

Christmas Mass Schedules



Photo Courtesy of: Holy Spirit's Living Nativity, Catholic Community of Buffalo.

The holidays are right around the corner with Christmas coming up on a Wednesday this year. Below is a an upcoming Mass schedule for the Buffalo area.

This Christmas falls on Wednesday this 2024 and here are the masses for the holy season in Buffalo, NY.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:
Tuesday | December 24th
4:00 PM at St. Mark | 401 Woodward Ave. | Fr. Dave Richards Nativity

Pageant begins at 3:30 PM
4:00 PM at Holy Spirit | 85 Dakota St. | Fr. Joe Tokasz
4:30 PM at Assumption | 435 Amherst Street | Fr. Rich Jedrzejewski Nativity
Pageant begins at 4:15 PM
5:30 PM at St. Margaret | 1395 Hertel Ave. | Fr.

Joe Tokasz 10:00 PM at St. Rose | 500 Parker Ave. | Fr. Dave Richards.
Christmas Day Mass Schedule:
Tuesday | December 24th
8:00 AM at St. Mark | 401 Woodward Ave. | Fr. Joe Tokasz 9:30 AM at St. Margaret | 1395 Hertel Ave | Fr. Dave Richards 10:00 AM at Assumption | 435 Amherst.

The Buffalo History Museum Offers Memory Café

The Buffalo History Museum is introducing Memory Café, a program for people with changes in their memory or thinking and the people who care for them. At each Memory Café participants will view museum exhibits and artifacts, create arts and crafts, and socialize with one another. Each session will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and includes lunch and coffee.

The Exhale Memory Café Collective is funded by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and Health Foundation for Western and Central New York. It is a program of Exhale – The Family Caregiver Initiative.

Memory Cafes will be offered on the second Tuesday of each month. The first café is free. Registration is required: tinyurl.com/HistoryMemoryCafe.

A memory café is a gathering place offering social support and connection, socialization opportunities, better health, and wellbeing to older adult participants and their caregivers in a welcoming environment. Occurring in a wide range of settings with a wide range of programming, memory cafés provide essential support to caregivers and their loved ones. Cafés have been shown to be particularly helpful for those living with memory loss and other cognitive challenges.

Cafés focus not on illness but on engagement in activities to improve memory and brain health, keeping older adult attendees mentally and socially active while at the same time providing a positive, supportive, bonding, and rejuvenating experience for caregivers of all ages. Memory cafés also provide caregivers with information, resources, referrals, and a network of support. Memory cafés are expanding across the United States, mirroring the dramatic increase in Americans who have or are expected to have Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the coming years.

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Garden Walk Buffalo 2025

Garden Walk Buffalo, America's largest garden tour, is looking for submissions of original artwork to promote the 2025 event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 26 & 27, 2025.

Entries are due Friday, January 31, 2025. This is an opportunity to share your artwork with hundreds of local gardeners and tens of thousands of visitors from around the U.S., Canada, and beyond.

Submission guidelines: Submissions are limited to five entries per artist. Portrait (vertical) orientation is preferred. Keep artwork simple; it needs to

reproduce well on a variety of materials. Do not put any type/logos on artwork. All details of the event will be added later. Artwork should be considered "wearable and saleable" for both men and women. Artwork will be reproduced on a variety of mediums and sold to promote Garden Walk Buffalo. All use of the artwork will be at the discretion of Garden Walk Buffalo. Submit a digital file of your artwork, not to exceed 25 MB. Please zip/compress large files. The preferred size of the file is 8"x10" inches at 300 dpi.

See more <https://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/poster-contest>.

COLORING CONTEST

Everyone entry receives a gift for entering contest. See page 6 for details.





Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



December, 1992. HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL COLLECTS GIFTS FOR FATHER BAKER HOME...Fifth grade students Amanda Cordone, Brendon Cacciato, Richard Jackson and Sean Moran, from left, place gifts inside the collection box at Holy Spirit School.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH	MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
 Snow/Wind High 32° Low 21°	 Mostly Cloudy High 29° Low 26°	 Snow High 32° Low 30°	 Snow/Wind High 45° Low 42°	 Rain High 47° Low 44°	 Showers High 50° Low 35°	 Rain/Snow High 37° Low 25°

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THE ROOM (2003) [WITH TOMMY WISEAU in-person] Fri 12/13: 7:00 Sat 12/14: 7:00
BIG SHARK (2023) [WITH TOMMY WISEAU in-person] Sat 12/13: 10:00 Sun 12/14: 10:00
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**SPORTS**
By Bill Snyder

Thomas More Wolf



Thomas More Wolf.
January 21, 1963 –
December 4, 2024.

