

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 1) - - - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - - - JANUARY 6, 2018
Rectory Office: 822-0818

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 6 2018

Saturday, January 5, 5:00 P.M. = dec: <i>(Vigil mass for Sunday)</i>	Michael Sarick by wife Christine and family. Steve Strnad (4 year Death anniversary) by wife and children. (+ 2nd Mass January 11 at 7:30 a.m.)
Sunday, January 6 9:00 a.m. = dec: <i>(Epiphany of the Lord)</i>	Anne and James Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi.
10:15 a.m. = dec:	Ilija i Bozica i sve umrle obitelji Krezić by David Krezić.
Monday, January 7, 7:30 a.m. = ; <i>(St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)</i>	For all our parishioners.
Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 a.m. = dec: <i>(Christmas Weekday)</i>	David Byrnes, James Craig, & John Paul Sarach by Sarach family. James Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi. Ann Bozich by Henry and Dorothy Widlak.
Wednes., January 9: 7:30 a.m. = dec: <i>(Christmas Weekday)</i>	Domenica and Donato Suffoletto by Guy and Delia Ianarelli. Sister Clarissa by Mrs. Donna Marie Chmiel.
Thursday, January 10 7:30 a.m. = dec: <i>(Christmas Weekday)</i>	For all souls in Purgatory.
Friday, January 11 7:30 a.m. = dec: <i>(Christmas Weekday)</i>	Michael Sarick by wife Christine and family. Steve Strnad by wife and children.
Saturday, January 12 : 7:30 a.m. = dec: <i>(Christmas Weekday)</i>	Souls in Purgatory.
<i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i> 5:00 P.M. = dec:	Albin Schenck by wife Theresa and family. Stella Perićak (Birth remembrance) by daughter Diane Pokojski. (+ 2nd Mass May 29 at 7:30 a.m.)
Sunday, January 13: 9:00 a.m. = dec: <i>(The Baptism of the Lord)</i>	Anne and James Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi. Frank Bartokvich by Ron and Nancy Gawronski. (+ 2nd Mass July 3 at 7:30 a.m.)
10:15 a.m. = dec:	Nada Jelenović by husband Joseph and family.

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TODAY, JAN. 6: Altar Society Sunday observed. Members are encouraged to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion.

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

NOTICE: The 9:00 Mass on Sundays will soon be celebrated at **11:30 a.m.** The date of this change will be announced soon._

FOR PARISHIONERS' INFORMATION: Last week's collection (family and loose: **\$1,275.00.** Solemnity of Mary collection: **\$1,820.00.** Weekly target amount for basic expenses is **about \$2,200.00.** Thank you to the **56** families who attended weekend Mass and the **35** families who attended Mass January 1, 2019, The Solemnity of Mary.

4TH QUARTER BINGO REPORT: Receipts: \$56,913.00. Prizes: \$49,419.90. Expenses: \$1,130.85. Profit: \$6,262.25. Donated to church: \$5,546.84. We thank the hard-working people who report faithfully every Saturday evening. Without them, we could not have Bingo at our Hall.

DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH: \$ from Mr. & Mrs. David and Kay Bartolucci, in memory of the Zak and Bartolucci families. \$ from Anthony Cacic, who lives in Oklahoma, and comes to our parish every July to help us with our Lawn Fete. We are very grateful to both of you for your generous donations.

DECEASED: Frank Rakiiecki, husband of the late Erika (nee Fick), died January 1. He was a long time parishioner of our parish, and is the father of Linda (Stanley) Biernat. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church this Saturday, January 5th at 9:30 a.m. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

TODAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: Astrologers from the East arrived one day in Jerusalem and asked: "*Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We observed His star at its rising and have come to pay Him homage.*" (Mt 2: 1-3). Each of us follows his own star. Some seek and find it early; some find it late in life. Others feel they cannot find it. All stars are not the same. Some are hardly noticeable. Others are brilliant as if close by. The Magi were looking for that unique star and fell on their knees before Him. They were filled with that special light and joy. Light shared with others becomes a star. The newborn Bethlehem King- Jesus, the Nazarean ...is the Heavenly Star drawing us to Him. Before Him all true wisdom of the world bows down.

+++VOCATION THOUGHT JANUARY 6, 2019+++

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's Kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" series on www.buffalovocations.org _

DANAS: BLAGDAN BOGOJAVLJENA: Svatko ide za svojom zvijezdom. Netko je traži i nalazi, drugi misli da je ne može naći, a netko je vidi čim postane svjestan samoga sebe. Nisu sve zvijezde iste : neke su jedva zamjetljive, a druge stoje kao do su na dohvat ruke. Ponetko traži zvijezdu koja će ga dovesti do pozatnog bogatstva, drugi zvijezdu koja će mu priuštitu bogatu zabavu, treći zvijezdu osobu kojom se proživjeti sve svoje trenutke. I dođe dan kada se treba rastati od zvijezda, pa je teško, krvavo teško. Mudraci traže onu jedinstvenu zvijezdu i prigibaju koljena pred njom, o ona ih ispunjava svjetlošću i radošću. Svijetlo treba prenijeti dalje. Ne smije ga se zatvoriti, pokriti ili ugasiti: svijetlo treba nositi i predavati drugima. Onda zvijezda postaje zvijezda. Rođeni u Betlehemu, Isus koji se zove Nazarećanin, božanska je zvijezda koja privlači i pred kojom se klanja sva mudrost ovoga svijeta.

AREA HAPPENINGS

NEED A RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR? Consider giving back by volunteering with Catholic Charities. Our agency has many different volunteer positions from office work to helping out in one of our food pantries. To browse our volunteer opportunities, visit www.ccwny.org/volunteer. Make 2019 the year you make a mark in your community! For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org!

ROE Vs WADE OBSERVANCE MASS will take place on Saturday, January 12 at 4 p.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 4125 Union Road, Cheektowaga. Main celebrant -- Bishop Richard Malone. During the Mass the diocesan office of Pro-Life Activities will present the 25th annual Pro-Vita Awards which recognize people who have labored tirelessly for the pro-life cause and to give them strength, encouragement and support. This year's recipients include Maren Lelonek, Sarah Lindstrom, Fr. Michael LaMarca, Fr. Steven Jeklelek, Fr. Daniel Young, Suzanne Lazzara and Al Donius. Catholics are encouraged to participate in a solemn observance of the Roe vs. Wade anniversary by placing a candle in the front window of their homes at sundown on the evening of January 22. The candle serves as a reminder of 50 million unborn babies who have been aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND:

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

LECTORS JAN. 12 & 13:

5:00 p.m. Gregory Schenck
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric