

St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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AUGUST 18, 2019 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Polish), Noon
Monday–Friday..... 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM
Holyday Vigil 4:00 PM
Holyday 9:00 AM and 12:15 PM

ROSARY: Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 3:30 PM.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays. Parents should notify the rectory before the birth of the child, to make arrangements to attend a pre-baptismal class.

MARRIAGE: Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Issued only to parishioners in good standing, i.e. they attend church & support it and registered at least 3 months.

PARISH REGISTRATION: During office hours for all adults 18 years and older. Registration forms are also available in the church vestibule and can be returned in the collection basket.

IF YOU ARE MOVING, please notify us of your change of address. Consider remaining a parishioner, even if you have moved out of the area.

20th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4 PM +Carole Kolacz of family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18—TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM +Mary & Stanley Stankiewicz estate

10:30 AM +Daniel Mazur of wife & children

NOON +Harry Lorkowski of family

MONDAY, AUGUST 19—Saint John Eudes

8 AM +Edwin Hanks of Ed & Nancy

9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20—Saint Bernard

8 AM +Rita T. Stankiewicz estate

9 AM +Hamdulah Marmash of Ken & Joan Kuciel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21—Saint Pius X

8 AM +Stephen Szymczak of family

9 AM +Eugenia Neubauer estate

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22—The Queenship of Mary

8 AM +Adeline Kasinski estate

9 AM For the people of the parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23—Saint Rose of Lima

8 AM +Mary & Stanley Stankiewicz estate

9 AM For deceased brothers & sisters of Kowalewski Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24—SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

11:30 AM Baptism with Mass

4 PM +Florence & Boleslaus Goszewski of Fran & Louie Goszewski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25—TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM +Geraldine Serwon of Greg, Susan, Ashley & Andrew

10:30 AM +Justine Chudzinski of sister Joanne Karpik

NOON +Alfred Wozniak of daughter Debbie

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August 10 & 11—\$2170

Maintenance—\$219/Pew Rent—\$10

Retired Dioc. Priests Medical Benefits Fund—\$55

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SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend is for INSURANCE, part of the one offertory time collection.

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for +Justine Chudzinski, requested by sister Joanne Karpik.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on **Wednesday, August 21** at 1 p.m. in the rectory.



The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But, that's no excuse not to live it.

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Anne Lepczyk, former parishioner of St. John Gualbert, bequeathed \$3,800 to the parish and \$1,900 for masses in memory of Hedwig, Stephen, Phyllis, Zenon and Anne Lepczyk. We are most grateful to Anne for remembering St. John Gualbert in her estate. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, established in 1997 as a separate non-profit entity, holds in perpetuity, gifts intended for pastoral, educational and human services needs within the Diocese of Buffalo. Annual grants of investment income can be used to provide operational/budgetary support for activities and infrastructure projects within each parish.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lorraine Wasiewicz, Tony Lis, Patricia Kowalewski, Nancy, John J., Judy Reischuck, Gary, Kathleen Fuller, Kayli Olson, Joseph C., Bryan Krajewski, Zimny Family, Gerry Sadowski, Deanna Pacini, Michael Mazurski, Helene Pirrami, Connie Meczynski, David & Elaine Piazza, Michelle Mitchell, Amanda B., Barbara Just, Rev. Emil Swiatek, Timothy Trabold, Al Nowak, David Pirrami, Deacon Matthew & Dolores Stando, Chris, Daniel Komisarek, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Gerald Reszel, Paul Karaszewski, Rosemarie Tabaczynski, Frank Konicki, Ed & Ann Weihing, Art Miller, Rita Trzaska, Jessica Schewe, Marie Switalski, Margaret Krupinski, Kristen Smith, Rev. Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Christina Gravius, Joel Rivera, Jim Coburn, Wayne Gaik, Richard Kowalski, Eric G., Sharon Williams, Joe P., Gertrude Zygaj, Regina Lawrence Hernandez & Gustavo A. Hernandez, Ann Fragner, Brian Oakley, Raymond Wozniak, Robert Mikowski, Mary Lou Stachnik, Cook Family, Rev. Michael Uebler, Rev. Tomasz Wilk, Jean.

Farewell to Summer Evening (28th annual), to benefit Orchard Lake Seminary, on **Thursday, September 5** at the Millennium Airport Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue in Cheektowaga. Doors open at 5 p.m. Sit-down dinner served 6:30 p.m. Cash bar before and after dinner. Donation \$30 per person. Tickets will be available in **our rectory until Monday, August 26.**



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocese of Buffalo rejoices in honoring couples who will observe their 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries and in celebrating the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life.

Couples who celebrate their **Golden and Diamond Anniversaries of Marriage in 2019** are invited to a special Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Malone, on **Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin Street in Buffalo. *On this day the Diocese of Buffalo will join those celebrating their 50th, 60th, and 70th anniversaries in their joy and gratitude to God, who has set them among us as a sign of His constant and faithful love.*

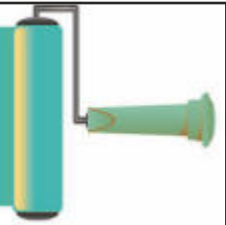
During the Mass, couples will renew their marriage vows. Following Mass, the opportunity to take photographs with the anniversary couples will take place in the Lady Chapel, which is located to the left of the main altar.

Please contact **our rectory** if you wish to attend, or if you cannot attend, but would like a scroll signed by the Bishop.



Although God's truth is not always welcome, it is only in such truth that we can find any assurance. **Don't fool yourself about the truth of your vocation. If God is calling you to a Church vocation,** call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org.

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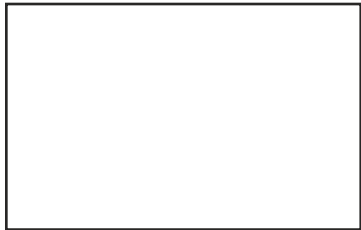
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