

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 48) - - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - DECEMBER 1, 2019**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

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**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2019**

**Saturday, November 30 : 5:00 p.m. =dec:**  
*(Vigil Mass for Sunday)*

Frank Rakiiecki by Janet and Vincent Dragone.  
George Verbanoff by Marie and Joseph Grgas.  
(+ 2nd Mass April 2 7:30 AM)

**Sunday, December 1 : 10:00 a.m. = dec:**  
*(First Sunday of Advent)*

Ivan i Marica i sestre obitalji Jozić i brat Pero by Stipo Jozić family.  
Anto i Jela Petrušić by Mirjana i Slavica.  
(+ 2nd Mass April 14 7:30 AM)

**11:30 a.m.= dec:**

Emma Pericak by Dominic and Tina Salemi.  
Patricia Bartokvich by the Philip Rados family.  
(+ 2nd Mass April 15 7:30 AM)

**Monday, December 2 : 7:30 a.m. = :**  
*(Advent Weekday)*

All our parishioners.

**Tuesday, , December 3 : 7:30 a.m.= dec:**  
*(St Francis Xavier, Priest)*

Joseph Violanti(Birth remem) and Louis Violanti  
by daughter-in-law and wife, Rita Violanti.

**Wednesday , December 4 : 7:30 a.m. = dec:**  
*(St John Damascene, Priest & Dr of Church)*

Joseph Paul Cohan II by Donna Marie and Lenny Chmiel.  
Josephine Moretti by Peggy Matwijko and family.

**Thursday , December 5 : 7:30 a.m = dec:**  
*(Advent Weekday)*

Barbara Druzvik by the OL Bistrica Altar Society.  
Ivica Žirovec by Biserka Tabar.

**Friday December 6 : 7:30 a.m. = dec:**  
*FIRST FRIDAY (St Nicholas, Bishop)*

Frank and Anna Sholtez by daughter, Doris Wodzinski.

**Saturday, December 7 : 7:30 a.m.= dec:**  
*FIRST SATURDAY (St Ambrose, Bishop & Dr of Church)*

A Special intention by Kujawski family.

*(Vigil Mass for Sunday)* **5:00 p.m. = dec :**

Frank Rakiiecki by Cathy and Barry Debbsins.  
Anelka Vucic by Kierka Vlatka.  
(+ 2nd Mass April 23,7:30 AM)

**Sunday, December 8: 10:00 a.m. = dec:**  
**and Popec( 10th (Second Sunday of Advent)**  
**AM)**

Ivan and Jela Andrijevic by Franjo and Danica Andrijevic. Marija  
anniv) by Lenka Horvath. (+ 2nd Mass April 28,7:30

**11:30 a.m. = dec:**

Anne Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi.  
Dennis Yacopino by Ron and Nancy Gawronski.  
(+ 2nd Mass April 29,7:30 AM)

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The Month of December is dedicated to  
the Immaculate Conception

**MONDAY:** CCD ..... 6 PM

**TUESDAY: 7 PM: Parish Council/ Bake Sale Meeting**

If you can offer your help for preparations or to work on the day, please come to the meeting and/or call 860-1461 or the rectory to volunteer.

**WEDNESDAY:** Adult Bible Study... 6 PM

**First Friday of the month.** Rosary, Litany & Benediction at 7:30 AM Mass.

**SATURDAY:** First Saturday of the month. "Act of Reparation for Blasphemies Against the Blessed Virgin Mary" at 7:30 AM Mass.

**SATURDAY: Choir Practices will be Dec. 7 & 21 1 PM**

**SATURDAYS:** Confessions: 3-4 PM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: Our Luncheon , Concert and Bake Sale.** 10 AM to 4 PM. Luncheons available at Noon: Sarma, Sausage, BBQ Hamburgers, Mac Salad, Roasted Potatoes & more. Concert with Santa at 2 PM.

Sarma & Sausage orders will be taken for a Dec. 22 pickup noon to 4PM.

**NEXT WEEK:** Second Collection for **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

**PARISHIONER INFORMATION:** Last week's collection: \$. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is now at least \$. Thank you to the 57 families who used their envelopes, those who donated without envelopes and those who have increased their donations by even a little.

