Professional instruction is available through Catholic Health. Sessions are now being scheduled. To pre-register or have questions answered, call Buffalo Mercy Hospital at 828-2493 or Sisters Hospital at 862-1944.



Tabernacle Lamps

During the month of January, the sanctuary lamp at St. Thomas Aquinas will burn for the Glory of God and in memory of Brendan Gallagher, as requested by his family.

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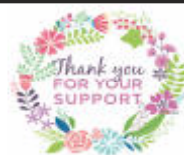
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DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

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!

WAYS TO HELP

The holidays are over and it's time to put away the gifts from under the tree. Did you receive gift cards that you will never use? How about bottles of wine or liquor? Will you store them away and never use them? Your unusable gifts can help your parish. All during the month of January we will be collecting gift cards, certificates, and bottles of wine and liquor that will be used as door prizes for our 2nd Annual Sweetheart Raffle on February 5th. Just place your gift cards in an envelope and place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. The wine and liquor can also be dropped off or given to a sacristan. Thanks for your support!



Sacrificial Giving
St. Martin of Tours
Week of December 19: \$5120.71

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
 The brand new year ahead.
 Help me live the way I should
 As each new day I tread.
 Give me gentle wisdom
 That I might help a friend,
 Give me strength and courage
 So a shoulder I might lend.
 The year ahead is empty,
 Help me fill it with good things
 Each new day filled with joy
 And happiness it brings.
 Amen.

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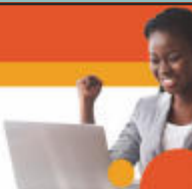
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