

# St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday–Friday: 9AM–12noon. No office hours on Holydays and Holidays. Other hours call for an appt.

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—Saint Peter Claver

9 AM +Adeline Kasinski estate

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9 AM +Ruth Peters of Denise & Annie  
Okoniewski

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (Patriot Day)

9 AM For the people of the parish

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary

9 AM +Charlotte Zaidel of family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—Saint John Chrysostom

9 AM For the intention of RJ Kowalski for  
health & blessings of godmother

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

4 PM +Carole Kolacz of family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


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

10:30 AM +Jan Bielecki of wife

NOON +Dolores Sieteski of Mike & Kathie  
Gennuso

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS will be reported in the next bulletin due to the earlier submission for this bulletin.

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for Dennis & Noreen Mavromatis, in thanksgiving for blessings received and continued blessings.

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



It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower. ©LPi

**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!

# POWER of PRAYER

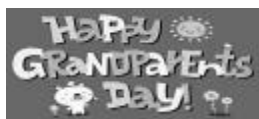
## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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, Mary S.

We received from the estate of **Rosemarie Grabowski**, a former parishioner of St. John Gualbert, a second and final distribution from her estate in the amount of \$492.24. Last year we received a distribution of \$1,285.75. The total she bequeathed to St. John Gualbert was \$1,777.99. We are most grateful to Rosemarie for remembering St. John Gualbert in her estate. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

### USCCB-Word of Life:

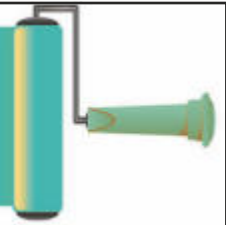
Within the 'people of life and the people for life,' the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from its mission to 'guard, reveal and communicate love.'



- **40th Annual Dożynki** at Corpus Christi Church, 199 Clark St., one block east of the Broadway Market. Come celebrate with an old-fashioned street festival **September 13, 14 & 15**. Friday features Buffalo's Terry Buchwald as Elvis at 6:30 p.m., Saturday is Buffalo's Best Pierogi Contest, Basket Raffles, and Sunday will include a Harvest Mass at 11:00 a.m., international Rosary and Chicken Dinner. Delicious food, Polish music, beer tent, and for the first time chicken drop Bingo. There will be discussions, llamas, and tours of the church on Sunday.
- **Open House** at St. Mary's High School for perspective students and families on **Thursday, September 19** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on **Friday, September 20** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visit [smhlancers.org](http://smhlancers.org).
- **Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details, or to register, call 716-474-9371; or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org). The next weekend is **September 27-29**. All calls are confidential.
- **Office of Pro-Life Activities Telephone Hotline Numbers:** Unplanned Pregnancy, Abortion Alternatives & Healing: 716-847-2205. St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, helping mothers and fathers in need: 716-842-BABY (2229) Buffalo, 716-203-7593 Chautauqua County, 716-284-BABY (2229) Niagara County. Project Rachel, post-abortion reconciliation: 716-847-2211.
- **If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy**, please believe in the possibility for hope, help, and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help you make a formal complaint of abuse to a diocese, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative. The coordinator for the Diocese of Buffalo is Jacqueline Joy. Her phone number is 716-895-3010; email: [jacqueline.joy@ccwny.org](mailto:jacqueline.joy@ccwny.org). Written complaints can be sent to Ms. Joy at Catholic Charities, 425 Main Street, Dunkirk NY 14048.



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