

Saint Mother Teresa Parish

St. James Church

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Masses at St. James Church

Saturday

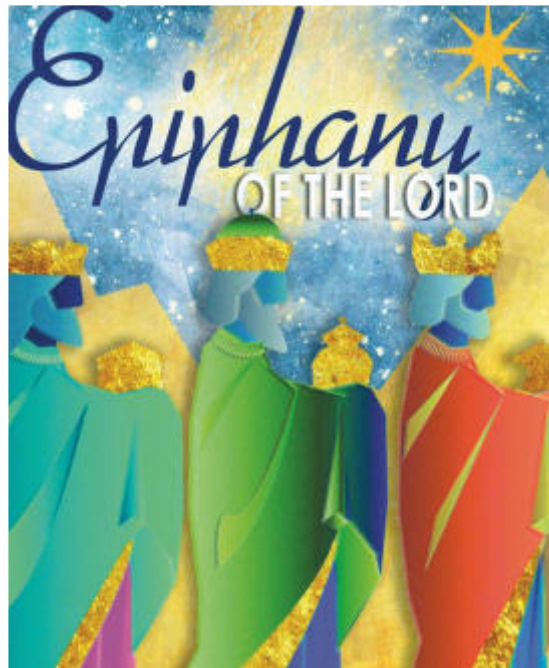
4:00 p.m.

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, January 2, 2022—Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 AM Elizabeth Opoka req. by Susan Loniewski
11:00 AM Lorraine Chadwich req. by children
- Monday, January 3, 2022—Christmas Weekday
6:30 PM Norine Thibault req. by Jim and Linda Thibault
- Tuesday, January 4, 2022—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00 AM Mothers' Day Intention
7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour
- Wednesday, January 5, 2022—Saint John Neumann, bishop
6:00 PM Confessions
6:30 PM Fathers' Day Intention
- Thursday, January 6, 2022—Christmas Weekday
8:00 AM For Parishioner's
- Friday, January 7, 2022—Christmas Weekday
6:00 PM Confessions
6:30 PM All Souls' Day Intention
- Saturday, January 8, 2022—Christmas Weekday
4:00 PM Annette Borgosz req. by Parish Staff
- Sunday, January 9, 2021—Baptism of the Lord
8:30 AM Karen King req. by Louise and Bob
11:00 AM Helen Pirog req. by Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality



Please wear your masks when attending Masses.
Thank You!

**"OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD AND PARISH"
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Weekly	\$ 4,145.00
Loose	\$ 518.13
Youth	\$ 3.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 95.00
Flowers	\$ 42.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 2,523.00

"MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION"

December Split Club Results/Week #3

Total: \$485.00 Split: \$242.50

Bingo at:
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish
Thursday, January 6th @ 7:30 PM
Captain: Michele Armstrong
Doors open at 6:00 PM
Masks are required!

Catholic Charities

Happy New Year! Is giving back on your to-do-list for 2022? If so, consider becoming a Catholic Charities volunteer. View all current opportunities at www.ccnny.org and become a beacon of HOPE right here in Western New York. Thank you for your support throughout the year! Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If someone you know needs help, go to www.ccnny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.

Parish Calendars

Our parish calendars have arrived! We wish to thank Brian Borgosz (Cichon/Borgosz Funeral Home) for his generous donation of calendars! Our parish family always looks forward to receiving them for the New Year. Please be sure to get your calendar. They will be at all the entrances of the church.





Epiphany

The astrologers went in search of the newborn king because they had seen signs that led them to believe that this king had been born. In our modern, electronic society, we are not really encouraged to look for signs in the natural world. There are things we can learn, if we bother to look. There are the common things that tells us the seasons are changing and it is time to change our clothing. There are also things that can warn us to prepare for what is likely to happen. If the crops have not done well this year, the prices in the store will go up and we need to stock up when there are sales. Do you ever think about what is going on in the world? If we look we will be more prepared and able to make better choices.

Raise your eyes and look about.

-Isaiah 60:4

“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.

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 or call 716-847-5545.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?”


That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.


— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



*****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 Nieritit and Lottie Grzybek .



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