

DECEMBER 26, 2021



St. John the Evangelist Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Mon - Fri: 8:00 AM

Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Confessions: Saturdays -

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Baptisms - Parents

requesting an infant
Baptism please call the church
office.

Marriages - Arrangements by
the couple need to be made 6
months in advance, by making
an appointment.

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The joy of Our Lord's Birth breaks through any of the darkness that we can experience in our lives as a community, as a family, or as individuals. The Lord brings light to all aspects of our humanity. May you always walk in your journey toward the Light, with the Light and in the Light of Our Lord. May you know with confidence and trust in your heart and soul that Our Loving God is by your side who offers hope as He embraces us, He embraces you with His love.

It is with much love and affection, that the staff and ministerial teams at our St. John the Evangelist parish wish you a beautiful Christmas Season filled with His love, peace, and goodness. And, on this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may you always know that you have a parish family who walks with you to share in your sorrows and your joys, and who cares deeply for you and prays for you in humble attempts of imitation of Our Lord and His Holy Family.

Blessings of the Christmas Season and always,

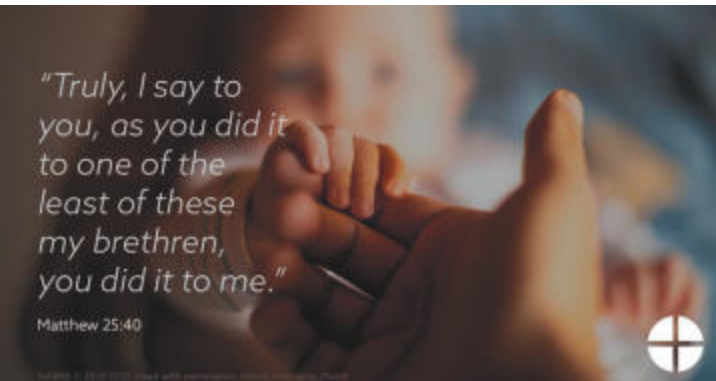
Pro & Respect Life Ministry



We are Pro Life from Conception to Natural Death on our journey to Eternal Life

LET US PRAY: For all families That as the domestic Church, they may pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love. We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

“Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, ‘in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’ (PC 3). His ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”



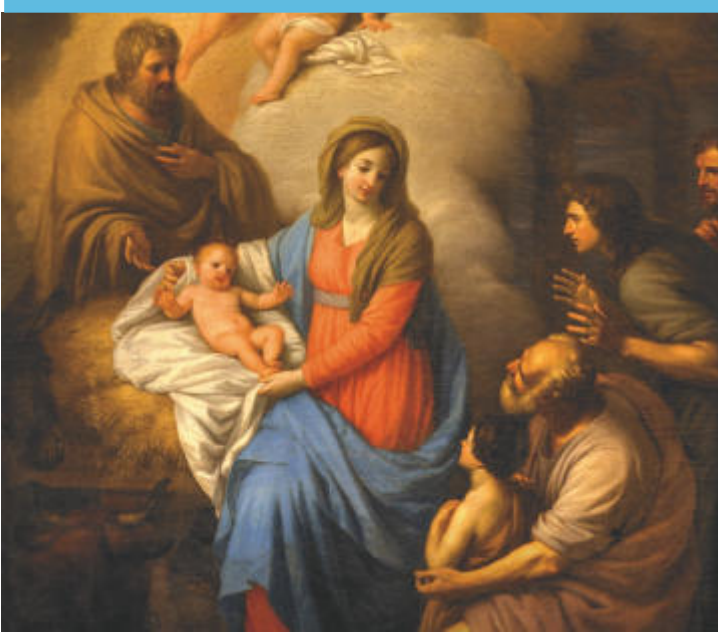
For more information about the Pro & Respect Life Ministry or how you can get involved, please contact Jennifer Forney, jenforney@yahoo.com

Lector Ministry - January 1 & 2
 4:30 pm - Steve Yatzkanic
 9:30 am - Rose Mikolajczyk

Ministers of the Holy Eucharist January 1 & 2
 4:30 - Carol Moses
 9:30 am - Carol MacWilliams

Greeter Schedule January 1 & 2
 4:30 am - Theresa Shaffer
 9:30 am - Ann Clarke and Karen Rogers

**Let the Holy Family
 be our model and guide
 for respecting life
 in all stages.**



Christmas Tree in Support of Colt Matz

Because In this Faith Community family, No One Prays Alone! We invite you to bring an ornament (bought or handmade) and promise to pray for Colt Matz! Tree Located in SMA at the front of the altar. Ornaments will be gifted to Colt after Christmas! Eleven year old, Colt Matz, is fighting leukemia and his younger brother Jack donated bone marrow his brother last month!

