

SACRED HEART PARISH

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The Nativity of the Lord



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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday ~ 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday ~ 9:30 am - noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 3:15-3:45 pm (L)
or upon request

Weekend Holy Masses

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm (L)
Sunday – 8:30 am (P) & 10:00 am (L)

First Friday Devotions

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Holy
Eucharist – 4:30 pm (L)
Holy Mass – 5:30 pm (L)

First Saturday Holy Mass

9:00 am (L)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

10:00am (L)+ Colin Crane by Kenneth Marsh

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30am: (P)+Donald Vesotski by Robert & Liz Sprankle

10:00am: (L)+Fr. Joseph Dowdell by Estate

Monday, December 27

No Church Service

Tuesday, December 28

No Church Service

Wednesday, December 29

No Church Service

Thursday, December 30

No Church Service

Friday, December 31

No Church Service

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00pm: (L)Communion Service

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00am: (L) Communion Service

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Piotr Zaczynski, Pastor
Dineen Muniz, Secretary/Faith Formation
Doris Pappalardo, Business Manager
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Lyle Hajdu and Don Pangborn, Trustees

WEEKLY REGULAR COLLECTION
December 19-\$5047.00
Please remember us in your monthly giving!

Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER LIST

Grant Damon, James Post, the Unborn, Rose Atkins, Essential Workers, those in the Military, Fr. Albert Clody, Marty Sargent, and Therese Whit, Dorothy and David Seth, Emily Sechriest, Lynn Funte, My Nguyen, Megan and Sean.

All those touched by loneliness or illness.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 2

Isaiah 60:1- 6
Ephesians 3:2-3a

GOSPEL
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dora Cicchini

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them, Amen.*

The Sanctuary Lamp for December is in Memory of

Deceased Priests of Diocese of Buffalo

The Hosts for the Month of December are in Honor of

All Parishioners

VOCATION VIEW

What does a call from God sound like?

There are many ways God calls people. You don't have to wait for a lightning bolt or a supernatural vision. Most often the call from God is found deep within your own heart (planted there by God left to be discovered by you!). It might manifest itself in different ways such as a desire to want to help others or a desire to know God more deeply. If you like being with people especially during some of the bigger moments in their lives... their weddings, the birth of their children, the death of a loved one... the priesthood could be for you. No two callings are the same, just like no two priests are the same. The important thing is, if you think you've been called, check it out. What have you got to lose?

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact **Fr. David Baker at 716.847.5535** or visit www.buffalovocations.org

Catholic Charities

A lot has changed since our founding in 1923, but one thing has remained a constant. Just as we have for 98 years, Catholic Charities is here and ready to help-now. If you have an emergency need for food or personal hygiene items, mental health counseling, substance use treatment, and more reach out to our **Helpline at 716.218.1419**. For more information on **Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide**, visit www.ccwny.org

****** The Office will be closed on Friday, December 31st until Tuesday, January 4th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff at Sacred Heart**

Faith Formation classes are done until January 9, 2022. Take this time to enjoy your family, have some fun, and rest! Proud of all our families. We know it has been a long couple of years...but we made it to another year! A fresh page just waiting to be written on! God bless you and stay safe!

2022 Here We Come. We are ready for you!

FROM THE PASTOR

The Earth is covered with white snow. Winter is here. The frost purifies the air; even stars seem to be brighter. We all intensively think about Christmas. How many Christmases have I celebrated in my life? We all know exactly how many. However, every year we celebrate Christmas in some different way.

The world today emphasizes the charm and warmth of this Family Time and offers new and more and more unusual ornaments, Christmas trees, and expositions. In these noisy and commercial preparations sometimes, it is easy to lose peace, calmness, and what is the most important. Because media do not really talk about the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, about the poor manger, but only about new ideas and propositions. During this hectic and busy time let us stop for a moment and reflect on the mystery of Bethlehem.

Here, far away from the noise of big city, during night the Baby Jesus is born – our Savior. He does not desire any honors and privileges from pharaohs and rulers because Angels came to adore him. They praise God for his endless goodness, love and mercy. There are the shepherds with their opened simple hearts. The Baby Jesus desires only one thing – our hearts, sometimes lost, lonely, burdened, sad, and overworked... In our hearts he has the true home. And if we only prepare our hearts for him, Christmas will become the true acceptance of God in our lives.

Every one of us that the Baby Jesus will find warmth in our loving hearts. May he find the doors of our hearts always opened – not only now during this great, full of joy and forgiveness Season – but throughout our entire lives.

Merry Christmas!

Wesołych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia!

God bless you!

Fr. Peter Z

Africa

Thank you again, as donations continue to come in to help support Sr. Iwona and the people she serves. Because of your generous donations they will have a beautiful church to celebrate Mass. Thank you Sr. Iwona for your unending perseverance! And thank you to Fr. Piotr for facilitating the Lord's work!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Abbate and Frank Geaben

LeRoy and Ethel Anderson

Michelle Anderson

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Rev. Frank Barone

Ann K. Buckreis

Maria Cabaj

Dominic, Rita, and Don Roger Carvella

Dryja and Weber Family

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Msgr. Joseph Dowdell

Mary Margaret and James Fusco

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and Guiffreda Families

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The Wescott and Boland Families

Sister Frances Boland

Willis, Mary, and Nancy Wells

Rev. Msgr. Rupert Wright

The Zaczynski and Grabowski Families

The Zahler, Cuffney, and Green Families

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen.