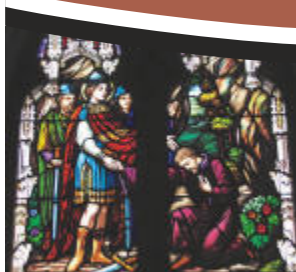


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SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4 PM +Joseph Chowaniec of family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—TWENTY-SECOND

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM +James Lawrence Jr. of Lawrence Family

10:30 AM +Genowefa, Feliks & Bogumil Prokop of Stanley & Jadwiga Prokop

NOON +Yvette Monget of Marcia Rutowski & family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (Labor Day)

9 AM +Helen Andruszko of Witucki Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—Saint Gregory the Great

9 AM For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9 AM +Lottie Popielski of Tom & Judy Grabowski

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9 AM +Hedwig, Stephen, Phyllis, Zenon & Anne Lepczyk estate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (First Friday)

9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (First Saturday)

8 AM +Joseph & Mary Warejko of children

4 PM For all those memorialized in the Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—TWENTY-THIRD

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM For living & deceased members of SJG Holy Name Society

10:30 AM +Sharon Lis of Dalphine Mazur & family

NOON +Greta M. Newton of Denise & Annie Okoniewski

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

August 24 & 25—\$2164

Maintenance—\$14

Insurance—\$583

May God bless you for your support to your parish!

Our annual insurance premium invoice for the policy year of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 is \$31,168.00, which includes property, casualty, and boiler for the parish, convent & school buildings, and worker's compensation, disability and paid family leave.

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend is for Maintenance, part of the one offertory time collection.

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for +Stanley Krupinski, requested by wife Margaret.



Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

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During the month of September, weekday morning Mass (Monday thru Friday) will be celebrated at 9 a.m. only. The 8 a.m. weekday Mass will resume when Fr. Paul returns from Tanzania. Fr. Patrick will continue to celebrate the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday.



HOW LABOR DAY BEGAN

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, and planned by the Central Labor Union. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and hold a "workingmen's holiday." The idea spread, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country. In 1894 Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a federal holiday. Labor Day was to be observed with a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Rectory office closed on Labor Day.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on **Wednesday, September 4** at 1 p.m. in the rectory.



MEN, COME AND FOLLOW US

Now is the time for all men to enrich their faith by protecting the Holy Name of the Son of God by becoming a follower and fellow brother in the Confraternity of the Holy Name Society helping our chain of brothers grow not only in our diocese but all over the world.

Come and pray together with fellow members of the Holy Name Society on the second Sunday of the month. Become a member and a follower of Jesus Christ in one of the finest Catholic Confraternities.

Join our SJG Holy Name Society members at the next meeting, which will be held on **Sunday, September 8**. Members will meet in the church for the recitation of the rosary at 8:30 a.m., attend the 9 a.m. Mass, and then meet in the convent for breakfast and a brief meeting.

WALDEN DISTRICT TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION meets on **Tuesday, September 10** at 7 p.m. in the Marian Room. You do not have to be a homeowner to attend, just a concerned Cheektowaga resident!

LECTORS: Schedules for September & October are available in the sacristy. Thank you for your dedication in Proclaiming the Word!

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, Edward Serwon.

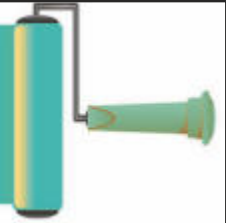


Good and gracious God,
we thank you for the wonders of your world
and the opportunity to learn about you
and your creation.

Just as Jesus stayed in the Temple in the
midst of the teachers,
so too we ask you to bless these young people
as they begin their studies,
learning from wise men and women
who are their mentors and teachers.
Bless both teacher and student
as they continue to learn and grow
to the betterment of themselves
and our community.

We ask this blessing in the name of
the great teacher, Jesus Christ,
our Lord and brother. Amen. ©LPI

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