

# Saint Mother Teresa Parish

## *St. James Church*

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### *Website*

www.BMTDepew.org

### *Masses at St. James Church*

#### *Saturday*

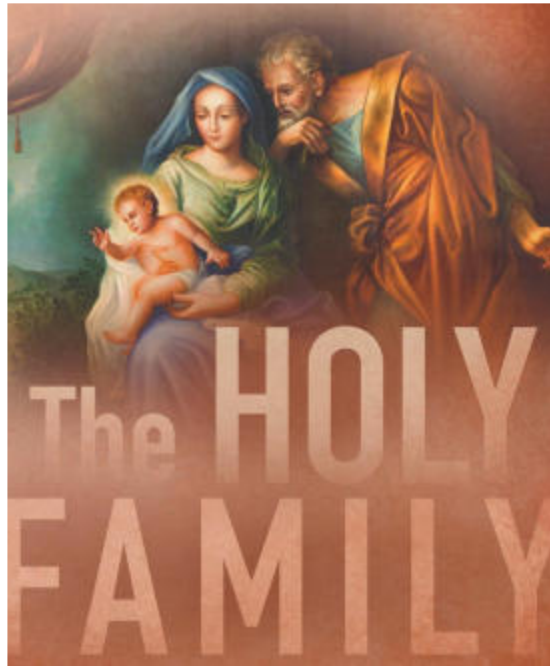
4:00 p.m.

#### *Sunday*

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

#### *Holydays*

Listed in the Mass Schedule



### *Our Vision Statement*

“to be a blessing to one another.”

*Pope John Paul II*

### *Our Mission Statement*

Our goal is to bring people together to Christ with the help of our patron saint, Saint Mother Teresa.

Our current mission is to give life to our new parish.

Our strategy is to help all parishioners, especially our younger members, to discover their own personal calling and to share their talents and graces by becoming socially connected and a blessing to one another.

### *Contacts:*

**Pastor:** Rev. David Richards, 683-6522

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Aaron Kulczyk

**Deacon:** John Hendricks

**Trustees:** Robert Ruhland and Kenneth Eschberger

**Business Office:** Janet Corda, Ext. 200

**Parish Secretary:** Sandra King, Ext. 201

**Faith Formation Office :** Debbie Pirog, CRE, Ext. 208

**Faith Formation Secretary:** Jessica Damian, Ext. 207

**Building & Grounds:** Dale Earsing, Ext. 210

**Music Director:** Susan Loniewski, Organist

**Caring and Sharing Ministry:** Janet Corda ext. 200

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Beth Bauer, 681-5844

**Cemeterian:** Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

### *Rectory Office Hours*

**Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

If the rectory is closed, please leave a message. It will be answered in a timely manner. Thank You for your kind understanding.

### *New Parishioners*

You are more than welcome in our Catholic Community. Please call the rectory to register.

### *Baptisms*

Please call the rectory to schedule a Pre-Baptismal class. Ceremony at your pleasure, during or after Mass.

### *Marriages*

Please consult with the pastor at least six months before anticipated date.

### *Confessions*

Beginning December 1st on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6PM

### *Letters of Recommendation*

Issued to registered parishioners who support their church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sunday, December 26, 2021—The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 8:30 AM Scott Baczkowski req. by family  
 11:00 AM Nancy Harmon req. by husband, Tom

**Monday, December 27, 2021—Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
 6:30 PM Annette Borgosz req. by John and Rita Lubecki

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
 8:00 AM Norm and Jane Lupa req. by family  
 7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021—Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 6:00 PM Confessions  
 6:30 PM Ed Michael req. by Jamie Shephard

**Thursday, December 30, 2021 —Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 8:00 AM Fathers' Day Intention

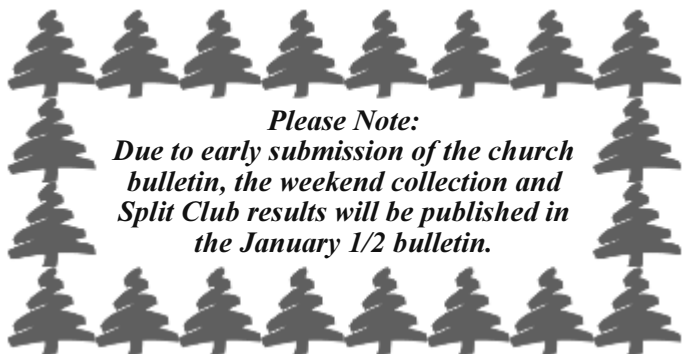
**Friday, December 31, 2021— Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 6:00 PM Confessions  
 6:30 PM Mothers' Day Intention

**Saturday, January 1, 2022—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 4:00 PM Virginia Bernys req. by Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

**Sunday, January 2, 2021—Epiphany of the Lord**  
 8:30 AM Elizabeth Opoka req. by Susan Loniewski  
 11:00 AM Lorraine Chadwich req. by children



**Please wear your masks when attending Masses.  
 Thank You!**



*Please Note:  
 Due to early submission of the church  
 bulletin, the weekend collection and  
 Split Club results will be published in  
 the January 1/2 bulletin.*

**Catholic Charities**

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” (Matthew 2:10) As we celebrate Christ’s entrance into the world, we reflect on what it brought us all faith, hope, love, light, exceeding joy. We wish you all of these and more, today and every day. Merry Christmas from all of us at Catholic Charities.

