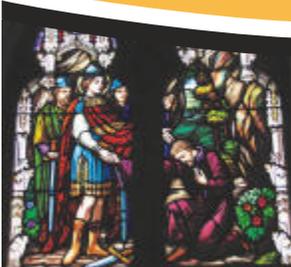


St. John Gualbert

PARISH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 22

4 PM +Carolyn A. Kowalewski of Denise & Annie Okoniewski

SUNDAY, MAY 23—PENTECOST SUNDAY

9 AM +Frank & Margaret Westermeier of Tim & Jane Roland

10:30 AM +Rev. Joseph Kamiensky, SJ of a friend

NOON +Sharon Wrzosek of Dorothy Komisarek

MONDAY, MAY 24—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8 AM +Barbara Copeland Williams of Lawrence Family

9 AM For the people of the parish

TUESDAY, MAY 25—Saint Bede the Venerable; Saint Gregory VII

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM +Norman P. Glowacki of family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26—Saint Philip Neri

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM +Carolyn Copeland Justice of Lawrence Family

THURSDAY, MAY 27—Saint Augustine of Canterbury

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

9 AM +Joann Copeland Rhodes of Lawrence Family

FRIDAY, MAY 28

8 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

9 AM +Joseph & Florence Bakowski estate

SATURDAY, MAY 29—Saint Paul VI

4 PM +Marcyann Strumpf of Walden District Taxpayers Association

SUNDAY, MAY 30—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9 AM +Florence Konicki of husband Frank

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

NOON For the intention of Flannery O'Connor Lancaster & Bobby Lancaster of Dr. & Mrs. Thomas O'Connor

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

May 15 & 16 \$1505 / Maintenance \$25

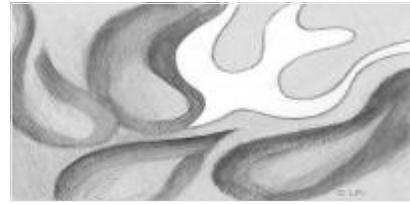
Easter \$5 / Ascension \$586

Split Club \$10 / Latin America & Africa \$216

Thank you for your continued support!

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

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so. ©LPi

REFLECT ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:27, 16:13) ©LPi

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, Pirrami Family, Connie Meczynski, David & Elaine Piazza, Michelle Mitchell, Amanda B., Barbara Just, Rev. Emil Swiatek, Timothy Trabold, Al Nowak, Deacon Matthew & Dolores Stando, Chris, Daniel Komisarek, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Gerald Reszel, Frank Konicki, Ed & Ann Weihing, Art Miller, Rita Trzaska, Jessica Schewe, Marie Switalski, Margaret Krupinski, Kristen Smith, Christina Gravius, Joel Rivera, Jim Coburn, Wayne Gaik, Richard Kowalski, Sharon Williams, Gertrude Zygaj, Ann Fragner, Brian Oakley, Mary Lou Stachnik, Cook Family, Edward Serwon, Irene G., Lawrence & Hernandez Families, Mary J., Ed Walek, David Markiewicz, Olivia Swinarski, Teresa Chowaniec, Dr. David A., Robert & Judy Mikowski, Kevin Roland, Eleanore Szymczak, Dorothy A., Barbara & John, Rich Lata.

MAY APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER INTENTION

Universal intention — Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

"Thus the great gift of redemption—our being 'brought forth' to divine life—is a mighty work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It must be received by us in faith. It must be lived. It must be proclaimed."
- Saint John Paul II -



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! **Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons.** Make a secure online donation at www.ccwny.org/donation.

- **CHICKEN BBQ on Saturday, May 29** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rescue Hose Fire Hall, 20 Pine Ridge Road, Cheektowaga. Dinners by Carrubba's Chicken Pit and includes 1/2 chicken, two sides and a roll. Donation \$12 per person. Drive thru only, enter on Euclid Avenue. For tickets call our parishioner Jim Gajewski at 864-6748.
- **CHICKEN BBQ on Sunday, June 27** at St. John Kanty, 1473 Broadway corner of Broadway and Brownell, Buffalo, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., drive thru by Krolick's. Dinners include: 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, roll with butter and dessert. Tickets are presale only \$12. **Deadline is June 15. (Tickets are available in the rectory at St. John Gualbert.)**

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