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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday
11:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Call the Rectory Office
for Faith Formation information.

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Tuesdays, 1:00–5:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:4:00 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday, Friday:.....8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: During weekend Masses. Parents must be practicing Catholics and attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. Call the rectory office to register.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): call the rectory office.

Reconciliation (Confessions): Upon request only.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage must make an appointment to meet personally with the Pastor before a definite wedding date may be scheduled. Church arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding. No wedding date will be scheduled over the phone.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill is invited to contact the rectory to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Parish Devotions (Cancelled until further notice).

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration : Tuesdays: 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays after 7:30 a.m.
Mass. Recitation of Rosary: daily after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Letters of Recommendation: Registered parishioners in good standing for a minimum of 3 months and active, who are confirmed, and if married, did so in accordance with the Church's regulations, will be issued letters on request. One week prior notice is required.

New Parishioners: We welcome you warmly. Please register at the rectory office as soon as you arrive



(When you attend Mass, you are required to wear a face mask.)

Saturday, December 5

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM - Deceased Members of the Pinto Family -
req. Anna Geidel

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - Karen Wasmund - req. Joan Sommers

Monday, December 7 - St. Ambrose, bishop

8:30 AM - Living/Deceased of Rosary & Altar Society,
especially Janice Hoffman

Vigil: Immaculate Conception

7:00 PM - Verna Catalino - Estate

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM - Irene Stoessel - req. Bob & Danielle
Stoessel

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 AM - People of the Parish

Friday, December 11 - St. Damascus, pope

8:30 AM - Louis Campagna - req. Wife & Family

Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM - Patricia Stacy - req. Husband Neil & Family

Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - Franklin Drago - req. Wife Marilyn & Family

*In your prayers, please pray for the deceased
of the parish, especially **Anthony G. Pericak**,
Roseanne Viapiano and **Ronald Wasmund**.*

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6



ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

PSALM 85

2 PETER 3:8-14

MARK 1:1-8

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

ISAIAH 61:1-2a, 10-11

PSALM Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

A Message from the Pastor



Let's continue some reflection points on Bishop Scharfenberger's pastoral letter as it refers to this week's Second Sunday of Advent readings:

The Isaiah readings come from a situation of exile. People have seen the collapse of Judah, the fall of Jerusalem and the ruin of the temple. They were either led away to live as exiles in Babylon or had to live in the rubble of their city. They could not worship as they had ("How can we sing the songs of Zion in a foreign land?") They no longer lived in a land they believed God had given them. God had fled his own temple and given it over to destruction.

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: a joyful, hopeful message -- Comfort to the people of Israel: the exile is come to an end; her guilt is over. The way home will be made plain; the rough country a broad valley. The glory of the Lord will be revealed in the return of the people to their land. Like a Shepherd God will lead them.

Mark 1:1-8: an urgent message -- Someone is coming even greater than John the Baptist. John's message echoes Isaiah's, but with greater urgency. One is coming greater than John the Baptist. The prophecies of old are coming to fruition and God is outdoing himself: (The Christmas Story). John baptizes with water; John baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Our own moment of exile, COVID-19 -- We cannot worship as we used to. We cannot gather, sing, shake hands, embrace. We cannot show our face to each other. We cannot fill our churches. It is a source of worry and maybe of personal loss.

Diocese of Buffalo -- We are a Church that is in pain: bankruptcy, wake of scandal, mistrust, mismanagement, missed opportunities, a sense of betrayal, anger, abandonment.

Our own times -- We are a divided society that is experiencing economic uncertainty, political rancor and racial tension.

What are we to do? -- Listen to the letter of Peter -- **2 Peter 3:8-14:** The Lord does not delay His promises. Conduct yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the Day of the Lord.

What might that mean for us in the practical order? Bishop Scharfenberger is directing us in his letter to this opportune moment for Renewal, in holiness, devotion, and as the Church of Buffalo. We are a poorer Church, a chastened Church, but a Church that is now called back to the basics: the Word preached, the faith taught; the Sacrament celebrated; the people cared for, especially those most in need.

Our confidence in the possibilities of a renewal for our Church is based on the promise that God is with us, always renewing us and the Church. It is based on hope, not just optimism for a brighter day, but hope that God is steadfast in His love and mercy, as God has always been. but one faith, one baptism, one Lord.

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Bishop Appointed to Buffalo Diocese

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Washington D.C. Auxiliary Bishop Michael W. Fisher as the fifteenth Bishop of Buffalo.

We are grateful and welcome "Bishop Mike" upon his installation January 15, 2021. May he have many years of blessings.

Purchasing Gift Cards

By now you should have received an order form for holiday gift cards. After filling out the form, place it with payment in an envelope addressed to the Rectory Office. You may return it by placing it in the weekend collection basket, mailing it to the rectory (22 Prospect St., Angola, NY 14006) or by hand delivering it to the office during business hours.

When orders are filled (within two weeks), you will be called to make arrangements for pick-up. All orders must be received by December 15. Please remember that the gift card sale is an important annual fundraiser for MPB and has been quite successful in past years. The parish receives between 5% and 13% of the cards sold.

Giving Tree



Ladies of Charity request that instead of the contributions of traditional gifts, donations of the following \$25 gift cards be made: Walmart, Old Navy, JC Penney, Target, Kohl's, Marshall's and TJ Maxx. They are available through MPB's cash (gift) card program. The deadline for donations is December 7.

A Message from the Pastor

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Such a renewal requires that we open our vision to see not parishes or partisans, not ideologies or division, but one faith, one baptism, one Lord. Listen for the Spirit in the signs of the times and in each other to discern where the Spirit is leading us.