**TODAY SUNDAY: Another Advent.. a new Liturgical Year.** Christianity is awaiting the Lord's coming...the time between His birth in Bethlehem and His return at the end of the world. Our Christian life is a waiting between His first entering our lives at Baptism and His second coming at the door of eternity. Today's Gospel speaks of the end of the world because, as travelers, we have a goal to reach in life; like crossing the Red Sea on the day of Baptism heading toward the Promised Land. The Church is a community of pilgrims. " *I am a puzzle to myself,*" said St. Augustine. Philosophers do not study the external world but rather human expectations, disappointments, desires, weaknesses, beliefs, and sins. Man has always tried to discover who he is and was discontented. He ponders and tries to find the source of his unhappiness. Christians recognize our time on earth is but a preparation for future glory and happiness. Our time of preparation is short...happiness eternal.

**VOCATIONS** Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering his call. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**DANAS: 1. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA :** Počinjemo novu crkvenu godinu, **Došašće ---Advent.** Čekamo Gospodinov dolazak. Počinjemo čekati! Kršćanstvo je čekanje. Vrijeme između Gospodinova dolaska u Bethlehem i drugoga dolaska na svršetku svijeta. Naš je kršćanski život čekanje između prvoga dolaska u krštenju i drugoga dolaska na vratima vječnosti. Odatle dolazi da je na početku naše godine slavljeno evanđelje o Gospodinovu sudu na svršetku svijeta. Putniku je cilj putovanja prva misao i prvi korak. A mi smo "putnici i pridošlice na ovome svijetu." U crkvenoj se liturgiji tumači kršćanski život kao prijelaz preko Crvenoga mora na dan krštenja i putovanja prema obećanoj domovini. Davno, prije 1500 više godina napisao je učenici sveti Augustin: "*Ja sam upitnik sam sebi.*" Najnoviji se misiloci i umjetnici hvale da su prestali proučavati nebesa i stvari oko nas i da su počeli proučavati čovjeka: njegova očekivanja i razočaranja, njegova želje i manjke, vjeru i grijeh... Nije to ništa novo. Čovjek uvijek promatra sebe, uvijek je bio nezadovoljan sa sobom. Istina je da čovjek nije nikada bio toliko nezadovoljan sa sobom kao danas. Razlog će biti u tomu što je danas vrijeme rada skraćeno, a vrijeme nerada produljeno, pa čovjek ima više vremena misliti i tražiti putove i načine svoga nezadovoljstva. Ipak je danas jasno da je čovjek biće sutrašnjice. Mi kršćani, evo, u današnjoj misi priznajemo da naš život nije ništa drugo nego pripravljanje za buduću slavu i sreću. Priznajemo da naša sreća nije sadašnjost nego budućnost. Naša je sreća vječna priprava kratkotrajna.

**Candlelight Remembrance Service** on Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm at **Holy Cross Cemetery**, 2900 South Park Ave., Lackawanna. The holiday season is filled with memories of times spent with those we love. This spiritually uplifting service is filled with music, scripture, prayers, and the healing words from the chaplains at the Pastoral Care Department at Hospice Buffalo. Bring an ornament in memory of your loved one or take one that is provided to hang on the tree. Reserve your spot by calling Holy Cross at 716-823-1197.

**"Kandy Kane's Holiday Magic Show"** on Wednesday, December 11 at 6pm at **St. Francis Park**, 5229 South Park Ave., Hamburg. There will be audience participation, magic, comedy, and sing-a-long. Additionally, there will be a meet and greet photo opportunity and give-a-ways for all children. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. **Reservations** are required by calling **716-649-1205 before December 4.**

**Vespers for the Second Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm.** A free-will offering will be received and a holiday reception will follow. For more information, call the seminary music office at 716-652-6565 or Gayle Mann at 716-805-1438. The service will be held in the **main chapel of Christ the King Seminary**, 711 Knox Rd., East Aurora

**LECTORS Nov. 30 & Dec. 1**

5:00 PM: Gregory Schenck

10:00 AM : Zdenka Juric

11:30 AM: Linda Duncan

**LECTORS Dec. 7 & 8**

5:00 PM :Richard Moretti

10:00 AM : Zdenka Juric

11:30 AM: Linda Duncan