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January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

Masses: Sat. 4:00pm (Vigil), Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am
Weekday: 8:30am (M-F) Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00pm



From the Desk of Fr. John

Welcome and a Happy New Year to all. May God bless us all abundantly. Today we continue the Christmas Season with the Epiphany. It is a beautiful Solemnity that celebrates love, honor and obedience to God alone. The visitors from the East symbolize God's salvation as it unfolds for people of every land. As the Magi offer gifts, as would be fitting for any King, they announce to the world that the astonishing event has taken place and that all people — from all corners of the world — will know God's glory. Ask yourself what gift you can give Christ this New Year in terms of faithfulness and love to God and family.

As we embark on a New Year, use this time to begin a New Year Faith Resolution. Consider attending one of our daily Masses, joining in our Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, or adding a spiritual book to your life. The lives of the Saints are a great resource. January is an opportunity to try at least one method and deepen your faith life.

I'm grateful to announce that a donor has generously provided tickets to the upcoming "Oklahoma!" at Shea's Performing Arts Center. We are raffling them off for \$2/chance, and 3 chances for \$5.00 (sold after Masses). Please also save the date for Vera Bradley Bingo on Feb. 27th. Vera Bradley handbags are expensive, and a great gift to give or receive. Save the date and join in! See you in Church.

Merry Christmas, Fr. John.
frjohn@stjohn23.com

DONATION UPDATE! THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF THEIR WEEKLY DONATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL. PLEASE HELP US.



Thank You So Very Much Everyone!

Many thanks for all the cards, gifts and delicious treats given to Fr. John, Toni and our Parish staff. We are so very grateful. You are the best! Thanks again and Merry Christmas!



JANUARY FUEL COLLECTION

Please be sure to help with our January Fuel Collection. It greatly helps in paying winter costs. Please use your envelope or a write on a blank envelope "fuel." Thanks for your generosity!



The Joy Of Being A Dad...

Celebrate Fathers. No one reflects on the joy it brings God to be called "Dad." But anyone who is a Father knows how it feels to hear himself being called in that unmistakable tone of voice of his own child.

Family Moment. Celebrate the Epiphany with your family by having an "epiphany." Encourage more. Judge less. Make a difference!

Stewardship in Faith:
For the week December 26, 2021:
Regular: \$ 5,977.00



Help Us! Without Sunday Mass for several months due to COVID-19, our annual collections have been affected. Would you help us? As you know, our collection revenue is down overall, and without regular contributions, we will experience problems with bills. *Please prayerfully consider increasing your contribution if you are able.* Help us help you. God's generosity can't be outdone.



"Dustbusters, Inc." ... Team #2 will clean the Church the week of January 2nd. Thanks!



JOIN THE BINGO FUN . . . WE'RE READY!!!
SATURDAYS 7:00 PM
Sat. Purple Progressive No. 54 – Guarantee \$ 1,000.
Sat. Black Progressive No. 51 – Starting \$ 162.



LIVE-STREAM MASSES & EVENTS:
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Thanks Connor's Restaurant.
Thanks to Connor's Restaurant and its patrons for collecting nearly 300 toys which were generously donated through our Parish to needy West Seneca Central students, South Side Elementary School (Buffalo), and Harvey Austin Elementary School (Sycamore Street, Buffalo). We were humbled by their kindness. You showed our Parish true Christmas joy!

PRAY FOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES
2022 Mass Intentions are available for your loved ones at \$15. It is a great way to pray & love them.



Pray This Epiphany Sunday...
"Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world. Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark." Amen.

We pray through the power of Christ for the healing of ... Robert Rath, Eileen Coughlin, Stephen Boryszewski, Leo Schiffhaer, Alice Morrisley, Jeanette Watkins, Judy Kelly, Michael Weishaupt, Lynn McKenna, Grace Lord, Fred Postolese, James Hogan, Rosalie Diaspara, Marian Spoor, Patricia Walczak, Thomas Lavelle, Marge Dutka, JoAnne Hahn, Max Wojciechowski, Tony Peters, Christopher Travis, Rick Stoddard, Kaylin Kline, Elizabeth Fay, Rick McEvoy, Cheryl Lane, James Ruggiero, Gladys Roche, Norman Dailey, Mary Laubenthal, Heidi Sheehan, Beverly Smith, Harry Gray, Sharon Quinn, Hugh & Judy Bondanza, Andrew Dodges, Phyllis Elbers, Alice Kowalewski, Patti Catanzaro, David Smith, Eleanor Szeffler, Roslyn Hawthorn, Kevin Denecke, Mary Jane Lane, Melissa Piskor, Jack Fadeley, Robert Loniewski & Rhonda Strumpf.



From the Desk of Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation

“For you Bethlehem are by no means least in the kingdom of Judah for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people, Israel.” I have always liked this part of the Christmas narrative. It might be because I am from Buffalo - and, at times, Buffalo, seemed to be one of the least likely places to live. Nationally, it was known for a football team that went to the Super Bowl four times and lost all four times. There is also the cold, cold winters Buffalo is known for, even though there are many other cities with much colder climates. Despite the naysayers, I was always Buffalo Proud and knew good things do come from this city. Now, thanks to the current Buffalo Bills team and warmer winters that is certainly true. Let’s Go Buffalo! Enjoy the New Year of 2022.

Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation
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Catechetical Corner
A Weekly Faith Growing Bulletin Corner

Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany, also called Theophany, or Three Kings’ Day, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, or “*manifestation*”), is a Catholic holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented (1) by the Magi; (2) the manifestation of Jesus’ divinity as it occurred at His baptism in the Jordan River; and (3) at His first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Catholic Church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western Churches observe the feast on January 6th, while some Eastern Orthodox Churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19th, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6th. In the United States, Epiphany is not a Holy Day of Obligation, and its celebration is transferred to the first Sunday after January 1.



LIFE IS LIKE A CAMERA. Just focus on what is important. Capture the good times. Develop from negatives. If things don’t work out, take another shot.



The Holy Name of Jesus

January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and it’s an ideal time to strengthen your connection to the beautiful name of Our Lord. Do you know the meaning of your own name? A name is an emblem of one’s dignity but the name of Jesus in particular should be held in the highest regard; spoken and heard only in a sacred way. The beautiful name “Jesus” means, “God saves.” So the name of Jesus states the purpose of His existence, reminding us of the incredible blessing of His salvation. Let us therefore give that name great honor!

BE BETTER. Always leave people “better” than you found them. Hug the hurt. Kiss the broken. Befriend the lost. Love the lonely.



In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “*Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person,*

which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “*Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when ... we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.*”



SOME IDEAS FOR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS

GIVE ONE COMPLIMENT A DAY. Hey, you never know! This might make you feel a whole lot better.
STOP GOSSIPING. Don’t be that person. Spread positivity instead.
DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS.
VOLUNTEER. It is good for your mental and physical health plus, you are doing something selfless for others.
LET GO OF GRUDGES and leave hate behind.
DONATE CLOTHES YOU NEVER WEAR. If you haven’t worn it in a year, give someone else the chance to.
AVOID PEOPLE WHO COMPLAIN A LOT. It does not matter how positive you are, negativity spreads.
TALK LESS, LISTEN MORE.
PAY IT FORWARD. Did someone do something nice for you? Then 2022 may be the time to do something nice for another. Whatever your goals are . . .
WRITE THEM DOWN. People who write down their resolutions are more likely to achieve them.

Blessing of Home & Household on Epiphany. Prayer resources available at www.stjohn23.com.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 1, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00pm. All Souls' Intentions

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Sunday, January 2, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am. Brigid A. O'Leary - *by Family*

AND: Charles & Hazel Cook - *by Charlie & Sheryl*

10:30am. Stella D. Bujnicki - *by Family*

AND: John & Judy Starr - *by George & Toni Lesser*

Monday, January 3, 2022, Christmas Weekday

8:30am. John Beyer - *by Hafner Family*

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Tuesday, January 4, 2022, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30am. Rick Stoddard - *by Wife, Dayna*

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXII Parish

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, St. John Neumann

8:30am. Rev. Msgr. Kevin O'Neill - *by Estate*

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Thursday, January 6, 2022, Christmas Weekday

8:30am. Nancy Adamski - *by Estate*

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Friday, January 7, 2022, St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30am. Mary Elizabeth Bauer - *by Estate*

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Saturday, January 8, 2022, The Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm. Adam Spider - *by Carol Breitwieser*

AND: Edmund & Mary Zadzilka - *by Joyce Zadzilka*

Sunday, January 9, 2022, The Baptism of the Lord

8:30am. Michael Miliotto - *by Kevin Gavin*

AND: Karl Switzer - *by Kibler Family*

10:30am. Matthew Reichert - *by Gail Smith*

AND: Wallace Piotrowski - *by Sandy Rosinski*



Scriptures for Next Sunday

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm: 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30

Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Sanctuary Light will shine this week for Stella D. Bujnicki, by Family.



ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT (JAN. 7TH)

By the time St. Raymond (1175-1275), was 20, he was teaching philosophy. In his early 30s, he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law.

At 41, he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the Pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of Popes and Councils that had been made in 80 years since a similar collection by Gratian. St. Raymond compiled five books called the Decretals. They were looked upon as one of the best organized collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law. When he was 63, he was elected by his fellow Dominicans to be the head of the whole Order, the successor of St. Dominic. He worked hard and reorganized their constitutions and managed to put through a provision that a Master General be allowed to resign. When the new constitutions were accepted, St. Raymond, then 65, resigned. He is the patron of lawyers.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday Mass. We're Open: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil, Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Also view Mass live on Facebook, YouTube, and at www.stjohn23.com.

Healthy Living: Fun low-impact exercises while sitting with Kathy Zawadzki. Monday at 9:15 a.m.

Rosary. Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Classic Citizens. Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer. Thurs. at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration. Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation (Grades K-5). Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Bingo. Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday at St. John's

Choir Rehearsal. Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration



**This Friday, January 7th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

Win Shea's Tickets To

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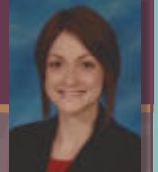
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