

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 3) - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - - January 19, 2020
Rectory Office: 822-0818 EMAIL: rectoryourladyofbistrica@gmail.com

Saturday, January 18: 5:00 p.m. = dec:
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Jack Evans (Death anniv) by wife, Sandra Evans.
Stephen Strnad by wife Frances Strnad.
(+ 2nd Mass January 27 ,7:30 AM)

Sunday, January 19: 10:00 a.m. = dec:
(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
11:30 a.m. = dec:

All souls in purgatory.

Emma Pericak by Dominic and Tina Salemi.
Patricia Bartokvich (Birth remem) by the family.
(+ 2nd Mass February 18 ,7:30 AM)

Monday, January 20: 7:30 a.m. = :
(St Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr)

All our parishioners.

Tuesday, January 21: 7:30 a.m = dec:
(St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)

Drina Ćorić by Paul Van Dooser.
Margaret Piekarski by goddaughter & niece, Maureen Brooks.

Wednesday, January 22: 7:30 a.m. dec:
*(DAY OF PRAYER FOR
THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN)*

Barbara Druzvik by Elaine Jaromin.
Josephine Moretti by sons, Mark and Richard Moretti.

Thursday, January 23: 7:30 a.m = dec:
(St Marianne Cope, Virgin; St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.)

Barbara Druzvik by Phillip Rados and family.
Jako i Anica Ćakarić by Franjo and Danica Andrijević.

Friday, January 24: 7:30 a.m. = dec:
(St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Dr of Church)

Joseph and Janet Rubino by the Petre family .

Saturday, January 25: 7:30 a.m. = dec:
(Conversion of St Paul, Apostle)

Living and deceased members of the Petre family by Phylis Petre.

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

Deanna Zak by the Our Lady of Bistrica Altar Society.
Kenneth Petre (Death anniv) by wife Phylis and the Petre family.
(+ 2nd Mass February 25, 7:30 AM)

Sunday, January 26: 10:00 a.m. = dec:
(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
11: 30 a.m. = dec:

All Souls in Purgatory by Franjo and Danica Andrijevic.

James Murphy (10 yr Death anniv) by sister-in-law,
Maureen Brooks.

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TODAY: Second Collection for our **utilities**. Annual sewer taxes just paid to the county: over \$3300.

MONDAY: NO CCD

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study at 7PM.

DONATIONS: \$200 by Felix Senozetnik. \$150 by James and Ida Bowen. We thank you for your generosity.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION: Last week's collection:\$. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is now at least \$. Thank you to the 49 families who used their envelopes, those who donated without envelopes and those who have increased their donations by even a little.

Belljar 4th Quarter Report: Receipts: \$4060. Expenses: \$191.
Prizes: \$2679.50 Net Proceeds: 1214.50 **Donated to Church: \$900.**

Next week: Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

TODAY 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: John the Baptist said about Jesus: "He was before me." Many in John's time believed in the pre-existing Messiah. As God, Jesus always existed but as man He appeared in time. Jesus is Light and John was a witness to that Light. so 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) St John's entire gospel bears witness. John the Baptist 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.*" John was open to receive these signs and discern their meaning by his study of the Old Testament. In Jesus he saw God's Chosen One come to baptize with the Holy Spirit. Many of John's disciples left to follow Jesus and others joined them in accepting that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. "*and those who started to believe in Him would have eternal life in His name.*" (John 3:36)

VOCATIONS: The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue, and Jesus asks some of us to assist him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

Parish Family Dinner Buffet:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 1 PM: Chicken Soup- Roast Pork- Chicken- Roasted Potatoes- Green Beans- Applesauce- Dessert. Cash Bar. Adults: \$18. Youth 6-15 : \$15. 5 and under: free.

Take-outs available. Tickets/ Reservations available after Masses or at the rectory 822-0818

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 svjetlo, a Ivan svjedok Svjetla. 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, je jesam!*" (Iv 8: 59). "**JA SAM TO VIDIO I SVJEDOČIM. ON JE SIN BOŽJI.**" Čitavo Ivanovo evanđelje ima značaj svjedočenja. Ono što je živio, čuo, rukama opipao, svjedoči da je istina da i drugi vjeruju. Vidio je Duha Svetoga, koji je sišao na 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 Duhom Svetim. Ivanovo je svjedočanstvo imalo svojih plodova. Odmah sutradan Isusu su se pridružili prvi učenici, a poslije njih i toliki drugi koje će vjerovati njihovim svjedočanstvima, da je Isus doista Krist, Sin Božji. "*A koji budu u Nj vjerovali, imat će u njegovo ime život vječni.*" (Iv 3:36)

WEDNESDAY: This Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the US observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life novena**, 9 Days for Life, **Tuesday, Jan 21-Wednesday, Jan 29**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more at www.9daysforlife.com. Pilgrims from our Diocese will be traveling to Washington, DC. for the March for Life on January 24. Please keep them in prayer and do all you can to support life!

Marian Consecration, "33 Days to Morning Glory," on Facebook LIVE at "Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Olean" daily at 7 pm through February 2 with Fr. David Tourville .

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools. The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten-8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship pre-application is now available for NEW families for the 2020-21 school year. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The **deadline to apply is February 28**. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com/our-scholarships/. For more information, visit our website at www.bisonfund.com or call 716-854-0869.

LECTORS Jan. 18 & 19
5:00 PM : Richard Moretti
10:00 AM : Zdenka Juric
11:30 AM : Linda Duncan

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10:00 AM : Zdenka Juric
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