

# St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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APRIL 18, 2021 • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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  
Holyday Vigil ..... 4:00 PM  
Holyday ..... 9:00 AM and 12:15 PM

**ROSARY:** Recited at 8:30 a.m. second Sunday of every month by Holy Name Society members.

**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, APRIL 17

4 PM +Carole Kolacz of family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 18—THIRD SUNDAY OF

#### EASTER

9 AM +Florence Konicki of Greg & Sue Serwon & family

10:30 AM +Daniel Mazur of wife, children & grandchildren

NOON +Robert Pietrzak (10th Anniversary) of wife & family

### MONDAY, APRIL 19

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 20

8 AM +Jesse W. Lawrence of Lawrence Family

9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21—Saint Anselm

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM For the people of the parish

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

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

9 AM +Valerie Kay of Karen & Paul

### FRIDAY, APRIL 23—Saint George; Saint Adalbert

8 AM +Annette Snell of Lawrence Family

9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

### SATURDAY, APRIL 24—Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

4 PM +Genevieve Jernatowski of Catherine Reczek

### SUNDAY, APRIL 25—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 AM +Anna Kida of Wozniak Family

10:30 AM +Stanley A. Moskal, Jr. estate

NOON +Jeffrey Wypych of Wypych Family

#### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

April 10 & 11 \$1928

Maintenance \$193 / Parish Club \$150

Catholic Home Missions \$10

Holy Land \$20

*Thank you for your continued donations & support!*

Catholic Home Missions Appeal envelope due next weekend.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

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

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for +Virginia & Edward Piersa Sr., requested by Paul & Karen.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING **Tuesday, April 27** at 1 p.m. in the rectory.



**JOURNEYS & INSIGHTS  
with Bishop Mike**

Join us for a *Year of St. Joseph Edition* of Journeys & Insights with Bishop Mike as he continues to share with the faithful of the Diocese, priests, lay leaders, educators and all, his insights and activities related to the shared work of creating a new, more promising era for Catholic faith and ministry across WNY.

Every **Wednesday** during the Year of St. Joseph, Bishop Mike and others across the Diocese will reflect on the monthly theme of St. Joseph. For the month of April, it is "*St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church.*"

We invite you to learn more about the year of St. Joseph and to participate in the monthly themes and more during the diocesan celebration of the Year of St. Joseph at [buffalodiocese.org/year-of-st-joseph](http://buffalodiocese.org/year-of-st-joseph)

**CONGRATULATIONS,  
MARCH CLUB WINNERS!**


Louis & Fran Goszewski \$52.50  
Christine Walters \$31.50  
Edward Walek \$21.00  
(Collected \$210; distributed \$105)

**AROUND THE AREA**

SPAGHETTI DINNER on **Saturday, April 24** from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Chesterton Academy of Buffalo, 5331 Genesee Street, Bowmansville. Take a night off from cooking! Dinner includes spaghetti with meatballs and sausage, salad and dessert. Dine-in or drive-thru options available. Cost \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 5-12 years), free for children under 5. Dinner to benefit Chesterton Academy of Buffalo High School. Visit their website at [buffalochestertonacademy.org](http://buffalochestertonacademy.org), or call 716-674-8101. They thank you for your support.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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