

January 10, 2021

SS JOACHIM & ANNE CATHOLIC PARISH

50 EAST AVENUE, ATTICA 14011

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HOLY EUCHARIST:

If you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like Holy Communion, please call.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, Varysburg....4:00-4:15 pm

Sunday, Attica.....7:30-7:45 am

Also by appointment.

BAPTISMS:

Are celebrated during or after the Masses. Call the office.

TO BE A SPONSOR: You must be baptized, confirmed and attending Mass every week.

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MARRIAGES:

Call for an appointment as soon as you make your commitment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the office as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS:

Please let us know when you or a loved one is in the hospital.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

New members are welcome to join our faith community.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 11

No Mass

Tuesday, January 12 – Varysburg, 8:30 am

Gerard & Ann Buckenmeyer

By Estate

Wednesday, January 13 – Attica, 8:30 am

St. Hilary Optional Memorial

Max Szemplenski

By Sunshine Senders

Thursday, January 14 – Varysburg, 8:30 am

Marion Conrad, Living

By V.F.D. Auxiliary

Friday, January 15 – Attica, 8:30 am

Sally Harding

By Alan & Sharon Brade

Saturday, January 16 – Varysburg, 4:30 pm

Parishioners

Sunday, January 17 – Attica, 8:00 am

Mary M. Camp

By a Parishioner

Sunday, January 17 – Varysburg, 9:30 am

Cindy Fugle

By Rose Boxler

Sunday, January 17 – Attica, 11:00 am

Bud Nutty

By Anna & Family

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

*Berard, Peter, Adjute,
Accurs, & Odo, Jan.16*



In 1219, with the blessing of St. Francis, five friars left Italy to preach to the Moors. They were Berard, Peter, Adjute, Accurs and Odo. They tried preaching in Seville, then in Muslim hands, but made no converts. They went on to Morocco where they preached in the marketplace. The friars were immediately apprehended and ordered to leave the country; they refused. When they began preaching again, an exasperated sultan ordered them executed. After enduring severe beatings and declining various bribes to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ, the friars were beheaded by the sultan himself on January 16, 1220. These were the first Franciscan martyrs. When Francis heard of their deaths he exclaimed, "Now I can truly say that I have five Friars Minor!" Their relics were brought to Portugal where they prompted a young Augustinian canon to join the Franciscans and set off for Morocco the next year. That young man was Anthony of Padua. Proclaiming the gospel can be fatal, but that has not stopped many who even today risk their lives in many countries throughout the world.

www.franciscanmedia.org

Exemplifying the sacrament of Baptism is the preacher John the Baptist. Through his teaching John challenged the crowds to turn away from sin and be baptized as a symbol of repentance. When John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove, strengthening Jesus for his public ministry. The Holy Spirit comes to us too at our Baptism and again at Confirmation to empower us to live our faith. John challenged everyone to repent and make up for sinful behavior, and his words led others to Jesus, the Messiah. John's message included sharing what you have, being fair with one another, reaching out to the poor and vulnerable, and living a moral lifestyle. He was imprisoned and put to death for his preaching. What price are we willing to pay for living out our faith?

Liturgy for Next Week, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps: 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

*If we spent as much time praying as we
do grumbling, we would soon have
nothing to grumble about!*

WEEKLY GIVING — Jan. 3

Regular.....	\$4495.00
Buildings & Repairs.....	\$1038.00
Holy Day.....	\$697.00
Last year 1/5.....	\$5089.00

Thank you for your generosity!
Remember your parish in your will.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We are working on our Winter into Spring program. As we watch our pandemic status closely and prepare for the expected post-holiday surge, we have decided to try a virtual unit this month. Faith Formation will be provided for families to do at home! Watch for a **flocknote** soon with some activities to be done together for the month of January. We are starting to dive deeper into prayer, the Mass and the sacrament of Baptism. We especially want you think of an “Ask Fr. George” question. We plan to have a fun video session with him. Please visit our Website

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for ongoing Faith Formation updates.

