

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 50) - - -THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - - DECEMBER 16, 2018**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2018**

<b>Saturday, December 15: 5:00 P.M. = dec:</b> <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	<b>Catherine Manka (Death anniversary) by daughter Deanna Zak and family. Kim Rozwood Jackson by Christopher &amp; Linda Duncan. (+2nd Mass May 22, 7:30)</b>
<b>Sunday, December 16: 9:00 a.m. = dec:</b> <i>(3rd Week of Advent)</i>	<b>Spencer Carr by son James and family. Joanna DiCesare by Ron and Nancy Gawronski. (+2nd Mass May 28 at 7:30 a.m.)</b>
<b>10:15 a.m. = dec:</b>	<b>Ljubica Zelić by her mother Rosa. Anica Petrinec by Ljubica Šematović. (+ 2nd Mass June 4, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.)</b>
<b>Monday, December 17: 7:30 a.m. = :</b> <i>(Late Advent Weekday)</i>	<b>For all our parishioners.</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 18: 7:30 a.m = dec:</b> <i>(Late Advent Weekday)</i>	<b>In honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus by Elizabeth and Steve Miletić. Arlene Dycha by Marie Grgas. Elizabeth (Betty) Glasnovic by son Jerome and wife Toni.</b>
<b>Wednes.,December 19: 7:30 a.m. = dec:</b> <i>(Late Advent Weekday)</i>	<b>Anne Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi.</b>
<b>Thursday, December 20: 7:30 a.m. = dec:</b> <i>(Late Advent Weekday)</i>	<b>Lillian Manka by daughter Linda, Karl, Christopher and Stacy Kovacs. Mary Ann Armenski by Veronica Hale.</b>
<b>Friday, December 21: 7:30 a.m. = dec:</b> <i>(St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Dr. of the Church)</i>	<b>Living and deceased members of Petre family by Phyllis Petre.</b>
<b>Saturday, December 22: 7:30 a.m. = dec:</b> <i>(Late Advent Weekday)</i> <b>5:00 P.M. = dec:</b> <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	<b>Joanna DiCesare by Petre and Nesselbush families. Valentine and Anna Abram by grandson Gregory Schenck. Chester and Valerie Borowczyk by daughter Linda Enos. (+ 2nd Mass June 5 at 7:30 a.m.)</b>
<b>Sunday, December 23: 9:00 a.m. = dec:</b> <i>(4th Sunday of Advent)</i>	<b>Joanna DiCesare by Christopher &amp; Linda Duncan. Alfred Giblin by Tom and Jane Mead.</b>
<b>10:15 a.m. = dec:</b>	<b>Special intention by Anđa Hrkač.</b>

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**TODAY:** Second collection is for our utilities

**CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday, December 19 from 6 to 7 p.m., Saturday, December 22 from 3 to 4 p.m. and before the weekend Masses on December 22 and 23. Please try to go to Confession before Christmas.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS:** Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): **5:00 p.m.** Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day): English Mass at **9:00 a.m.** Croatian Mass at **10:15 a.m.**

**CHRISTMAS WHEAT:** Available in the vestibule. Take some home, put it in a dish or container, water it a little each day and watch it sprout for Christmas. Start this tradition with your family.

**MONDAY:** CCD from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19:** Singing practice from 6 to 7 p.m.

**FOR PARISHIONERS' INFORMATION:** Last week's collection (family and loose): **\$1,448.00.** Weekly target amount for basic expenses is **about \$2,200.00.** Thank you to the **63** families who attended Mass and used their envelopes.

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We want our church to look extra special for the birth of Jesus. We ask for donations of plants or a monetary donation to decorate our Sanctuary.

