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When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But lesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28. 30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Please join us for a Holy Mass dedicated to the **Blessed Mother celebrated on** the first Saturday of the Month.

The Mass Intentions for these Masses are also open for request for a \$15 donation at the Rectory.

#### This Week's Readings - January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

# January 30, 2022

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For more information on our Parish, how to become a Parishioner, or for Letters of Recommendation, please call the Rectory or head on to our website.

## <u>Mass Intentions</u> Monday, January 31

7:30 am Rosario Riccardi - John & Lois Riccardi 11:30 am Helen & William Goodwin - Kathy Goodwin

Tuesday, February 1 7:30 am Eileen Russo - Family 11:30 am Edward Steinke - Family

## Wednesday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 am Joseph Hoestermann - Bill & Sue Tober 11:30 am Mary Lou Makey - Ed & Joanne Haley

#### Thursday, February 3 St. Blaise

St. Ansgar

7:30 am For the People - Fr. Greg 11:30 am Nathan Kitson - Grandma & Grandpa

## Friday, February 4

7:30 am Harry O'Brien - Joe Crowley 11:30 am Len Szafranski - Family & Friends

#### Saturday, February 5 St. Agatha

8:00 am	Dorothy & Elmer
	Kaczmarek
	- Daughter, Annette
4:00 pm	Jeanette & Peter
	Ceambella
	- Phyllis Petre
5:30 pm	Gary Cappello
	- Sarah & Tony
	Buttino
Sunday, February 6	
Fifth Sunday in	
Ordinary Time	
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Truman
	Maara

9:30 am Alexander Giuliana - Family 11:15 am Gary Cappello - The Dalessandro Family

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Dear Parishioners,

I am sure that most of us shared the pain of the Buffalo Bills' loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in the Divisional Playoff game this past Sunday evening. It was a roller coaster of emotions, and certainly one of the most exciting games in NFL history. The last two minutes were particularly chaotic with fantastic plays by both offenses. When the Bills went ahead 36 to 33 with 13 seconds to go in the 4th Quarter, many of us were making plans for the AFC Championship Game in Orchard Park this weekend and then moving onto the Superbowl. We were so very close. Unfortunately, the game was far from over. What else can I say? Even my "lucky socks" were not enough to pull off a victory. I am sure that we all have ideas on how the Bills could have sealed the victory in those last 13 seconds, but it does not change the end result. It was painful, and we can go on forever with "what ifs." However, it is time to move on and be grateful for the improvements that were made this past year of ups and downs in the Bills' season. At least Tom Brady lost this past weekend as well.

Liturgically this week, it is the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time. Yet, there are a couple of feasts that happen this week to which I would like to call your attention. On Wednesday, February 2, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In many traditions, this feast is the end of the Christmas Season, and it has a strong connection to Christmas. The feast commemorates Mary and Joseph following the observance of the law by bringing their child Jesus to the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. In the Temple they meet the righteous Simeon and prophetess Anna who have longed to see the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel to send a Messiah. They encounter Jesus, and their dreams are complete as they recognize him as the promised one. Simeon in Luke's account of the gospel proclaims Jesus to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." This recognition connects the feast very much with Christmas and Epiphany where it is stressed that Jesus is the light of the world. It is also the reason why the Feast of the Presentation became known as "Candlemas Day" when traditionally candles are blessed to be used in the church throughout the year and processions with candles are held in churches and in the streets on this day.

The day after the Feast of the Presentation (Thursday, February 3) is **the Memorial to St. Blaise with the Blessing of Throats.** We will have the Blessing of Throats at each Mass on Thursday as well a special prayer service with our school children. For those who are not able to make the blessing on Thursday we will be blessing throats after all the Masses on the weekend following, i.e. February 5 & 6 for all who desire.

God Bless, Fr. Greg





# **Queen of Heaven School**

839 Mill Road | West Seneca 716.674.5206 | www.qofhschool.org

## **OPEN HOUSE**

January 30, 2022 | 10:30am-12:30pm February 2, 2022 | 5:00pm-7:00pm \*By Appointment Only

- **†** Small Class Sizes **†** Advanced Courses in Earth Science
  - and Algebra † 1:1 ChromeBooks
  - **†** School Clubs

  - **†** Sports Programs **†** Full Day Pre-K Four
  - **†** Before & After School Care
  - **†** Active Home School Guild
  - **†**Family Atmosphere



**O** Loving Father,

Thank you for the blessing of our Catholic Schools, especially ours. Help us to grow in Faith, Hope, and Love as we are taught about You, Your Church and our own salvation.

Thank you for the blessing of our Parish, priests, and School supporters that make our School possible. We are grateful for the long tradition and those who began our schools and preserved them through the years, and also for those who work for its future. Help us to follow their example of service and generosity when it is our turn to preserve the Faith.

Thank you for the blessing of our parents, principal, and teachers. We are grateful for the grace and wisdom You give them as they teach and guide us.

Most of all, thank you for our students. Help them to grow in their understanding of the world around them and grant them the strength to make right choices when the world challenges what is right and holy. Bless them in their studies and guide them to success.

> We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## Parish Information Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:30 am; 11:30 am <u>Saturday</u>: 4:00 pm; 5:30 pm <u>Sunday</u>: 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:15 am Confessions: 3:00 pm Saturdays Holy Days: See Bulletin & Website

Rectory Weekdays: 9:00 am - Noon 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Phone: 716-674-3468 Fax: 716-674-3475 Email: rectory@qofhchurch.org

> To see a particular priest, please make an appointment. Sick calls any time.