This past Sunday, the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League (HNPY-BL) announced the sudden passing of a former board member and long time friend Thomas M. Wolf.

A devastating loss to anyone who learned the game, growing up in Shoshone Park, playing Baseball in what was once called the Cardinals System of boys, ages six to 12 on teams like Springfield, Sacramento or San Jose during the 1980's and '90's

before donning the red and yellow uniforms, just like the Major League Cardinals. He taught hundreds of boys, including his three sons; William, Matthew and Hugh and was a friendly face to anyone in the Park on a daily basis. He was 61.

Wolf was a fierce advocate for the League, assuring everyone of fair play and opportunities for both boys and girls while in the Park. He was a vital member of the HNPY-BL Board for many years, finding ways to better the League, even after the season ended. His son, Matthew is still an active coach and Board member to this day. The League extends their heartfelt sympathies to his wife Jeanne at this difficult time. He will be extremely missed.



Obituary

Wolf, Thomas More Dec 4, 2024 Of Buffalo, New York. Loving husband of Jeanne Carney Wolf; devoted father of William, Matthew and Hugh Wolf; brother of Margaret (Richard) Baetzhold, Sharon (late Robert) Gibbons, Ann (Patrick) Kavanagh, Fred (Debra), Mary Joan (Ron) Newkirk, Peter (Elaine), Daniel (Kathleen), Martha (Kenneth) Sobszak, Catherine (Daniel) Dinki, Ellen (Steven) Cella, Hugh (Andrea) and Mary Grace (Paul) Bessinger, the late Paul (Judy) and late John Wolf. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends may call Friday December 13th from 3-7 pm at the DENGLE ROBERTS PERNA FUNERAL HOME, 3070 Delaware Ave., Kenmore. Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, Dec 14th at St. Mark RC Church, Buffalo at 10 am. In lieu of flowers memorials in Tom's name may be made to St. Marks School or Heart, Love and Soul. Online condolences to www.denglerrobertspernafuneral.com

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Signed: Confused about Medicare Premiums

Dear Confused: I be-

lieve you are referring to Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount," or "IRMAA." IRMAA increases the Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium amounts for those whose combined income from all sources exceeds specified levels for their IRS tax filing status. Social Security (and Medicare) get your earnings information from the IRS and use your reported IRS income (on your income tax re-

turn) to calculate your Medicare premium each year. But there is a twist – they use your reported combined income (also known as your "MAGI" or "Modified Adjusted Gross Income") from 2 years ago to determine your current year's Medicare premium. For example, they will use your 2023 MAGI to determine your 2025 Medicare Part B premium (and your Part D premium if you have Part D).come scale to determine your Medicare premium. If you filed your 2022 taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income for that year was \$206,000 or less, for 2024 you are paying the standard Medicare Part B premium of \$174.50, and there is no additional amount added to your Part D premium. But if your MAGI as a married couple was over \$206,000 your Medicare premiums will be more – e.g., MAGI up to \$258,000 makes your Part B premium \$244.60 and results in a Part D supplement of \$12.90 per month.

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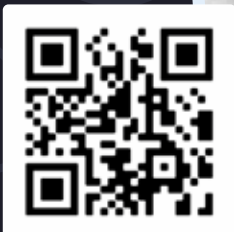
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SPCA Announces Dog Kennel Renovations, Adjusted Dog Admissions, and Foster Home Needs

Thanks in part to generous support from the NYS Companion Animal Capital Fund and SPCA donors, the SPCA Serving Erie County is thrilled to announce upcoming renovations to its dog kennel floors and meet and greet rooms! This project will provide a more comfortable, welcoming, and hygienic space for dogs in their care.

"Our dedicated animal care staff conducts rigorous daily cleaning of the kennels to prevent the spread of disease," says SPCAPresident and CEO Caitlin Daly. "However, this essential sanitation can, over time, damage flooring materials. By refinishing the floors, we can eliminate cracks and crevices that harbor germs, ensuring a safer and healthier space for our dogs. The effects of proper flooring on dog welfare is well-documented, and keeping the flooring comfortable, germ-free, and safe, with their feet exposed to as few irritants as possible, is paramount to their health. These renovations will significantly improve the quality of life for dogs while they await their new homes."

To minimize disruption and prioritize the well-being of resident dogs during the month-long renovation, the SPCA

will adjust its dog admissions process:

Starting December 2: The SPCA will reduce the number of dogs admitted to the shelter.

