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REJOICE



HAPPY BLESSED NEW YEAR
2024



St. Padre Pio Parish

Roman Catholic Parish

Celebrating Eucharist:

Monday :	6:00 PM	Elba site
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Elba site
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Oakfield site
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM	Oakfield site
Saturday:	4:30 PM	Oakfield site
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Elba site
	10:00 AM	Oakfield site

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Attendance at a pre-marriage sacramental program is required.

Baptism: Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class before having their child baptized. Please call the parish office for more information. **Baptisms in Elba will be held after 8am Mass only.**

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is offered on request. Please contact the church office for anointing.

Penance: The Sacrament is available on Saturdays 3:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Oakfield. Feel free to make an appointment for another time if that is not convenient.

New Parishioners: In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving Parish. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office at 585-948-5344.

If you are returning after being away... Welcome home...

You can find our bulletin each week on our website: www.padrepiony.com or call the office if you need the bulletin sent to your home. Call (585) 948-5344.

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family Of Jesus,
Mary, And Joseph



Elba Site
65 S. Main St., Elba

Parish Office

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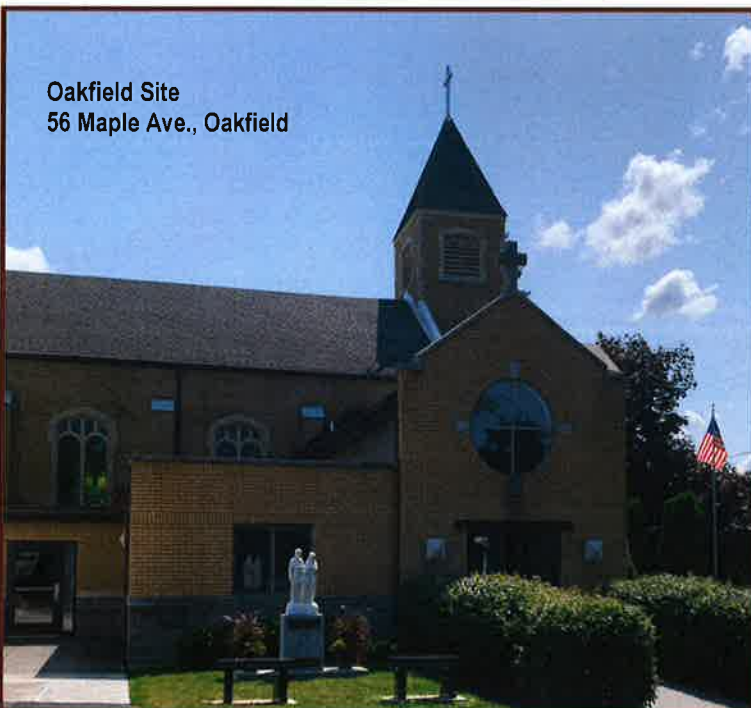
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Oakfield Site
56 Maple Ave., Oakfield

MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

Sat 12/30	OAK	4:30pm	✝	Florence Rodon by The Allen Family
Sun 12/31	ELBA	8:00am	✝	John Kasmer by Dale & Robin Shuknecht
	OAK	10:00am	✝	Marcia Pruski by The Halat Family
Mon 1/1	OAK	6:00pm	✝	All Souls
Tues 1/2	ELBA	8:00am	✝	All Mothers
Wed 1/3	OAK	7:00pm	✝	All Fathers
Thurs 1/4	OAK	8:00am	✝	All Parishioners
Fri 1/5	OAK	8:00am	✝	All Souls
Sat 1/6	OAK	4:30pm	✝	All Souls
Sun 1/7	ELBA	8:00am	✝	All Parishioners
	OAK	10:00am	✝	All Parishioners

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week at the Oakfield site In Memory of



Mary Latko Kajstura

By The Scarborough Family

The Bells will ring this week at the Oakfield worship site In Memory of



Mary Latko Kajstura

By Alex Kajstura

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week at the Elba site for



All Parishioners

This week's community-wide daily Rosary intention:

*The Holy Family
Jesus, Mary, and
Joseph*



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

FOR THE WEEK of December 24, 2023

Amount Needed Each Week	\$4,646.62
Regular Offering	\$7,282.00
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Difference	\$2,635.38

Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure is truly appreciated!