THE EFFECTS OF BAPTISM ARE:

- 1) It cleanses us from original sin.
- 2) It makes us Christians.
- 3) It makes us children of God.
- 4) It makes us heirs of heaven.

THE CHURCH RECOGNIZES THREE FORMS OF GIVING VALID BAPTISM:

- 1) Immersion—lowering the body into the water
- 2) Aspersión—the sprinkling of the water
- 3) Infusion*—the pouring of the water

*In the Roman Rite infusion is preferred.

1 PETER 3:15

“Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you.”

WHO/WHAT IS THE INFANT OF PRAGUE?

As the Infant of Prague, Christ is presented as both king and child. Instead of the modest garments of a poor child, the Infant is dressed in a sumptuous gown of royalty. The original 19-inch wax sculpture was brought to Prague, Czechoslovakia, by a Spanish princess who bequeathed it to her daughter, Princess Polyxena. Giving the statue to a poor order of Carmelite monks, Polyxena promised, “As long as you will venerate this image you will not lack anything.” The monks did well until the 1631 invasion by Sweden. The invaders threw the Infant on a trash heap where it was found seven years later, without its hands. The Carmelite Father Cyril was praying before the once-again revered statue when he heard the words, “Have pity on me and I will have pity on you. Give me my hands and I will give you peace.” Due to the recent war, money was scarce, but a stranger had it restored. During an epidemic the Infant seemed responsible for several cures and in 1642 Baroness von Lipkowitz had a beautiful chapel built for the Infant. Today pilgrims can visit that same chapel to see the original Infant. Many people have a version of the statue in their homes and many in desperate situations utilize a novena to the Infant of Prague, whose feast day is January 14.



The Infant of Prague at our Varysburg site stands near the Holy Family to the left of the altar. The statue was a gift in 1945 from a family whose child was healed.

LECTOR SCHEDULE for January 16 & 17

4:30 pm	Jim Kelly
8:00 am	Bruce Camp
9:30 am	Maureen Gardner
11:00 am	Sheila Springer

The purpose and calling of John the Baptist was to prepare the way for Jesus. Each of us has a calling to which we too must listen. No one can repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord! We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

From Saint of the Day

Book Club will start up on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, after 8:30 a.m. Mass & Rosary (so around 9:30). Please call the rectory to sign up, 591-1228.

Need help for your marriage? Thinking of separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. The next weekend is February 26-28, 2021. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.



What do we have that Adam didn't? Ancestors!

Let us pray for those who have died, for those in the military and their families, and for those in need of God's healing:



Dec~ James Stone, Garry Stone, Cheryl Coye, Bill & Alice Bowen
Jan~ Tanya Argy, Scott, Jonathan, Peter Millen, Ed Kirby

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York has established a deadline of 8/14/21 as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese of Buffalo, NY. If you have a claim against the Diocese, including without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file on or before that date. For information on how to file your proof of claim call 855-292-7696 or visit the website: <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo>. If you do not timely file a proof of claim, you may forfeit your right to vote on a plan of reorganization and to share in any distributions to creditors in connection with the Diocese's Chapter 11 case.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING Wed., Jan. 20, 7 p.m., church basement, to discuss possibility of Lenten fish fries

Parish Activities

- ~Sunday, 1/10, take down Christmas decorations in Varysburg, after 9:30 Mass
- ~Tuesday, 1/12, Men's Group meeting, 7 p.m., Attica basement
- ~Wednesday, 1/13, Book Club, 9:30 a.m., Attica basement
- ~Wednesday, 1/20, Social Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

Outside Activities

- ~Sunday, 1/10, Virtual Diocesan Youth Planning Meeting. Log-in info at: youth@icchurchea.org
- ~Sunday, 1/17, WACY meeting, Weber Hall, 5-7:30 p.m.