

# St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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OCTOBER 13, 2019 • TWENTY-EIGHTH 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..... 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.



28<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. - Lk 17:15-16

## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4 PM +Leonard & Dorothy Kuczkowski of family

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13—TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM +Paul Brandis of family

10:30 AM +Sr. Mary Thaddeus Pogorzala, CSSF of Dalphine Mazur & family

NOON For the intention of Kenneth & Diane Pietrzak (anniversary) for continued good health & blessings

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14—Saint Callistus I

8 AM +Rita T. Stankiewicz estate

9 AM +Adeline Kasinski estate

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15—Saint Teresa of Jesus

8 AM +Mary & Stanley Stankiewicz estate

9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16—Saint Hedwig; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

8 AM +Eugenia Neubauer estate

9 AM For deceased members of Kulpa Family of Dorothy Komisarek

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17—Saint Ignatius of Antioch

8 AM For the intention of Raymond Wozniak for health & blessings of sister Debbie

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18—SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM For the people of the parish

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19—Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and companions

8 AM +Florence Wozniak of son James

4 PM +Yvette Monget of Marcia Rutowski & family

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20—TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM +Mary & Stanley Stankiewicz estate

10:30 AM +Stephen, Scholastica & Edmund Wozniak of daughter & sister

NOON +Charlotte Zaidel of Denise & Annie Okoniewski

#### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

October 5 & 6—\$2231/Maintenance—\$346  
Respect Life—\$249/Christ the King Sem—\$5  
*Thank you for your continued support!*

SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend is for World Mission Sunday, part of the one offertory time collection.

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

*“Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ...”* In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, *“Show yourselves to the priests.”* The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn't they come back?

*“As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.”* Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn't believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you've ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we've wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!

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WELCOME, **Fr. Benjamin Fiore, S.J.**, celebrant of today's 10:30 a.m. Polish Mass.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED on **Monday, October 14** in observance of Columbus Day.

CHEEKTOWAGA SYMPHONY meets on **Tuesday, October 15** at 7 p.m. in the gym.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on **Wednesday, October 16** at 1 p.m. in the rectory.

A funeral was celebrated for **+DAVID J. RZEPKA (77)**. We express our deepest sympathy to his family and pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

**NOVEMBER 2019 LOTTO**

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Tickets are \$5.00 each and include two 3-digit numbers on each ticket. Winnings are based on the evening number. Proceeds benefit Holy Name Society.

Payout: Monday thru Friday.....\$25.00  
 Saturday.....\$50.00  
 Sunday.....\$75.00  
 Thanksgiving Day.....\$150.00

Tickets are available in the church vestibule following Mass, or from a member of the Holy Name Society.

**MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMPS  
 FOR 2020 ARE NOW BEING SCHEDULED  
 \$15.00 per intention or lamp**

**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.

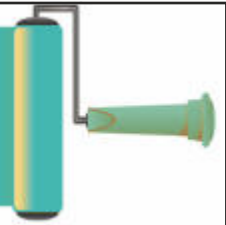
**AROUND THE AREA**

- **Quiet Waters** will enact the **Luminous Mysteries** on **Thursday, October 17** at 7 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 950 Losson Road, Cheektowaga. This is a beautiful, prayerful and powerful presentation of the rosary. CD's of their presentation will be available after the rosary. Goodwill offering.
- **October is Polish Heritage Month, time to get in touch with your roots with the Polish Heritage Dancers of WNY**—join them as they begin their 22<sup>nd</sup> season. Stop by one of their classes, which are held at the Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway in Lancaster. Classes start on **Friday October 18** at 6:30 p.m. for ages 4-8 and at 7:30 p.m. for ages 9-13; **Monday, October 21** at 6:30 p.m. for ages 14 thru adult. Boys and men are needed. Visit their Facebook page, or call 983-5084 or 681-0813. Costumes provided.
- **Fall Festival** at Queen of Angels on **Sunday, October 20** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in their social center, located at Warsaw Street and Electric Avenue in Lackawanna. Featuring Wendel's chicken dinner, which includes roasted potatoes, salad, roll, homemade dessert and a beverage for \$11. Presale tickets available. 100+prize raffle. Contact 826-0880.
- **Knights of Columbus Annual State Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima** in Lewiston to be held on **Sunday October 20**, with a noon Mass celebrated by Rev. Michael Gelfant, Associate State Chaplain from the Diocese of Brooklyn. After Mass, there will be a Rosary Walk around the grounds with Benediction. This event is open to everyone. The Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine is one of four pilgrimages conducted by the K of C around the state.
- **“Go Make Disciples of all Nations’ While Living in the Culture of Death”**, presented on **Monday, October 21** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. by Rev. Leon Biernat, pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish. Presentation given at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster. All are welcome. Refreshments follow. Free-will offering accepted. 683-6522.



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