Starting January 2: The SPCA will temporarily pause admissions of new dogs while construction is underway.

While capacity is limited, the SPCA will prioritize admitting dogs with the most urgent needs, such as those rescued from unsafe environments or requiring immediate medical care.

Call for Foster Homes

The SPCA is seeking temporary dog foster homes to provide the best possible experience for adoptable dogs during renovations. "Opening your home to a dog is a rewarding experience," says Adoptions and Foster Care

Manager Jill Antes. "While we don't know the exact dates yet, we expect we'll need to find temporary foster homes for some of our adoptable dogs. If you're open to fostering during our renovation period, we'd love to add you to our list of potential foster families! We're asking that foster homes commit to at least one month and be willing to participate in the adoption process. This may include bringing the dog to scheduled meet-and-greets at the shelter or allowing potential adopters to visit the dog in your home." Fostering is free, and the SPCA provides all necessary supplies. Those interested in fostering can learn more and apply at YourSPCA.org/fostercare or call the Foster Care Department at (716) 875-7360, ext. 216.

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13 — Royal Highness

14 Worn-down pencils

15 Nose and mouth covering

17 Move like a butterfly

18 Short sock

19 Curved fasteners

21 Shoe width

22 Tropical tree

23 Santa's helper

26 Highland hat

28 Prettify

31 Painter Joan

33 Coffee vessel

35 A few

36 Glasses, slangily

38 Bro's kin

40 Compass dir.

41 And others (Lat.)

43 Goal

45 Filmed anew

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51 Mountain ht.

52 Gathering organized via social media

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55 Sailor

56 Skater

57 Chorus syllables

58 Govt. lender

59 ABA member

9 Spectacular lunar phase

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20 Sheepish remark

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25 Comp for a foodie

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29 LBJ's successor

30 Formerly known as

32 Spencer of "Hidden Figures"

34 — Falls

37 Blue

39 Round Table titles

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44 Maestro Zubin —

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1 — Romeo

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North Buffalo
December 7, 2024
Delaware Avenue - Victim reports that defendant, with intent, backed up defendants New York registered vehicle, striking victims vehicle causing damage to the front of the vehicle. Then defendant struck driver with her fist, while victim was inside of vehicle causing fear and alarm.

December 6, 2024
Kenmore Avenue - Defendant did go to the above address and did attempt to enter dwelling without permission and was told to

leave by complainant. Defendant did with a metal shovel strike the door of home multiple times causing damage to door and door handle. While conducting a pat down officers did recover a glassy plastic bag with white rock like substance from defendant's hoodie pocket. There is a stay away order requested for complainant.

December 5, 2024
Hertel Avenue - On above date and location the defendant did break into the residence by means of damaging the basement window

of building that is being renovated and did take (2) scaders and various copper fittings valued at approximately \$300.00.

West Side
December 4, 2024
Grant Street - Defendant did enter Pho Dollar Restaurant at 322 West Ferry Street. Defendant did display a yellow knife to the victim who was an employee of the restaurant making the victim fearful for his safety. Defendant did then take a cardboard box filled with small bowls valued at \$50.00. Arrested was a missing person from the Buffalo Psychiatric Center.

Riverside

December 6, 2024
East Street - Defendant was operating New York registered vehicle with an expired inspection, tinted windows m, and no license. Upon pat down patrol officer felt what appeared to be a bottle. Defendant stated it was pills. Upon towing, patrol officer recovered a silver scale with powdery residue.

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SUMMONS Index No. 812733/2024 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF ERIE NORTHWEST BANK, Plaintiff, -vs- THE HEIRS AT LARGE OF ANGELA H. BRANDT A/K/A ANGELA BRANDT, deceased, and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors of interest of all of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; LEEANN MCNALLY; LINDSEY WORANG; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SHANISE MCPHATTER; Defendants. Mortgaged Premises: 134 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal

delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. Your failure to appear or answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer to the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. ERIE County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. Dated: August 27, 2024 Mark K. Broyles, Esq. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff Office and P.O. Address 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 232-7400 Section: 100.61 Block: 1 Lot: 6 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of ERIE, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein. TO THE DEFENDANT, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. To the above named

defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of HON. Raymond W. Walter Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated November 22, 2024 and filed along with the supporting papers in the ERIE County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a Mortgage. ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York Mortgaged Premises: 134 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222 Tax Map/ Parcel ID No.: Section: 100.61 Block: 1 Lot: 6 of the City of Buffalo, NY 14222 83595 52

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