

**December 16, 2012**  
**Welcome to St. Ann's Church & Shrine**

**Let us remember the Sick and Shut-In as well as those who have requested our prayers:**

Mr. Benny Brown, Buffalo General (Rm. 1515); Fr. Tom Green, S.J.; Mrs. Betty Williams; Mr. Eddie Fields & Mrs. Patricia Fields; Mr. Bodie Booze; Mrs. Carol Grandits Martin; Mrs. Mae Clay; Mrs. Pamela Williams-Peete; Ms. Yolanda Booze; Mrs. Annie Johnson (Erie Co. Home), Mr. Howard Grimes, Niagara Lutheran; Ms. Carolyn Morrell; Mrs. Floret Clarke.

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**Mass Intention**

**In Memory of Bertha Jagosh**  
**Requested by Her Daughter, Susan Jagosh**

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**Respon. Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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**50/50 Split Drawing**

To enter the December drawing, please put a \$5 donation in a 50/50 envelope and place it in the Collection basket by next Sunday, December 23. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. You can pay for more than one month at a time.

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**Gaudete Sunday**

Gaudete Sunday takes its name from the first word of the Latin entrance antiphon, which means rejoice. Today marks the halfway point to Christmas.

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**Words from Fr. Butch Mazur**

Gentle God hear the cries of your joyless. We come to you with heavy hearts and in deep sorrow for the children of Sandy Hook. There is no joy today. Twenty children, perhaps scribbling Christmas cards in crayon for their parents, gunned down. Their pain and numbness must be beyond words or thoughts. As we prepare to celebrate the child born in Bethlehem, the lives of children scarcely out of the cradle are now snuffed out and gone forever except in our hearts. With the prophet of old we cry out "Oh that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears. I would keep day and

night for the slain of my people". We do not understand oh God, we plead for answers. We cannot light a candle of joy. We know that you weep with us. In weeping and mourning, may we feel your presence. May we come to know your comforting Spirit covering us with a warm blanket of peace. In the name of Jesus, who suffered for us and now suffers with us.

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**Reminder; Vicariate Advent Retreat is Tomorrow Evening**

The Advent Retreat is tomorrow evening at St. Columba-Brigid at 7:00PM. You may bring Christmas cookies if you'd like and get together with people that you met at the Lenten services.

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**Fr. Roy's Nativity Scenes**

Over 385 nativity sets from 55 countries are on display at SS. Columba-Brigid every Saturday and Sunday until January 6, from 1:00 until 4:00. 75 Hickory & Eagle. One block south of Clinton. There is no charge and there is a special section for children. 852-2076

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**Nativity Miguel-Hoops!**

The St Augustine Rens won their 3rd consecutive title as winners of the Canisius High School Tip-off Tournament last month, beating out Pinnacle Charter school in the final game. Special congratulations go out to Rens team mates and brothers Christopher and Michael Augustin of St. Ann's Church & Shrine. Well done boys! The Rens put forth an outstanding performance, using coach Fr. Durkin's formula to Play Hard, Play Tough and Be the Best- but also have the Best Attitude. Go Rens!!

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# **CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY**

**Holy Family Sunday**  
Sunday, December 30th, 2012  
2:00PM St. Lawrence Church  
1520 East Delavan Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14215



**CCCB Church Families, Musicians, & Choirs  
Celebrating our Christmas Faith**

*Bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to Share.....  
Beverages provided.....*

Blessed Trinity, St. Columba/Brigid & St. Ann,  
St. Katharine Drexel, St. Lawrence, St. Martin de Porres



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# *St. Ann's Church & Shrine*

*Celebrating 155 Years of Service  
To God & Our Community*

*Pastor: Fr. Roy Herberger*

*Celebrant: Msgr. Thomas E. Crane*

*Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM*

*Veneration of Relic & Litany to St. Ann*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month at 9:45 AM*

