

St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 • TWENTY-FOURTH 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles should be submitted 10 days prior to the published Sunday date.

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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.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among
the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Lk 15:10

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—Saint Cornelius

9 AM For the people of the parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17—Saint Robert Bellarmine

9 AM +Charlotte Zaidel of family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9 AM +Anna & Walter Szymanski of family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19—Saint Januarius

9 AM +Jesse W. Lawrence of Lawrence Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions

9 AM +Daniel C. Tybor of wife

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

8 AM +Irene J. Peltz of Tom Peltz

4 PM +Sharon Lis of Wayne Gaik

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM +Alice Zajdel of children

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

NOON +David Pszczolkowski of Karen & Bob Pszczolkowski

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

August 31 & September 1—\$2321
Maintenance—\$403/Insurance—\$155

September 7 & 8—\$2481/Maintenance—\$241
Thank you for your support!

SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend is for CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY, part of the one offertory time collection.

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for the living & deceased members of the Robert & Veronica Pietrzak Family.

ALTAR HOSTS DONATION—\$80

From a friend
Thank you!

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Faith is the foundation upon which we build a life of service to God and others. Go to cks.edu to read about how our newest diocesan priests and seminary alumni responded to God's call in their lives and are now well prepared to go forth and serve our community.

Next weekend, during all our Masses, our parish will hold our annual collection to benefit the students at Christ the King Seminary. There are many people ready to answer the call to ministry to meet the needs of our local church. Please help them to do so by giving generously and remembering the students at Christ the King Seminary in your prayers. For more information on the seminary's mission or programs, or to give online, go to cks.edu.



Fr. Patrick Gardocki (our favorite Franciscan) will be leaving us and retiring after many years of assisting us here at St. John Gualbert (since April 2006). We wish him God's blessings and many years of good health. Fr. Patrick will celebrate his final 10:30 a.m. Polish Mass on **Sunday, September 22** and his final Saturday 8 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, September 28**. Thank you. Dziękuję. Bóg zapłać.

Fr. Benjamin Fiore, S.J., Pastor of St. Michael Church, located at 651 Washington Street in Buffalo, will celebrate our 10:30 a.m. Polish Mass on Sundays, beginning **Sunday, September 29**.



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 until September 28.



"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain." In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the

forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost—let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home. ©LPi

**CONGRATULATIONS,
AUGUST PARISH CLUB WINNERS!**

Amelia Isbrandt—\$62.50

Linda Demczyk—\$37.50

Thomas Peltz—\$25.00

(Collected \$250; distributed \$125)

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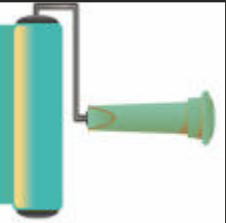
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Apostleship of Prayer

The Holy Father's September Apostleship of Prayer Intention is that "politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans." We all have a stake in keeping the waters of the earth healthy. We were given this precious gift to use, not to abuse.

- **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 **this weekend**. Saturday is Buffalo's best pierogi contest, basket raffles. Sunday: Harvest Mass at 11:00 a.m., international Rosary, chicken dinner, discussions, llamas, and tours of the church. Food, fun, Polish music, beer tent, chicken-drop Bingo.
- **Tuesday, September 17** at 7 p.m. Screening of *The Return* Research and Information, Commons 120 Daemen Campus, sponsored by the Permanent Chair of Polish Culture at Canisius College.
- **Harvest Dinner** at St John Kanty, Buffalo, on **Sunday, October 6**. Dinners served 11:30 a.m. to sold out. Includes: homemade beef roll-ups, potatoes, green beans, sweet & sour cabbage, salad, dessert & coffee. Takeout available. For tickets, call 893-0412. Basket raffle.

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