Have courage to move beyond current models, outside of what we are used to, outside of our comfort zones, in order to grow. Celebrate the sacraments, which make us one, especially the Eucharist where we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. Assess our resources and needs. Ask the question the scribe asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" And then meet our neighbor's needs.

This is the Second Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Liturgical year. We begin again celebrating the great story of our salvation. It begins with the great hope that Isaiah had in God who can do marvelous deeds, and leads us like a shepherd beyond our imagining, for a fallen Jerusalem, for shepherds in Bethlehem, and for us in Buffalo.

Blessings,

Fr. Tim

Faith Formation

All Faith Formation sessions take place on Sunday. Remote access will be implemented by the teachers. More information will be provided in the next two weeks.

Registrations are still being accepted during the Sunday sessions. You may also go to the parish's website (<http://www.mpbangola.org/faithformation.htm>) to print out a registration form. Please bring the completed form with proof of Baptism to the rectory office (22 Prospect St., Angola) during business hours.

Oplatki Available for Purchase

For those interested in continuing the Polish tradition of *Oplatki* at Christmas time, envelopes of the wafers will be available at the rectory office during business hours. Each envelope contains two wafers and is priced at \$1.

2021 Envelopes

Envelopes for weekly offerings for 2021 may be picked up in the Chapel entrance before weekend Masses. Please follow instructions by the ushers.

December 12 & 13	MPB Extraordinary Ministers	Lector
4:00 p.m.	M. Hartzell, L. Feider, J. Sack, F. Downey	P. Pinto
8:30 a.m.	J. Barone, D. Hosler, K. Wells, J. Dillon	J. Sedor

Parish Council

Because of the Holy Day Vigil and further COVID restrictions, Parish Council's scheduled December meeting has been cancelled.

Project Keep Evans Warm and Fed

The pandemic has affected many Americans including some Evans residents. Loss of jobs, loss of housing and even loss of life have been caused by this horrible sickness. As a result, the warm clothing drive, **Project Keep Evans Warm**, will also include a food and paper drive. All collections will be turned over to Operation Good Neighbor for distribution to families in need who reside in Evans.

Requests for clothing donations include winter coats, gloves, boots and hats in all sizes, colors and styles. Children's sizes are very popular. All donated clothing must be clean. Dry and canned food for donations might include soups, cereals, pasta and vegetables. Baby food is in great demand. Paper goods (Kleenex, paper towels and bathroom tissue) will also be collected.

You may drop off donations in the Chapel foyer for Sunday morning pick-up. For home pick-up, call 481-4480 or 507-6703. Leave a message. Please help to **Keep Evans Warm and Fed**.

Viewing Mass at Home

A list of live-streaming Sunday Masses is provided at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/livestreams> or tune in the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass *WNYO Channel 49 (My TV) at 8:30 a.m.* Also, *EWTN Channel 10 (Spectrum)* offers daily and Sunday Masses beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Mass Book 2021

Requests for 2021 Mass intentions are now being received at the rectory office or by mail. Please do not call, as phone requests will not be accepted.



Drive-Thru

Chili & Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 12
Noon -- 3:00 p.m. (or until sold out)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church --- 930 Lake St.

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Pray For the Healing of the Sick

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Linda A. Hogg, Kathy Duerr, Mary Angela Richir,
Amy Jezioro Crawford, Lily Schwietzer,
Kathy Nolan, Cassie Rizzuto, Ryan O'Meara,
Deborah Schiedel Downs, Mason Joseph Reynolds,
Patricia Jasinski, Jean Francis, Ann Marie Collura,
Josephine Prisco, Jonah Delang, Fred Gugino,
Robert Catalino, Mark Schwarzmuller,
Michele White, Cheryl Kendall, Eryn Ramirez,
Sandra Stevens, Renee Perez-Quinn, Jenna Place,
Bonnie Hyman, Mark Faraci, Jackie Francisco,
Eleanor Rathgeber, Eugene Frometa, Richard Riley,
Jane Granville, Jessie Keith, Diane Cooke,
Michael Rizzuto, Sr., Pauline Landes,
Anna Marie Kirsch, Florence Graf, Pat Catalino,
Joseph Newland, Karen Schiavone, Stephen Rodler,
Lucille Zoda Galfo, Patricia Latimore.

Attending Mass

MPB has Masses on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Please note the following regulations:

- Masks are required.
- Hand sanitizers are suggested. We have sanitizers at the door.
- Please enter the church through the center front door.
- Exiting the church will be through the front side doors and through the doors near the sanctuary.
- Handicap entering and exiting is through the Garden door.
- Trained ushers and greeters will seat everyone, using every third pew (as marked).
- Do not share books. If you bring one from home, you must take it with you.
- There will be no holy water in church.
- Touch as few things as possible.

If you are over the age of 65 and/or have any medical conditions that could compromise breathing or the heart, you should be very careful about being in public settings. The bishop has left in place the relief from the obligation of attending Mass.

MPB Church Hours

The front door of the church is unlocked for individual visitations **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday** (8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.); **Saturday** (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.); and **Sunday** (8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.).

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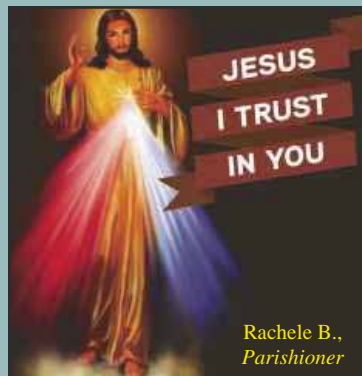


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