Lector Schedule:

Saturday, 12/30	Oak	4:30 pm	Linda DeVito
Sunday, 12/31	Elba	8:00 am	JoAnn DeMare
	Oak	10:00 am	Michelle Woodward
Saturday, 1/6	Oak	4:30pm	Rick Pastecki
Sunday, 1/7	Elba	8:00am	Sue Zambito
	Oak	10:00 am	John Palillo
Saturday, 1/13	Oak	4:30 pm	Linda Giambrone
Sunday, 1/14	Elba	8:00am	John Palillo
	Oak	10:00am	Chris Coffta

Greeter Schedule:

Saturday, 12/30	Oak	4:30 pm	Bob & Chris Funke
Sunday, 12/31	Elba	8:00 am	Paige Harding
	Oak	10:00 am	Norma Day & Julie Fitch
Saturday, 1/6	Oak	4:30pm	Elaine Forti/Clayton Fry
Sunday, 1/7	Elba	8:00am	Paige Harding
	Oak	10:00 am	Rebecca O'Donnell
Saturday, 1/13	Oak	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 1/14	Elba	8:00 am	
	Oak	10:00 am	Jim & Chris Coffta

Usher Schedule:

Saturday, 12/30	Oak	4:30 pm	Charles Zambito
Sunday, 12/31	Elba	8:00 am	Tom Stempin
	Oak	10:00 am	Terry Martino/Steve Harkness
Saturday, 1/6	Oak	4:30pm	Reg Barcomb/ Mike Kowalczyk
Sunday, 1/7	Elba	8:00am	Charles Zambito
	Oak	10:00 am	James Zasowski/Terry Martino
Saturday, 1/13	Oak	4:30 pm	Ben Giambrone
Sunday, 1/14	Elba	8:00 am	Reg Barcomb
	Oak	10:00 am	Tom Stempin/Tim McKenrick

Eucharistic Minister Schedule:

Saturday, 12/30	Oak	4:30 pm	Mike Kowalczyk
Sunday, 12/31	Elba	8:00 am	Mindy Stempin
	Oak	10:00 am	Reg Barcomb
Saturday, 1/6	Oak	4:30pm	Ben Giambrone
Sunday, 1/7	Elba	8:00am	Tim McKenrick
	Oak	10:00 am	John Starowitz
Saturday, 1/13	Oak	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 1/14	Elba	8:00 am	
	Oak	10:00 am	Jim Coffta

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday, 12/30	Oak	4:30pm	
Sunday, 12/31	Elba	8:00am	
	Oak	10:00 am	Clara & Lucy Torrey
Saturday, 1/6	Oak	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 1/7	Elba	8:00 am	
	Oak	10:00 am	Tori Davis/ Logan Czachorowski
Saturday, 1/13	Oak	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 1/14	Elba	8:00 am	Lucy Torrey/Reilly Davis
	Oak	10:00 am	

Call to Vocations

Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family-Jesus, Mary, and Joseph-always supported each other in doing god's will, even when it involved hardship. As the family of god's children, we must help each other follow god's will. Let us never stand in the way of those whom god has called to a Church vocation. Invite them to contact Fr. Dave Baker at **716-847-5535** or visit buffalovocations.org.





A very special Thank You to Lee Sage for purchasing and donating the new flag flying at St. Cecilia Cemetery (on the hill).

**This Sunday's Gospel:
Luke 2:1-14 & Luke 2:22-40**

Christmas celebrates God becoming one of us and one with us. Jesus comes as an infant, placed in the care of a struggling but loving family. The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Together, the two Gospels reveal how our salvation came into the world. Try greeting each other by saying, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph each morning

Pray Together

Pick one of the feast days during the Christmas season to attend Mass together as a family. Use the opportunity to pay a visit to the Nativity scene at your parish church and pray that you will always bring the Good News to others and reveal the love God has for all people.