Pastor

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Articles for submission may be sent to lauren@qofhchurch.org. Email for submission deadlines

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## **Faith Formation**

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<u>1/23/2022</u> Regular: \$6,750 Loose: \$2,556 2022 Stewardship: \$9,306 2021 Stewardship: \$14,510

> School Fund: \$191

> > Mission: \$50



January 30 Catholic Relief Services

<u>February 6</u> Church in Central & Eastern Europe



<u>Our Dearly Departed</u> Diane Alba Ryan Thornton Mary Kaminski

# **Faith Formation**

<u>Phone</u>: 675-3714 <u>Text</u>: 716-508-0018 <u>Email</u>: youthfamilyinfo@qofhchurch.org <u>It is very important to call or email our office for an appointment</u> <u>instead of just stopping in. Visitors are not allowed in our building.</u> <u>Forms & payments, baptism certificates, etc.</u> <u>can be dropped off in the Rectory front door mailbox 24/7.</u>

UNIT 3 GOSPEL WEEKLIES: Packets for Home Study are ready for pickup from the Rectory front hall and Family Program packets are there as well.

## SESSION INFORMATION

All sessions are in person this year. Masks are required for all programs whenever we are in the building.

## SATURDAY PROGRAM

Will meet on Saturday, January 29 from 9:45 to 11:15 AM.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Session #7 meets Wednesday, February 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Cafeteria. We ask our Parishioners to remember these candidates in your prayers in a special way during their journey to Confirmation.

<u>LIFE TEEN</u> Meets Sundays from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM in the Board Room.

**EDGE** Meets Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Board Room.

For all correspondence, please check your email inbox and spam/junk mail for messages from: youthfamilyinfo@qofhchurch.org.



"Before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."



So it is with the call to ministry -- we are destined for it by God before our birth.

Don't miss the chance to fulfill your destiny!

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org. QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL NEWS

**Dear Parishioners and Friends,** 

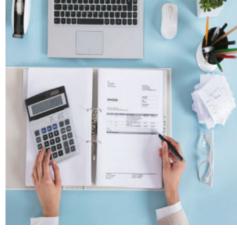
Happy New Year! I hope that 2022 brings much happiness and good health for all!

Here at our School we are half way through our second trimester. It is hard to believe that our 100 days of school will be coming up soon. During this Liturgical Season of Ordinary Times, we are learning about the life of Christ and more importantly how to live our lives as faithful disciples. Seminarian James has been busy in the School taking the students on a Church scavenger hunt and talking about the parts of the Mass. We continue to attend weekly Masses and Mr. Texido is expanding the choir outreach to the 5th graders. It is always a great way to start our week with song and prayer.

The month of January also has us looking backwards to the history of our School some 65 years ago. What began as a mission to provide a Catholic education to the students in the West Seneca area has grown into an outreach of students from over 12 different school districts around WNY. Our mission has endured over the years and has produced graduates that are well-rounded, spiritual, and conscientious citizens. Partnering with our parents, the School continues to be successful in enrollment, outstanding teaching, and 21st Century learning.

The month of January is also the time we begin to look forward to next year and beyond. Our registration for next year opens at the end of January. We have 2 Open Houses (January 30 and February 2) for parents that would like to tour the school and meet the teachers. It is an amazing time to walk the building and begin to get a feel of how Queen of Heaven School can fit into your child's life. We believe that your family and our School Family partnered together is a great way to begin (or continue) your child's education. Visits for the Open Houses are by appointment. Please call the office at 716-674-5206 to reserve your spot! Many thanks for your continued prayers, support of our fundraisers, and support of our monthly School Fund envelope. The Parishioners and friends of this Parish have been an integral part of the history of this School.

May God continue to bless us all on our journey together. Mary Damico *Principal* 



It's that time again to think about Tax Season!

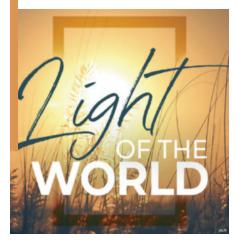
Do you need a letter with your donations for 2021?

Just give the Rectory a call and we can get one ready for you!



Saint Peter Julian Eymard said, "The God of the Eucharist conceals Himself in order to be desired, veils Himself in order to become an object of contemplation; He wraps Himself in mystery in order to spur on and perfect the soul's love."

There are many open hours in the adoration schedule when you decide to become an adorer; simply write your name and phone number in any open spot on the printed schedule outside the chapel nearest Mill Road, or go to the Queen of Heaven website and under the Adoration Chapel page you can view the open hours available and sign up for your hour there. For more information, email us at adoration@ QofHChurch.org. ll are welcome.





Saint of the Week

St. Blaise | February 3

St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

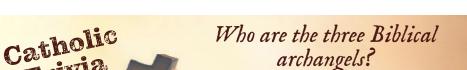
# **OUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 In his call to be a prophet, the Lord informs Jeremiah of both the human resistance and the divine providence that lies ahead for him. When have you felt God's presence in the midst of turmoil in your life?

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13 Paul eloquently defines the spiritual virtue of "love" for the Christians in Corinth. How well do you live by the standards of love as defined by Paul?

Gospel: Lk 4:21-30 The people of Nazareth were "filled with fury" at Jesus' words to them. How do you imagine Jesus reacted to being rejected by those in his hometown of Nazareth?

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Answer: Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel





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