#Colt 45 Strong | #I Pray for Colt 45
 #Win we will | #Matz Tough
 #C45 Family is Everything

Send a Christmas card to:
 Colt Matz & Family
 Ronald McDonald House
 780 W Ferry St.
 Buffalo, NY 14222

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 25 -
- 9:00 am ** Christmas Day

*St. John's Parish Family
 Living & Deceased*

Sunday, December 26 -
- 9:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent

† Dennis & Theresa Napolione/CR
Ray & Karen Rogosinski

† John & Mary Ann Hirliman/CR
Kip & Lisa Morrow and family

Monday, December 27 -
- 8:00 am

† Carmella & Rocco Sgro/CR -
Family

† Mary Pezzimenti/Anv - Family

Tuesday, December 28 -
- 8:00 am

† Francis Ryan - estate

Wednesday, December 29 -
- 8:00 am

† Mary Bartman - estate

Thursday, December 30 -
- 8:00 am

† Paul Jurenko - wife, Susan

Friday, December 31 -
- 4:30 pm ** New Year's Eve

*St. John's Parish Family
 Living & Deceased*

Saturday, January 1 -
- 9:00 am ** New Year's Day

† Dennis Napoicione/BR -
Ray & Karen Rogozinski

Sunday, January 2 -
- 9:30 am The Holy Family

† Mary Adams - John & Cathy Baglione

† Phillip Balcerzak - Marcia Phillips



**Please keep the following
 in your prayers for healing:**



*Remember
 Our
 Sick*

Ralph Aloia
 Shawn Anastasia
 Kathy Baker
 Beverly Blakeslee
 Daniel Brogan
 Mike Chizewick
 Linda Colletti
 Mary Jill Coon
 Gail Crowley
 Carmen DeGiglio
 Jeff Dembowski
 Dave Fidurko
 David Frey
 David Hettrick
 Sr. Dana Hollis
 Thomas Jonak
 Janet Jones
 Carol Kielar

Colt Matz
 Paul Mountain
 Jean Nolan
 Thomas Nolan, Sr.
 Richard Peterson
 Gene Robak Jr.
 Ann Rogozinski
 Jennifer Sauter
 Jan Schichtel
 Colleen Spencer
 Rob Umbenhour
 Jeff Veno



*All the Hospice,
 Nursing Home and
 Hospice Patients and
 their caregivers.*



*Our parish extends its condolences
 to the Tri-Catholic
 community families of*

Jean Hannon, Charles Bretzin, Marciann Suda, Brian
 O'Connell, Mary Lou Irons, Tracy Veno,
 Mark Friel, William Quinlan, Joseph Stayer,
 Mary Ann Sirianni, and Francis Wiley
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and
 may perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen*

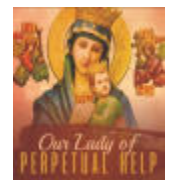
**We life up in prayer each day
 those who are serving our
 country, especially those in harms
 way and who cannot be with their
 families this
 Christmas Season**



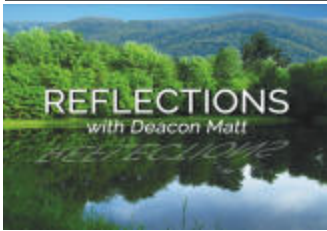
Our Lady of Perpetual Help burns
 Dec. 15 -31 for the glory of God and
 in honor of

Carol Hanson/Anv.

By: sister, Betty



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
December 15 -31 for the glory of God
 in the Remembrance of
Leo & Eileen Smith/CR
By: Family



Reflection for Feast of the Holy Family: Dec. 26, 2021

(1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28): To fully appreciate this passage, read what happened before Samuel's conception and birth and what happens afterward. Hannah had prayed, desperately to God for a child after years of being unable to conceive. She had been mocked and abused by Peninah, Elkanah's other wife, who had borne him children. This is a story of an ardent petition to God, that is answered favorably. Samuel is born and Hannah fulfills her promise to dedicate him to God's service in the Temple, right after he is weaned. Read 1 Sam 2:1-11 and join Hannah in her prayer of worship, praise and thanksgiving to God. Then, read Mary's Magnificat song/prayer of praise in Luke 1:46-56. See the connection between these women; Hannah and Mary, who both rejoiced at how our God can upset the established order, to bring justice and peace. Rejoice!