**It's that time again!**



365 of Fr. Roy Herberger’s collection of International Nativity Sets from 59 countries will be on display at the Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown during their Festival of Lights. You may visit from 5-9 PM on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until January 2 (with the exception of December 24-25 and December 31). If you have any questions, please call Fr. Roy at 716-852-2076.



*Bingo at:  
 St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish  
 Thursday, December 30th @ 7:30 PM  
 Captain: John Lewandowski  
 Doors open at 6:00 PM  
 Masks are required !*



### The Holy Family

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Jesus had two amazing parents. I think it must have been hard for Joseph though. Both Jesus and Mary were conceived without sin and were perfect. Whenever anything went wrong in their household, they must have said, "Joseph!" Just kidding. Actually, Joseph is revered by the church as the second highest saint next to Mary of course.

We see in today's gospel, that Jesus has a close relationship with His father even as a young child. Already He is out seeking the Father's will in his life. He has both a connection with the Trinity as well as with His Family. We too can have both connections. We are made in the image and likeness of God and God is Trinity, so we too are called to be one as the Trinity is one. Yet the Trinity is infinite, indestructible, indivisible, and unfathomable, love. We too are called to be in one bond of love not just with our biological families, but as people of God. Everyone is called to be our brother and sister. What a beautiful world we would have, so many people with so many gifts and talents and unique personalities, of different races and cultures, if we could truly be one without any prejudice. Yet, I believe we see this at times in the world and when it happens it is beautiful to behold. Let us then strive to mirror the Trinity, to be truly one, devoid of all prejudice.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



In coordination with the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Buffalo, there will be a training session for individuals who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, January 15th at 9:00 AM at Annunciation (Selbert Hall), 7580 Clinton St., Elma. Please first discuss the possibility with

your pastor/parish administrator. Once you pastor approves, complete and application form (available from your parish office or the Office of Worship) and present it to your parish office for final approval, pastor's signature and parish seal. Forms should then be sent to the Office of Worship, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203 no later the 7 days prior to training. When attending a formation session, please bring your personal Bible and a means of taking notes. You may bring a snack or brown bag lunch. For more information, email [worship@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:worship@buffalodiocese.org) or call 716-847-5545.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Fr. David Richards and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish on a Holy Land Catholic Pilgrimage, October 17-26, 2022. Starting at \$3,049 (Land Only), Airfare will be additional once air schedules are confirmed. Your price includes: Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities, Program Fees, Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motor coaches, First Class Hotels and much more! If interested, Brochures regarding the trip can be found on the table at the break of the church.

**Feast of the Holy Family:** Our Advent Season brought us into Christmas where we spent time reflecting on the virtues of hope, peace, joy and love in our lives. We turn in prayer his Sunday to the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who gave us an example of how to respond in difficult situations as we looked at the circumstances in our life. They did not walk alone. It was God who was with them, and he will also be with us when we turn daily to him in prayer and give ourselves to him. Let this Holy Family be your guide as you step into the New Year. January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. This year it is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Saturday.

**The 12 Day of Christmas:** We have all heard the song, The 12 Days of Christmas, a delightful rhyme set to music. However, it is a good deal more than just a repetitious melody with pretty phrases and a list of strange gifts. From the year 1558 to 1829 Catholics in England were prohibited by law from the practice of their Faith, it was a crime to be a Catholic and to be faithful to the pope. *The 12 Day of Christmas* was written as one of the catechetical songs to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith. It was a memory aid, when to be caught with anything Catholic would get you imprisoned, hanged or drawn and quartered. What wonderful faith these people had to continue to learn and teach about Jesus! The twelve days refers to the period between Christmas Day and the Feast of the Epiphany, which is traditionally celebrated on the 6th of January. The gifts referred to in the song are in fact coded references to the teachings of the catholic faith. The 'true love' mentioned is God himself. The 'me' who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is:??? To find out more visit the break in the middle of the church. There are 2 posters designed by our 5th and 6th graders and their teachers, Mrs. Christine Lamprecht and Mr. John Atanasio that explains the meaning of the gifts. Merry Christmas

**"Call to Serve:Reflections on Christian Leadership" On Monday, January 3rd at 7 PM at Our Lady of Pompeii, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster; presented by CJ Wild, a Seminarian at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Explore and come to appreciate the true essence of leadership as service motivated by love and the reality that Christ is love.**

**\*\*\*Now that we have weekday mornings and weekday night masses, our 2022 Mass Book has several openings. Why not consider booking a Mass for a Loved One.\*\*\***

### ***Please Remember In Your Prayers All Those Who Are Ailing Especially:***

Robert Loniewski, Gery Killian, Theresa Little, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Jim Purpora, Brian Mendel, Sharon Thompson, Joe and Laureen Enright, Jennie Taylor, Carmela Kosobucki, Susan Lauricella, Elaine Bylina, Wendy Dobbins, Stephanie Kasza, Joan Niertit and Lottie Grzybek .



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