SAVE THE DATE

**FATHER TED'S
RETIREMENT PARTY**

**Sunday, January 14th at the Oak-
field Site
Immediately following the 10am
Mass**

*Special refreshments will be served
1:00pm Cake Cutting
Come and offer our Best Wishes to
Father Ted for a happy and healthy
retirement, and to thank him for the 8
plus years of service to our Faith
Community.*

Happy Retirement, Father Ted!

PLEASE NOTE:

**We have been notified that our regu-
lar Masses will continue as usual
until January 14th. On January,
14th, Fr Ted will celebrate his last
Mass at 10:00am and we will
continue downstairs at Oakfield for
Fr. Ted's retirement celebration.**

**It is our understanding that following
this Mass we will be having Saturday,
5:45pm Masses in Elba and Sunday,
9:00am Masses in Oakfield at least
through the end of February. There
are currently no daily masses sched-
uled for either location beginning on
January 15th. We will keep you up-
dated as to any changes or new
information as it becomes available.**

The Oakfield –Alabama High School will be collecting Winter coats, boots, Hats, Gloves, undergarments, Personal care/feminine sanitary products and laundry products from Monday, January 1st to Friday January 12th. There is a box located in the vestibule at our Oakfield Site.

Please feel free to help them out in any way you can. Thank You!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec. 30th-Baptism-Brendan Michael Gibson after 4:30 Mass
2024

Sunday, Jan. 14th-Fr. Ted's Retirement Celebration after 10am Mass

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

2024

Sunday, Jan. 7th-10am-Noon-Glass Grade 9-10

Sunday, Jan. 14th-NO CLASSES

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January 2024

St. Padre Pio Catholic Church
Rev. Thaddeus M. Bocianowski, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Born at Troyes, France in 1620; St. Marguerite

consecrated

herself to God and became a missionary.

A friend introduced her to the mayor of Ville Marie (now Montreal) in Canada and, on his invitation, traveled to the New World to teach. With several others, she founded the Congregation of Notre-Dame de Montreal – a non-cloistered teaching order that was formally approved in 1676. By her death in 1700, she was called "Mother of the Colony."



Celebrate life

January is the month during which our Church celebrates life. This is when we take time to recognize that we are all reflections of God and have great value in His eyes from the moment of conception to a natural death. Celebrating life means being pro-human every day of the year.

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17).



This year, don't neglect "the one thing needful"

When St. Martha complained to Jesus that her sister, Mary, was sitting at His feet instead of helping to host Him, He corrected Martha for neglecting the "one thing ... needful" (Luke 10:42)

– intimacy with Him. In the New Year, resolve not to neglect the "one thing needful" and remain intimate with Him.

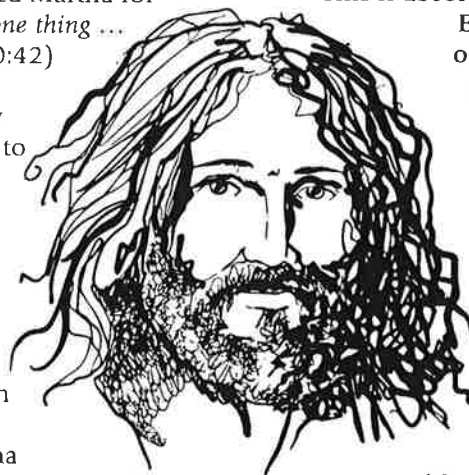
Build an "inner chapel." While on mission in the world, St. Catherine of Siena maintained an "inner chapel" in her soul to speak with God, heart to heart. Jesus urged us to do the same (Matthew 6:6). Shut out the world for a while and take refuge in your inner chapel every day.

Sit at His feet. Mary believed in Jesus and gave Him her best. He must be our hope, our salvation, our all. This is absolutely necessary.

Encounter Him in others. Mother Teresa said, "Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying 'I thirst' in the hearts of the poor." The closer we grow to God, the better we'll "see" and love Him in others.

Serve Him.

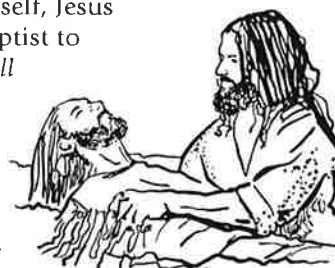
Although Mary wasn't waiting on Christ like Martha, she was ministering to him in a deeper and truer sense. No one serves Christ better than by hearing His Words and doing His will.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why was Jesus was baptized?