(Psalm 84: 2-3;5-6;9-10): ("Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, O Lord."): This psalm continues our theme of petitioning God and then offering worship and prayers and thanksgiving for prayers answered; in this case for shelter and protection in God's own house; the holy Temple in Jerusalem... or even, Heaven! Recall that in the first reading, Hannah was literally offering her greatest treasure; her only son... Samuel... dedicated in service to God. Correspondingly, this psalm extols the meaningfulness and the spiritual joys and benefits of "dwelling in God's house." Reflect this week that we " *dwell in God's house* " when we live in obedience to God's laws. Then, we're truly living as if God is dwelling with us! Only peace and serenity can come from this level of spiritual fidelity and commitment. Let's make extra effort to live in harmony with God's Will.

(1 John 3:1-2,21-24): This loving passage further embellishes the invitation to us to dwell in the house of God! By the saving graces of Jesus' own Sacrifice on the Cross being poured over us, via our baptism, we have been made fully adopted children of God; to dwell in God's house... *as His very children!* Let's not take this incomprehensible gift for granted. Let's remember what John said... " *If our hearts do not condemn us...* " (that is, if we are obedient to God and conform ourselves to God's Will,) we can be totally confident in God's protection and provision for us; in an environment of peace, tranquility and unsurpassed happiness, joy and love. Let's take some time this week to contemplate that!

(Luke 2:41-52): Today's Gospel gives us a window on a holy family... *the Holy Family...* living in obedience to God's Law and making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. They were going to the Temple (God's house,) to celebrate Passover. They are a great model for us of the importance of worshiping God as a family. They also model that even the perfect family can have communication "glitches." The scare for Mary and Joseph must have been horrible! Nevertheless, we find Jesus in the Temple... God's house, where He had quite naturally felt at home... and wherein He stayed, (perfectly at home), when His earthly parents left; each thinking He'd journeyed with the other parent. The picture of Jesus at twelve years old that we are given shows Him already to be beyond His years in insight and inquisitiveness about the Law. Imagine the wisdom of Jesus' heart and mind... as Jesus, at His core, is pure love... the refulgence of wisdom... the Light that penetrates all with its purity and grace! Contemplate listening to the questions and answers that day!

Lovingly,

Deacon Matt



Our Family Parish Raised
\$1950.00
For the Jesse Tree this year!
What a blessing you all are!
Thank you!!



AT OUR PARISH and SMA



LIVE Stream



Sat. Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!! Our Savior Is Born!!! Please follow Mass Schedule
Sun Dec. 26	Feast of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Wed Dec. 29	Confessions and Adroation @ SMA 4:30-5:30 PM Greif Support Meeting - 6:30 pm - SMA - CON Room
Fri. Dec. 31	Happy New Year!! May you have a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!
Sat. Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Jesus is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation - Mass will be offered at 11:00 am at the Sacred Heart in Portville
Sun. Jan. 2	Epiphany of Our Lord



Attention Altar Servers: Grades 4 and up. Come and serve at Mass in 2022! Please contact Fr. John or Fr. Peter. Call Katie at the Parish Office at 372-5313

Christmas Day Mass | Saturday, December 25

- 8:00 a.m. Basilica
- 9:00 a.m. St. John's**
- 11:00 a.m. Oratory of the Sacred Heart, Portville

Feast of the Holy Family Mass | Sunday, December 26

- 8:00 a.m. Basilica
- 9:30 a.m. St. John's**
- 11:00 a.m. Basilica

New Year's Day Mass | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Vigil Mass Saturday, January 1

- 11:00 a.m. Oratory of the Sacred Heart Portville (Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, not a Holy Day of Obligation)
- 4:00 p.m. Basilica (Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord)
- 4:30 p.m. St. John's ** (Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord)

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Mass | Sun., Jan. 2

- 8:00 a.m. Basilica
- 9:30 a.m. St. John's **
- 11:00 a.m. Basilica

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Road to Renewal: You may have seen the article prepared from a press release by the Diocese of Buffalo highlighted in the *Olean Times Herald* about the plan for renewal. You have been hearing about the Road to Renewal several months now. It has been determined that we are to be in Phase Two of implementation of our family of parishes in this part of the Southern Tier Vicariate. As you are aware, our "family" includes St. John the Evangelist, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and St. Bonaventure. The Administrative Team for this initiative has decided that our date for implementation of the family plan is October, 2023. Please stay tuned for additional information in the New Year about our Spirit-led movement of Renewal.

NYS Mask Mandate reinstates for all counties



On December 10, 2021, New York State announced a mask mandate for all indoor venues effective December 13, 2021 which will be reviewed January 15, 2022. At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic Churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo regardless of your vaccination status.

2022 Church Envelopes

For circumstances beyond our control this year's church envelopes will not be arriving until sometime in January. Please put your offerings in a plain white envelope with your envelope number on it when the collection is taken up. Once again I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience that this has caused. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

With gratitude, Katie

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