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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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#### Office Hours

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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.

| PASTORFr. Bill Quinlivan, 823-7077 ext. 223      |
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# Father Bill's Corner 3 WEEKS TO FEBRUARY

The first week of February has a full slate of "save-the-dates' in our linked parishes. As those who heard my homily a few weeks ago may recall, Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM, we'll have Mass at St. Martin's for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The feast is also called Candlemas Day. It marks 40 days since our celebration of Christmas.

We have made candles available to be blessed at that Mass (as well as at our two regular morning liturgies) and will celebrate the brief ritual that is prescribed for the feast. In former times, February 2<sup>nd</sup> marked the end of the Christmas season. Please consider bringing your children to the evening Mass, so that we can form them in this beautiful tradition.

### THROAT BLESSINGS, TOO

Because February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, we will also offer the blessing of throats. I find his feast day well timed for our local winter weather. While February is the shortest month in number of days, upper respiratory ailments (as well as bitter cold winds outside) can make it seem very long at times. Blessed candles for prayer and blessed throats can help us endure it!

#### **VIRTUAL MEAT RAFFLE, TWO**

Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual virtual Sweetheart Meat Raffle on the St. Martin Facebook page. This year our camera talent will include Laurie Wojtaszczyk. Your pastor with our music ministers will provide some one-minute-or-less entertainment breaks in the form of Silly Love Songs from the 70's.

Of course, it's not too late to get (or give) tickets. The door prizes (flat screen TV, Sabres tickets, a set of fine crystal — and CHOCOLATE, among others) in addition to the great edible, protein-packed food of carnivores, all promise to make this virtual event great FUN and FUND-RAISER! Proceeds of course will be split between our two parishes.

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 Letters

Tax contribution letters for 2021 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 January 9: \$3028



#### Mass Intentions for the Week

## St. Thomas Aquinas



### St. Martin of Tours



#### 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

Monday, January 17-St. Anthony of Egypt

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

Tuesday, January 18- Weekday

8:15 AM (Birth.) Genevieve Power by Family

Wednesday, January 19- Weekday

8:15 AM John Martin by Family

Thursday, January 20– St. St. Fabian/ St. Sebastian

8:15 AM Justine Jankowski by Monica Kwiatkowski

Friday, January 21-St. Agnes

8:15 AM (Anniv.) Brendan Gallagher by Family

Saturday, January 22- St. Vincent

4:00 PM Margaret Starzynski by Robert & Liz Heidinger

Sunday, January 23- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM (Anniv.) Joe Lynch by Irene & Family 7:00 PM (Birth.) Frank Drabek by Family

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

Monday, January 17-St. Anthony of Egypt

8:30 AM Karen Blake by Suzanne & Peter

Tuesday, January 18- Weekday

8:30 AM Lawrence Smith by Nancy & John Schreirer

Wednesday, January 19- Weekday

8:30 AM Bernice Ullenbruch by Estate of Peggy Jo Diggins 9:15 AM Linda Raslawsky by ND Staff & Students

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Thursday, January 20– St. Fabian/ St. Sebastian 8:30 AM Cecelia Pfister by Pfister Family

Friday, January 21-St. Agnes

8:30 AM Marie Fitzgerald by Sally & Frank Ventura

Saturday, January 22- St. Vincent

4:00 PM (Birth.) Mackenzie Weisbeck by Ted & Jackie Hahin

Sunday, January 23— Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Chris Baron by SMT/STA Choir

11:00 AM Sharon Graham by Family

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, Betty Graham, and Evelyn Bakowski.

ALSO, WE ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially Irene Curtin and Ronald Hoier.

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 John 2: 1-11

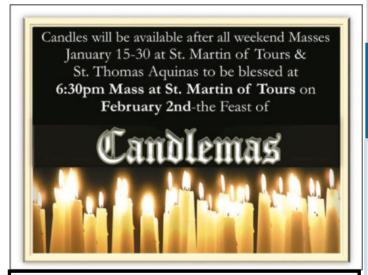
#### BEREAVEMENT Winistry

# 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.

## What is Candlemas Day?

Groundhog day on February 2nd seems to overshadow the Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas Day. (Formerly this was known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, since this was the day Mary was presented in the temple for purification, 40 days after she gave birth.) On Candlemas Day, February 2, we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, with many of the faithful bringing candles to churches to be blessed. Please plan on joining us.



# Making a Legacy Gift to Your Parish

Did you know that you can make a gift to your parish in your will? This is a wonderful way to ensure that the parish that has nurtured you in life remains strong for years to come.

# 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 website: www.buffalodiocese.org or call the parish office at 823-7077.

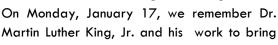


## Day of Prayer for Unborn Children

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolwith heartbreaking magnitude of what Pope and by a "throwgway culture" However we

fon reflect with heartbreaking magnitude of what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. January 22 has been designated as the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" where the faithful are asked to pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and do penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

## Remembering Dr. King





# St. Joseph as a Model for Parents & Families God gives us our family. We carry out his

Fatherly love in parenting those he provides to our care. St. Joseph models for us the kind of parent we are supposed to be. He sacrificed any dreams he might have had in order to be the father of Jesus. God entrusted to Joseph the entire mystery of salvation. Is not that mystery far greater than any of our own human dreams? That mystery penetrates all of us-God's will and plan are not something any earthly parent can predict or control. To be a good parent, all we can do is give ourselves over completely to His will.



Sacrificial Giving
St. Martin of Tours
Week of January 9: \$5229

#### **GET YOUR TICKET NOW!**

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!

# SUPPORT OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR

- Take part in the event-Purchase a ticket
- Donate a gift card for one of the extra prizes
- Donate a bottle of wine or liquor
- Sell tickets to your friends/relatives

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