

January 3, 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.

RECTORY OFFICE:

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 4

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Memorial

No Mass

Tuesday, January 5 – Varysburg, 8:30 am

St. John Neumann Memorial

Hans Boxler Sr.

By Flora & Bruce Shaw & Family

Wednesday, January 6 – Attica, 8:30 am

Gerard & Ann Buckenmeyer

By Estate

Thursday, January 7 – Varysburg, 8:30 am

Parishioners

Friday, January 8 – Attica, 8:30 am

Sally Harding

By Kim & Nancy Clark

Saturday, January 9 – Varysburg, 4:30 pm

Helene Zaremski

By Debbie & Jerry

Sunday, January 10 – Attica, 8:00 am

John & Clara Rembas

By Family

Sunday, January 10 – Varysburg, 9:30 am

Jennie Zehler

By Don & Sue Pawlak & Family

Sunday, January 10 – Attica, 11:00 am

Jean George

By Karl, Tory, Ana & Hayden Kautz

Liturgy for Next Week, The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Is 55:1-11

Ps: Is 12:2-3, 4,5,6

2nd Reading: 1Jn 5:1-9

Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

What a year it was! Twelve months ago we never imagined 2020 would bring a world-wide pandemic. Let us pray that 2021 brings health, peace, and joy to all. Happy New Year!!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Neumann

January 5 Memorial



John's dream to become a priest seemed hopeless because of a surplus of priests in his native Bohemia. To fulfill his vocation John sailed to America where priests were greatly needed and arrived in New York in June of 1836. The bishop of New York was glad to ordain him and assigned him to a German-speaking parish in the "Niagara Area." It consisted of over 100 square miles of swampy primeval forest. John lived above a tavern in Williamsville and preached in churches without steeples or floors. He walked to visit the sick and celebrated Mass at kitchen tables for his 400 families. A log church (28' X 32') was built in Sheldon during his four years in WNY. His deteriorating health led him to join the Redemptorists where he was given much more responsibility. He became a US citizen in 1847 and was consecrated bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. Despite financial troubles, he built over 90 churches and organized the first diocesan Catholic school system, going from 2 to nearly 100 schools. But this short, immigrant, country priest never lost his humility. When someone suggested he change his rain-soaked shoes, he replied the only way he could was by switching each shoe to a different foot; he owned only one pair of shoes. John Neumann died January 5, 1860, only 48 years old. He was canonized in 1977, the first US man to be declared a saint. His incorrupt body lies in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.

Excerpted from *The Daybook of Saints*

The Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. ~St. Peter Chrysologus

WEEKLY GIVING — Dec. 27

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| Regular..... | \$3167.00 |
| Buildings & Repairs..... | \$570.00 |
| Christmas..... | \$10814.00 |
| Last year 12/29..... | \$3864.00 |

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Did you know the Faith Formation Program has a website of its own? If your child is not able to attend classes due to other obligations or may be on precautionary quarantine, please use our website to find fun and interesting family faith activities. All parishioners are welcome to visit and explore the site. Every lesson we have provided is available online as well as many other great resource links.

Happy New Year to all!

SS Joachim & Anne Faith Formation information can be found at:

faithjoachimanne.wixsite.com

My Dear Parishioners, I want to thank so many of you for your prayers, greetings and Christmas gifts. Your generosity and thoughtfulness touch my heart and make me proud and happy to be a part of this wonderful parish family! Father George

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."

WHAT DO WE SEE IN CHURCH?

The main body of the church, where the people sit, is called the *nave*. The nave is filled with pews and kneelers in most churches. You may find a *missalette* there, containing the readings and prayers used at Mass. The other main part of the church is called the *sanctuary*. It is the central place where the priests or other ministers perform their roles at Mass. You will see in the sanctuary the place from which Scripture is read, called the *ambo* or *lectern*. The central furnishing in the sanctuary is the *altar*, where the priest celebrates the Eucharist. Ever since biblical times the altar has been referred to as "the table of the Lord (Mal 1:7, 12; 1 Cor 10:21). To show their reverence for the table of the Lord, people *bow* their heads when they pass in front of the altar. On the altar are *vessels* used during Mass, such as the *ciborium*, a plate or dish-like vessel, and the *chalice*, a goblet or cup-like vessel. These are made of precious material because they will hold the Body and Blood of Christ. The *sacramentary* is also on the altar; it contains the prayers used during Mass. On or near the altar is a crucifix, a reminder that Christ loved us so much that he died for us. The *tabernacle* is a vessel in which the Eucharist is kept for devotion or to be taken to the sick. To show respect for Jesus, people *genuflect* as they pass in front of the tabernacle.

From "The ABCs of Worship, Mass Appeal"

Thank you to the Marley Funeral Home for supplying our beautiful 2021 calendars! The calendars and our 2021 giving envelopes can be found in back of church.

LECTOR SCHEDULE for January 9 & 10

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| 4:30 pm | Frank Nappo |
| 8:00 am | Cathy Uhly |
| 9:30 am | Cherie Wilkolaski |
| 11:00 am | Veronica Frost |

Lord, we pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word. May we also see and love You in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. In this New Year, let us realize that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You. Let us accept You in our lives in the way it pleases You: as Truth to be spoken, as Life to be lived, as Light to be lighted, as Love to be followed, as Joy to be given, as Peace to be spread about, as Sacrifice to be offered among our relatives, friends and neighbors and all people. Amen.

If your nativity scene is still up, go take a look at it. Think about all the people whose lives were changed as a result of Jesus' birth. Joseph and Mary were certainly changed. Zechariah and Elizabeth were changed. So too was their son John who would become the baptizer. The Magi, the shepherds, Anna and Simeon—so many were touched and changed by the good news of Christ's birth. But what about you, what about your family? Will something about this Christmas change your lives? Will you allow the Christ Child to make a difference in your lives?

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



May all your troubles last as long
as your New Year's resolutions!



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 any plan of reorganization and to share in any distributions to creditors in connection with the Diocese's Chapter 11 case.

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.

Parish Activities

- ~Sunday, 1/10, take down Christmas decorations in Varysburg, after 9:30 Mass
- ~Sunday, 2/21, WACY meeting, 5-7:30 p.m., Attica

Outside Activities

- ~Friday, 11/20/20 thru 1/3/21, Nativity Sets on Display. See 300 nativity sets from 58 countries at the Fatima Shrine, Lewiston, during "Festival of Lights," from 5-9 p.m. each evening. For info, contact Fr. Roy at 716-852-2076 or royhope@aol.com