

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 1) - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -January 3, 2021**  
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**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF January 3, 2021**

**Mass is in the church at a 1/3 capacity maximum** for people who comply with the CDC guidelines of wearing masks and distancing by household. The **dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Masses remains in place**. All who are especially vulnerable or simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestreams, which will continue in local parishes.

**Saturday, January 2 : 5:00 pm: dec: Helen Levulis by Mary Ann Klemenich. Nikola Simunović by Ivan and Carol Boljkovac. (+ 2nd Mass July 1, 7:30 AM)**  
**(Vigil Mass for Sunday)**

**Sunday, January 3 : \*7:30 am: : A Special Intention.**  
**(EPIPHANY OF THE LORD) 10:00 am: dec: Iva Maric by N. N.**  
**11:30 am: dec: Donald Sporney by Chris and Linda Duncan. Walter DiCioccio, Sr. by Mary Loncarevich. (+ 2nd Mass July 6, 7:30 AM)**

**Monday, January 4 : 7:30 am: : All our parishioners.**  
**(St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)**

**Tuesday, January 5 : 7:30 am: dec: James Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi.**  
**( St John Neuman, Bishop )**

**Wednesday, January 6 : 7:30 am: dec: Margaret Wiles(Death anniv) by brother-in-law, Paul VanDooser. Louis Violanti by Phyllis Petre.**  
**(Christmas Weekday)**

**Thursday, January 7 : 7:30 am: dec: Gerald Stiller by Linda and Christopher Duncan. Sandra Evans by the Croatian Creations.**  
**(Christmas Weekday)**

**Friday, January 8 : 7:30 am: dec: All Souls in Purgatory.**  
**(Christmas Weekday)**

**Saturday, January 9 : 7:30 am : : A Special intention for Mary (Clark) Pfol by Rosalie Graden.**  
**(Christmas Weekday)**

**(Vigil Mass for Sunday) 5:00 pm : dec: Stephen Perncevich by Anne and Shawn Pecaric- Cohan. Michael Sarick ( 5th Death anniv)**  
**by wife, Christine and the family. (+ 2nd Mass July 8, 7:30 AM)**

**Sunday, January 10 : \*7:30 am: : A Special Intention.**  
**(BAPTISM OF THE LORD)) 10:00 am : dec: All Souls in Purgatory.**  
**11:30 am: dec: Michael Currin by Linda and Christopher Duncan. Margaret Piekarski ( 5th Death anniv) by niece, Maureen Brooks (+ 2nd Mass July 9, 7:30 AM)**

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**NEXT WEEK: Early Bird drawing for WINTER RAFFLE after 11:30 AM Mass.**

**DONATIONS:** \$100 - Mark & Judith Clulow. \$100-Timothy O'Brien. \$250 - Joseph & Johanna Klink. \$500 - Anthony Cacic. \$500 - James & Lois Hooper. - Thank you all for your generosity -

**MEMORIAL DONATION:** \$ 500- by Julia Novak in memory of her husband, James; her parents, Mary & Alfred Costanzo; her sister, Rose Mary Costanzo; and her friend, Nick Bertini . Thank you for your generosity.

**PARISHIONER INFORMATION:** Last week's collection:\$. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is now at least \$.

**PARISH COUNCIL:NEXT WEEK -TUESDAY, JAN. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 7 PM**

**MONEY RAFFLE:** Early Bird drawing : Jan 10th (2- \$50 prizes). Drawing at Family Dinner on Feb. 14th:Grand Prizes: \$700-\$200- \$100 Returns can be dropped in the collection or returned to the rectory. More tickets are available.

**Today's readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm -72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**TODAY: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Through the naivety of the Three Wise Men, Jesus came near to being killed in the first days of His life. They asked King Herod where the new King of Israel had been born, describing exactly when and how the star of the new King had appeared. It was naive of them to believe King Herod would join them in paying homage to the Child in Bethlehem. The Wise Men made their way to Jesus presenting Him with gifts. They intended on making a full report to Herod- everything they had seen about the Child's exact location. Warned by a dream, they went back to their country without returning to King Herod. Are we not just as naive? With heads looking to heaven, we fail to see the earth. With eyes fixed on a star, we fail to see darkness. Straining to hear songs of angels, we fail to hear the chuckling of Satan. Full of love and sympathy for the Christchild, we fail to think about the battles over money and earthly power raging close at hand. Full of wonder at the God who became Man, we ignore deceit, envy, hypocrisy, and greed in our own lives.

**VOCATIONS:** 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 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website - [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

**DANAS .BLAGDAN BOGOJAVLJENA:** Malo je nedostajalo pa da Isus izgubi glavu već prvih dana po rođenju i to - - zbog naivnosti triju kraljeva. Zaista je bilo naivno ići kralju Herodu i pitati ga gdje se to rodio novi kralj. Naivno je bilo opisivati kad se pojavila zvijezda. Naivno je bilo također vjerovati da bi Herod pošao u Bethlehem i poklonio se svom naslijedniku. Najzad su se tri kralja - - nakon što su Isusa našli i predali mu svoje darove - - kanili vratiti Herodu pa ga o svemu potanko izvijestiti, možda mu čak reći o kojoj se kući radi, kako joj se može prići koja sve vrata izaći... Nismo li mi baš naivni kao trojica mudraca? Upravljenih očiju k nebu, zemlju više ne zamjećujemo. Gledamo u zvijezde, a na tamu se ne osvrćemo. Prisuškujemo andeoski pjev, a sotonsko hihotanje ne slušamo. Ispunjeni osjećajima za siromašno Dijete ni ne pomišljamo na bitku za novac. Zadivljeni pred onim koji je došao služiti, ne brinemo brigu što se jagma za vlast nastavlja. Zahvećeni Bogom koji se utjelovio, koliko je još dvoličnosti, zavisti, licemjerja podmuklosti kako kod drugih tako i kod nas samih.

Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell -- Although the holy water fonts will be empty, please make the sign of the cross as you enter the church.-- Each member of the faithful over 2 yrs old will be required to wear a mask and social distance by households when attending Mass--- Only one communion line with distance spacing-- Communion will only be distributed on the hand. Masks will be worn. --

**\*\*\*** *We are in a Covid Zone-Orange : Church cannot have more than 30-45 persons in attendance. The vulnerable are advised not to attend. An extra 7:30 am Mass is scheduled on Sundays.*

**Medjugorje Message from December is posted in the vestibule.**

**GREETINGS FROM FATHER CHRIS:** "I wish all our parishioners, friends and benefactors a Very Happy, Healthy New Year."

"Sretna također Nova Godina 2021 svimvama i vašim obiteljima."

**Blessing of homes (& families) will begin as time, Covid 19, and weather permit.** Call the rectory to schedule if you need a special time.

**Christ the King, Snyder – until further notice, all of our masses will be Live-Streamed):** Regular Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm; Sunday: 8 & 10 am; Daily Mass: 8 am Monday–Friday. Monday & Wednesday: 5 pm; <http://www.ctksnyder.org/camera-live-stream/>