

Parish Bulletin Update

9 January – 17 January 2021

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY–	Jan. 9	@ 4:00 PM (OLD FORGE)	For the People of our Parishes
SUNDAY –	Jan. 10	@ 8:00 AM (INLET) @ 10:00 AM (OLD FORGE)	Robbie Hobbs All Souls Intentions
MONDAY–	Jan. 11	NO MASS SCHEDULED	
TUESDAY –	Jan. 12	@ 8:00 AM (OLD FORGE)	Myrna Hall
WEDNESDAY–	Jan. 13	@ 10:00 AM (INLET)	Margaret Daviau
THURSDAY –	Jan. 14	@ 12:05 PM (OLD FORGE)	Lee Minnie
FRIDAY –	Jan. 15	@ 10:00 AM (INLET)	The O’Neil Family
SATURDAY –	Jan. 16	@ 4:00 PM (OLD FORGE)	John Hopsicker
SUNDAY –	Jan. 17	@ 8:00 AM (INLET) @ 10:00 AM (OLD FORGE)	For the People of the Parishes Jarl Hasby



Parish Events and News

A change of seasons: On Sunday 9 January we observe the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our Christmas lights will be dimmed for the last time this year, and Christmas decorations will quickly disappear from Catholic churches. The change of seasons brings encouragement and hope. We enter again *Ordinary Time* when we ponder the words and actions of Jesus the Lord, give God the thanks and praise of the Church, and strive to discern and do His will for us. Use the new time wisely. Pray each day. Listen for God’s voice in your life. Live always as an obedient son or daughter of our heavenly Father. The rewards now and in eternity will be great!

Faith Formation Continues: Our program continues to educate and form our young parishioners in their faith. Efforts have been disturbed and impeded this year by the Covid pandemic. Fr. Murphy, Formation Director Alesia Olney, and Confirmation Catechist Patty Foley will meet virtually this week with parents of our students to move forward with our new efforts. Pray to God that our work will bear good fruit through the growth in faith of our youth.

Statue of St. Joseph: Through the generosity of a member of the parish with a devotion to St. Joseph, his lovely statue at St. Bartholomew’s has been repaired and repainted. This image was damaged in the past and it took the hand of a good artist to restore it. In addition, repainting has restored where paint was chipped and damaged in the episode that also smashed the hand of the infant. Stop by the statue and admire it. *Pray to St. Joseph for his powerful intercession on behalf of the sick and bring him your own needs.* He remains a powerful intercessor before the throne of God.

We thank YOU again: Once more, sincere thanks! Many have contributed generously to our parishes in recent weeks: in your regular donations, in the Christmas collection, and in special Year-End gifts. Your gifts are needed and appreciated so much. Thank you! May God see your generosity and reward you for it. Thanks also for the kindness you have shown me, Fr. Murphy, during the season. You are kind, loving and supportive. I appreciate you so very much!

Masses: Our calendar for scheduling Masses during 2021 is open. To have Mass offered for a deceased loved one or friend on a particular date or for a special intention, phone the parish office or stop in. We will gladly schedule the Masses you request on the date you request or the closest date possible.

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. Murphy welcomes the opportunity to share this sacrament whenever it is needed: with those in failing health, with the elderly at any time of need, when one is facing surgery, and otherwise as it is appropriate. Phone the parish office and Father will set a time to anoint you or a loved one in Church, at home, or wherever is most convenient.

A Prayer for Our Country

*Father of all nations and ages,
we recall that through our history our United States
has claimed its place among the family of nations
and achieved so much for our people and others.
For what has been achieved we give you thanks;
For all the work that remains we ask your help.
As you have called us from many people
to be one nation under God,
grant that, through your providence,
we may live in peace and tranquility
and share our abundant blessings with all our citizens
and with all the peoples of the earth.
We pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN!*

Reminders

The *Community Food Pantry* is open each week to serve area residents. Normal hours at St. Bartholomew's are Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 pm. Encourage family members, friends, and neighbors to contact us to arrange a food pickup. We want to help! We are always prepared to serve new visitors whenever they contact us. Phone the parish secretary to make an appointment or for further information.

Office hours for the parish are now Monday to Thursday, 8 am to noon. Phone us or stop in for assistance from our parish secretary, Ann Nathan, whenever we can help you.

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