Although sinless Himself, Jesus allowed St. John the Baptist to baptize Him to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By this action, Jesus signaled His willingness to take away our sins by His death and bring us new life by His Resurrection. It



was also by His baptism that Jesus instituted Baptism as a Sacrament – the Sacrament by which we're sanctified and recreated as children of God. We are mystically baptized into Jesus' death, to be raised by Him in glory.

Reclaim the Name

January is the month traditionally devoted to honoring the holy name of Jesus. What can we do to reclaim reverence for His name in a culture that considers it to be just another word?

Bow your head. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). Make a slight, reverent nod whenever you hear Jesus' name in public, in conversation, on TV or in movies.

Offer a prayer. Don't hesitate to ask others not to misuse God's or Jesus' names. If they don't

respond, offer a prayer of reparation: "I kneel before Thee and offer Thee reparation; I would make amends for all the blasphemies uttered against Thy holy name."

Don't normalize blasphemy. Curate the media you watch, listen to, or sing along with. Avoid songs, shows, or movies in which Jesus's name is disrespected. We are called to strive for holiness, not worldliness. More importantly, it's a way to give Christ the reverence and love He is due.

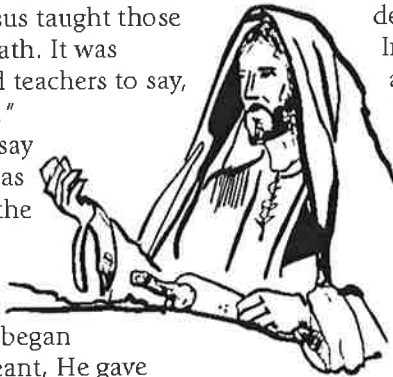


from Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, What God says happens

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and His apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered on the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..." Instead Jesus said, "I say to you..." He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, He gave them a sign. He further demonstrated His authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was.



They were forced to obey Him when He commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, He is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.

Q & A What to do when prayer feels flat.

"I just don't feel close to God." "Is He really listening?" In fact, God is constantly pursuing us in love, wanting to share His joy with us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1). Yet, even the most passionate prayer life can feel flat sometimes. Try these tips to keep prayer fresh:



Cultivate gratitude. Although God never abandons us, factors like health or mood can affect our prayer. St. Alphonsus

Liguori recommended, "Often recall the loving way in which [God] has acted toward you." Reviewing our blessings helps us appreciate God's love for us over time.

Don't wait to ask for help. God's heart is always opened to us. "Good" prayer happens when we're honest with Him. This is an exercise of faith, which He generously rewards.

Treat Him with love. God wants a relationship of love, respect, and faithfulness with each of us. If prayer feels empty, try treating God with the love, consideration, and tenderness you give and receive from those closest to you. It will make a difference!

Feasts & Celebrations

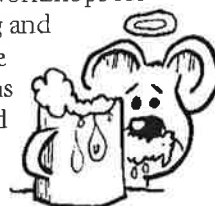
January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, but also acknowledge Jesus as true God and true Man.

January 8 – Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began His public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was to be baptized to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). This was also when God reveals Jesus as His "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

January 26 – St. Paula (404). After

her husband – a Roman senator named Toxotius – died, St. Paula gave up her wealthy lifestyle for the Gospel, devoting herself to prayer, poverty, and charitable works. She also befriended and supported St. Jerome in translating the Vulgate.

January 31 – St. John Bosco (1888). Moved by the plight of the young, abandoned boys in Rome, St. John opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales and provided workshops for them in shoemaking and tailoring. In 1859, he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.



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All are invited to...

Father Ted's Retirement Party

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Immediately following the 10 am Mass

Special refreshments will be served.

Cake cutting at 1 p.m.

Come and offer our Best Wishes to Father Ted for a happy and healthy retirement, and to thank him for the past 8 plus years of service to our Faith Community.

Happy Retirement, Father Ted!





New Year's Word Search



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go for help and
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If you would like to have names added to this list, please contact Pauli Miano, pmiano@rochester.rr.com, 356-1561 or the parish office.



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