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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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Monday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 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
 Pastor Emeritus Rev. James G. Judge
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Father Bill's Corner

“JESUS ALSO WAS BAPTIZED”

There is a hint of Good Shepherd in St. Matthew’s telling of the Baptism of the Lord in this Sunday’s gospel. It caught my attention that this telling of the luminous mystery uniquely starts with all the people being baptized, and then, “Jesus also.” We city and suburb dwellers might picture a shepherd leading from the front of a flock, but normally then come from behind – to better watch out for wanderers!

“AND WAS PRAYING”

The three-word phrase above can seem like a throw-away, as if the gospel wants to say, “Oh, by the way, Jesus was praying.” But no, my friends! Indeed, this seems quite essential to the narrative.

I picture Christ at the Jordan shore praying for each one baptized before Him. Was it catechesis by infusion? The prophetic word of John, that the one coming after him would, “baptize in the Holy Spirit,” could have actually begun by His holy presence and prayer. Then, after his immersion in the Jordan, Jesus’ prayer harmonizes with the sky opening, dove descending and the voice of the Father teaching!

“WELL PLEASED”

The voice of the Heavenly Father proclaims that Jesus is His “beloved son” and before Christ preaches a word or evokes a single miracle, God is “well pleased.” At a certain moment, later after John the Baptist is arrested, scripture tells us that Jesus went “beyond the Jordan.”

In many obvious ways, the Son of God supernaturally surpasses the ministry of John. Of course, the great prophet who recognized the presence of the savior while still in the womb foresaw this greatness! In a figurate way, after being baptized Himself, the Lord goes out to begin public ministry.

We who belong to Christ, His Father and the Holy Spirit through baptism are called to reach into the deep recesses (like a well!) of grace that saves us. Then we will resemble the Son of God as living out our baptism fully, beyond the Jordan. And by extension, then, our discipleship is also beyond Calvary, empty tomb and Pentecost. That is a bottomless well, is it not? Well, well!

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.



Sign Up for Online Giving

Winter is here and cases of the coronavirus seem to be spiking again. Who knows what the future holds? Help keep our parishes afloat by signing up for online giving. This is a great way to support your parish if you can’t get to church or if churches are required to close in the future. Please help us during this difficult time. Go to our parish websites to sign up.

Tax contribution letters for 2020 are now available. Please call the appropriate parish office to make a request.

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 26: \$3451

Week of January 2: \$3339

Christmas Offering: \$4364

Solemnity of Mary: \$452

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$852



St. Thomas Aquinas



St. Martin of Tours



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 10– Weekday

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

Tuesday, January 11– Weekday

8:15 AM Agnes R. Haley by Family

Wednesday, January 12– Weekday

8:15 AM Juana Irene Irwin & Michael by Patrick Irwin

Thursday, January 13– St. Hilary

8:15 AM Mark Zalocha by Chris O'Connor

Friday, January 14– Weekday

8:15 AM Kathy Toepfer Possinger by Donna Curry

Saturday, January 15– Weekday

4:00 PM Sharon Shedler by Michael & Eileen Shedler

Sunday, January 16– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM (Birth.) Patricia Kane by Family

7:00 PM (Anniv.) Norbert Repman by Family

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 M Constantine Poczalski, Jr. by M/M Melvin Rogalski

Monday, January 10– Weekday

8:30 AM (Birth.) Edna & Lucy Sorendo by Family of William & Edna Keefe

Tuesday, January 11– Weekday

8:30 AM Teresa M. Healy by Estate of Peggy Jo Diggins

Wednesday, January 12– Weekday

8:30 AM Marie Fitzgerald by Pat Browne

9:15 AM Linda Raslawsky by NDA Staff & Students

Thursday, January 13– St. Hilary

8:30 AM (Anniv.) James Quinlivan by Family

Friday, January 14– Weekday

8:30 AM Sister Patricia Collins by Patricia Griffith

Saturday, January 15– Weekday

4:00 PM Helen Gatta by Ron & Kathleen Delano

Sunday, January 16– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Marie Fitzgerald by Jack Driscoll

11:00 AM Marilyn Klink by Marian Lazickas

PLEASE PRAY FOR, VISIT, CALL OR WRITE all the sick and suffering in our linked parishes including: Jack and Maureen Fecio, Mary Kelly, Will Travis, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Fran

McNamara, Mary Pat Smith, Aaron Jablonsky, Patrick Lalley, Dolores Mortellaro, 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, James Foley, Michael Petmore, Joseph Kawczynski, Kathy Pauly, Carl Fodor, Karl Fodor, Theresa Smith, and Evelyn Bakowski.

ALSO, WE ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially Peggy Connors.

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

The Lord is close to the broken- **BEREAVEMENT**
hearted, *Ministry*

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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus did not need the baptism of John. He was absolutely sinless. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted children of God.

ANGELCAM Livestreaming Cameras

We are so pleased to announce that due to a grant award in conjunction with some funds collected in donations, we were able to purchase and install 2 AngelCam Livestreaming Cameras, one inside each parish, that allows all events to run on a continuous stream on both websites:

www.stthomasbuffalo.com and www.stmartinbuffalo.com

In the past, Fr. Bill had to carry around his tripod loaded with his tablet on and off the altar in order to stream a mass/baptism/funeral or wedding. Now that the cameras were permanently installed inside the churches just before Christmas, you can tune in anytime to watch the AngelCam in real time through the websites. For now, no need to go through Facebook, although you should receive a notification when Masses begin in real time. The fruit of your generosity enabled this wonderful technology addition. On behalf of Fr. Bill and staff, many thanks for all of your support.

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.

Parish Office Position at SMT

Are you or someone you know looking for a job at a very special place? St. Martin of Tours is in need of a secretary/office manager. The position is full time with benefits but could be adjusted for the right candidate. Please spread the word! The listing can be found on the diocesan at website:www.buffalodiocese.org or call the parish office at 823-7077.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

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THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

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LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

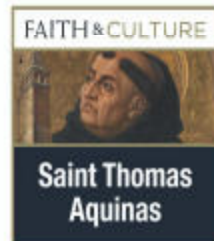
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The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



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December 50/50 Winners

STA: Tom & Mora Mahoney- \$322.50

SMT: John & Mary Zelasko- \$342.50

CONGRATULATIONS!



Sacrificial Giving
St. Martin of Tours

Week of December 26: \$7054.77

Week of January 2: \$4580.41

Christmas Offering: \$2783

Solemnity of Mary: \$362

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1414

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!

2nd Annual Sweetheart Virtual Meat Raffle

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www.facebook.com/stmartinbuffalo/videos/

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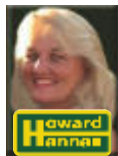
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