**DONATION FOR FLOWERS:** Mr. & Mrs. Ivan and Carol Boljkovac: \$. Thank you for your donation.

**DECEASED:** Our parishioner Mrs. Gertrude (nee Gorski) Patronik died December 9th. She is the beloved wife of the late Arthur Patronik. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at our church Friday, December 13th. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**DECEASED:** Our parishioner Mrs. Nada (nee Grabar) Jelenovič, beloved wife of Joseph Jelenovič, died December 12th. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at our church Saturday, December 15th. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**TODAY: 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** John the Baptist states that the salvation of God can only be received by coming back to God, converting, and doing penance. His words had an effect on the crowd. Some asked: "What are we to do?" They expected something unusual. However, John mentioned the things that pagans also do: express love through actions, help those in need, be honest in your work, reject all violence, injustice and lies. Each is to live a worthy life. Successful Christians are ennobled by following general positive human values and thus impacting their fellow men. Jesus Christ acting through the Holy Spirit gradually leads Christians to a fullness of life superseding all we could imagine. St. Luke speaks of the people wondering in their hearts whether John might be the promised Messiah. Many liberators have been offered to mankind. The Christian world knows the True Messiah who meets all mankind's expectations. These expectations are not just realized after our death. No...His presence is now in our lives. He is our True Savior, answering all our yearnings, calling us to live in love and peace with our brothers and sisters. He encourages us to live so the world around us will be better---more brotherly and more perfect.

**DANAS: 3. NEDJELJA DOSASCA:** Ivan Krstitelj govori da "Božje spasenje" može primiti samo onaj koji se obrati i čini djela pokore. Njegove su riječi djelovale na mnoštvo i zato ljudi postavljaju pitanje: "Što nam je dakle činiti?" Očekivalo se da će od njih tražiti neobične stvari. Međutim Ivan traži ono što čine čak i pogani: djelotvornom ljubavlju pomoći subraći u nevolji i potrebama, biti pošten u svom radu, odreći se svakog nasilja, nepravde i laži. Svatko bi dakle morao najprije živjeti životom dostojnim čovjeka. Onaj koji je u sebi ostvario općenite ljudske vrednote i sebe kao čovjek oplemenio, moći da djelovati uspješno kao kršćanin na svoju braću. Kršćanin ne mora uvijek činiti više nego drugi. On djeluje na drugi način. On zna da u njemu kao i u čitavom čovječanstvu djeluje sam Isus Krist do svom Duhu, da nas tako po malo dovede do punine života, koji nadvisuje sve što smo mogli zamisliti ili ostvariti. Luka nadalje ističe, da je "narod bio u isčekivanju". Svojestvo je ljudi da uvijek nešto očekuju, nečemu se nadaju. Redovito je to bolji život. Tokom povijesti javljali su se i javljaju ljudi, ideologije, koji žele odgovoriti na isčekivanje. Čovječanstvu se nudaju spasitelji i različiti osloboditelji. Kršćanski svijet u Kristu Gospodinu prepoznaje pravog Mesiju koji će odgovoriti na isčekivanje čovječanstva. Ne bismo smjeli ostvarivanje njegova kraljevstva stavljati iza smrti. On je već sada, u tom našem životu naš pravi Spasitelj. On odgovora svim našim čežnjama i isčekivanju. Već nas sada po svom Duhu poziva da živimo u ljubavi i miru sa svom subraćom. Potiče nas da već sada činimo sve kako bi svijet oko nas postao bolji, bratskiji, savršeniji.

**\*\*\*VOCATION VIEW DECEMBER 16\*\*\***

John the Baptist urged his followers to turn from their sins and renounce anything that was keeping them from doing God's will. If God is calling you to priesthood or religious life, what can you turn from in order to hear the call more clearly and answer more readily? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**PARENTING PERSPECTIVE:** As your family prepares Christmas gifts for each other, this is a good time to discuss with your children how to share their older but still good toys, cloths, etc. with each other, or to donate them for others who don't have any. **"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none." (Lk 3:11)**

**LESSONS AND CAROLS:** The St. Joseph Cathedral Choir will present a Concert of Christmas Lessons and Carols on **Monday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.** under the direction of Organist-Choir Director Tim Socha. They will be joined by the West Seneca West Vocal Jazz Singers, under the direction of Keith Ersing and the Bell Choir of the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo. Also performing are Diane Dick, solo handbells; Paul Schlossman, English horn; and Sandy Consiglio, oboe. Music will include traditional carols and newly composed choral works. St. Joseph Cathedral is located at 50 Franklin St. (between Church and Swan St.) downtown Buffalo. There will be a free will offering. For more information call 716-854-5855.

**LECTORS THIS WEEKEND**

5:00 p.m.: David Petrus  
9:00 a.m.: Jim Carr  
10:15 a.m.: Zdenka Juric

**LECTORS DEC. 22 & 23:**

5:00 p.m. Richard Moretti  
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr  
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric