

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 3) - -SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ----JANUARY 15, 2017
Rectory Office: 822-0818

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2017

Saturday, Jan. 14 : 5:00 p.m. = dec: All Souls in Purgatory.
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday, January 15: 10:00 a.m. =dec.: All Souls in Purgatory.
(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
11:30 a.m. = dec:

Jamie Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi;
Melenie Seres by Robert Barone.
(+ 2nd Mass June 21st at 7:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 16: 7:30 a.m.= dec: For all our parishioners.

Tuesday: Jan. 17: 7:30 a.m. = dec : John & Mary Berlando and son, John by family;
(St Anthony) Clarence McCormick by Robert Barone.

Wednesday, Jan. 18: 7:30a.m.=dec: Special intention by Kujawski family;
Stanley Radon (death anniv) by wife, Inge Radon .
(+ 2nd Mass March 29 at 7:30 a.m.)

Thursday, Jan. 19: 7:30 a.m. =dec: Michael Sarick by wife, Christine and children;
Raymond Matwijko by wife, Peggy and children;
Dorothy Macaluso by Chris and Linda Duncan .

Friday, January 20: 7:30 a.m.=dec. Michael Sarick by wife, Christine and children;
(St. Fabian & St Sebastian) Robert Bartokvich by grandson, Michael.

Saturday, January 21: 7:30a.m.=dec: Mary Smerski and all deceased members of the Smerski family
(St. Agnes) by Genowefa Czupryna;
Clarence McCormick by Phyllis Petre.

(Vigil Mass for Sunday) **5:00 p.m.=dec :** Living and deceased members of the Reisch family by Ken and Phyllis Petre.

Sunday, January 22:10:00 a.m.=dec: Dragica Petrinec (3rd death anniv) by Mr. and Mrs. Karlo Petrinec family
(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
11:30: a.m. = dec: Anne Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi .

Gerald and Margaret Mead by Tom & Jane Mead;
Christine Klemenich by husband, Peter and family;
In thanksgiving for blessings received by Rosalie Graden.
(+3rd Mass Jan. 25th at 7:30 a.m.)

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TODAY: Second collection for our utilities

MONDAY: **NO CCD classes** ; Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

TUESDAY: Parish Council meeting 7:15

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: Choir practice 1:30 p.m.

DECEASED: Our parishioner, Joseph J. Kurcz died January 5th. Husband of Diane(Hartman), father of Joseph M. and Kimberly(Joseph) Augustyniak, brother of Roza, Helen and Linda Kurcz. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated January 11th. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Our parishioner, Steve Yuranovich died January 10th. Son of Stjepan and Annie(Skornjak) Juranovic and cousin of Sally Gawlak, Steve was a long time choir member and singer with the Croatian Creations tamburitza group. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated January 14th. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

TODAY, 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: "He was before me".

John the Baptist said this about Jesus. Many contemporaries of John believed in the pre-existing Messiah. As God, He always existed but as man, He appeared in time. Jesus is Light and John is a witness to that Light. Therefore John said: "He, Jesus has to increase and I, John have to decrease."(John 3,30). Jesus' superiority is not found in a mighty or powerful appearance but in the truth that He is God's Word. He is '**Very Son of the Eternal Father**'. "Before Abraham came to be, I AM".(John 8, 58). John's entire gospel speaks of this witnessing. John saw the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descend on Jesus during His baptism. He heard the voice from heaven saying:"*This is My Beloved Son*". Studying the Old Testament prepared John to receive the signs and discern their meaning. In Jesus he saw God's Chosen One come to baptize with the Holy Spirit. The following day many of John's disciples left to follow Jesus. Soon others joined and accepted their witness that Jesus is truly Christ, the Messiah, Son of God. "And those who started to believe in Him would have eternal life in His name"(John 17,20;20,31).

BELLJAR REPORT-4TH QUARTER: Receipts: \$2120.00
Expenses: \$161.00; Prizes Paid out: \$1265.50; Net Proceeds: \$854.50; **Donated to the church: \$700.00.**

February 19th : Our annual Family Dinner has been scheduled.

A fond and sad farewell to Tony and Sandra Ciko as they complete their move to Missouri .

Consignement Shop of St. Andrew Church: 111 Crocker St., Sloan.
Tues. 12:30-6:30; Thurs. 11-4; Sat. 12:30-6:30. info: 892-0425 9-4pm.

Free Employment Resource Packet or **Free Marriage Enrichment Packet**
from Office of Family Life Ministries. 847-2210 or familylife@buffalodiocese

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION: March 3-5 at Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo. Registration is now open. For more info: www.dobyouth.org. or mslish@buffalodiocese.org or Mike Slis (716-847-8789).

CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY

Donation:

The BISON Children' Scholarship Fund, a tuition assistance program in children in grades K-8 has scholarships available for the **2017-2018** school year. Interested families can visit the BISON website to learn more about the application process including financial eligibility and key deadlines. With a maximum award of \$1900 per child this is a great opportunity for families who want a private education for their children but are unable to afford it . For more info. please visit www.bisonfund.com or call **1-888-216-8380**.

DANAS: 2. NEDJELJA KRIZ GODINU: "Bijaše prije mene". Mnogo je bilo Ivanovih suvremenika, koji su također vjerovali u preegzistentnog Mesiju. Kao Bog postojao je prije svih svojih suvremenika, ali kao čovjek pojavio se u vremenu iza njih. Isus je svjetio, a Ivan svjedok Svjetia. Zato i njegove riječi: "On treba da raste, a ja da se umanjujem!" (Iv 3, 30). Isusova superiornost i primat dolazi ne samo odatle što je njegova pojava kudikamo uzvišenija i moćnija od Ivanove, već i odatle što je On Riječ Božja, sam Sin vječnoga Oca. "Prije nego što je Abraham postao, ja jesam!" (Iv 8,59). **"JA SAM TO VIDIO I SVJEDOČIM: ON JE SIN BOŽJI."** Čitavo Ivanovo evanđelje ima značaj svjedočenja. Ono što je vidio, čuo, rukama opipao, svjedoči da je istina da i drugi vjeruju. Vidio je Duha Svetoga, koji je sišao nad Isusa dok se krstio. Čuo je glas s neba koji je govorio: ovo je sin moj ljubljeni! Čitanjem i proučavanjem starozavjetnih proroštava Ivan je bio spreman da znak s neba pročita i shvati njegovo pravo značenje. U Isusu je dakle vidio ne samo Mesiju, nego i Božjeg izabranika, onoga koji će doći i krstiti Duham Svetim Ivanovo je svjedočanstvo imalo svojih plodova. Odmah sutradan Isusu su se pridružili prvi učenici, a poslije njih i toliki drugi koji će vjerovati njihovim i svejedočenju, do je Isus doista Krist, Sin Božji. A koji budu u Nj vjerovali, imat će u njegovo ime život vječni. (Iv 17,20; 20,31).

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND

5:00 p.m. Gregory Schenk
10:00 a.m. Zdenka Juric
11:30 a.m. Phyllis Petre

LECTORS JAN. 14 & 15

5:00 p.m. Richard Moretti
10:00 a.m. Sister Vjenceslava
11:30 a.m. Dr. Phillip Rados

Blessing of homes will continue as time and weather permit. Please call the rectory (822-0818) if you want to have your home blessed on a specific day.