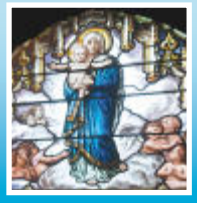
St. John's Church
August 1, 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please join our Sister Church - St. Mary of the Angels
Sunday, August 1st @ 3:30 pm
for Sunday Mass & for Vigil of the Feast & Eucharistic Procession
in honor of our Historical Patronal Feast Day (August 2nd).
** See page 5 **

Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Mon - Fri: 8:00 AM

Parish Office Hours:
Mon - Fri 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Confessions: Saturdays - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Baptisms - Parents requesting an infant Baptism please call the church office.

Marriages - Arrangements by the couple need to be made 6 months in advance, by making an appointment.

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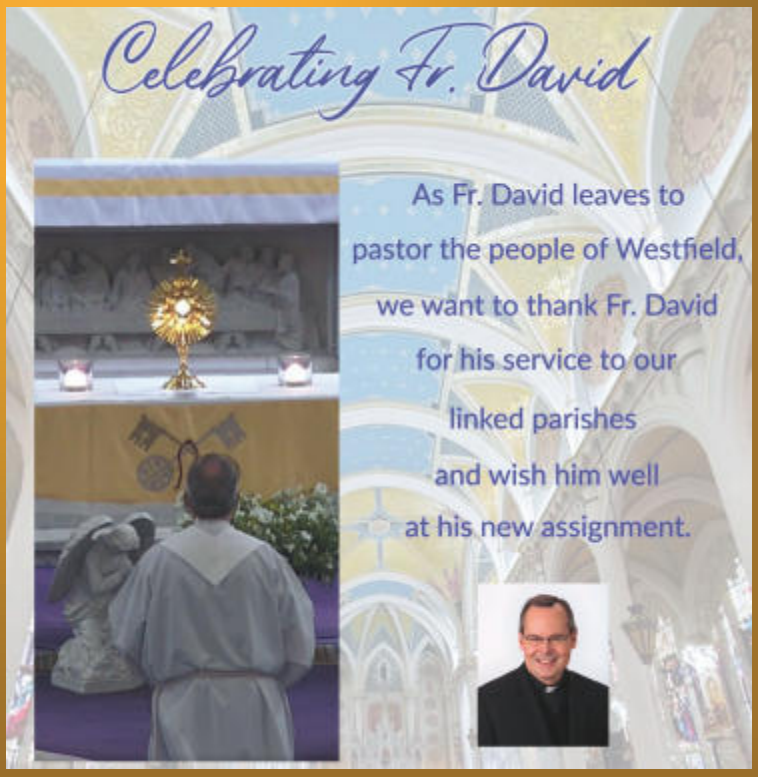
May God Bless you Fr. David

You're Presence will be missed...



Pro & Respect Life Ministry

We are Pro Life from Conception to Natural Death
on our journey to Eternal Life

Pray for Colt Matz who is fighting leukemia and for his younger brother Jack who will be donating bone marrow for his brother!
Send prayers and cards to:

Oishei Children's Hospital
Colt - OCH Room 1206
818 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Pray for our Catholic Community Family
Matz Family

We are praying the Fr. Baker Prayer for all the youth and vulnerable in need at the end of the prayers of the faithful at every Mass.

FR. NELSON H. BAKER
Apostle of Charity

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intersession of Nelson Baker that our young people and those most vulnerable in need may know a complete healing. And through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized. Amen.

Prayer for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full in each moment that
You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Can you spare 30 seconds for unborn babies?

Last week, the House Committee on Appropriations voted to push through four of the most extreme pro-abortion bills EVER. The full House is expected to begin voting on these bills next week. These bills take away the pro-life policies that:

protect taxpayers from having to pay for elective abortions, both here and overseas;

protect health care providers from being forced to perform abortions or refer for abortions against their beliefs;

protect employers and insurance companies from being forced to pay for abortion.

Don't let our government make you pay for, or participate in, the taking of innocent human life. Call now (even if you already emailed)!

Call Representative Tom Reed II
Please call this number: (202) 225-3161

Call Senator Chuck Schumer
Please call this number: (202) 224-6542

Call Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Please call this number: (202) 224-4451

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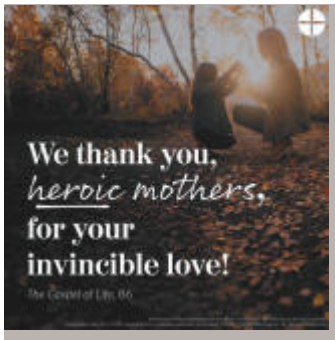

WORD OF LIFE—August 1st

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love!

We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love.

We thank you for the sacrifice of your life."

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae 1995

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 31 - 4:30 pm

† **Marie Anastasia** - *son, David*

† **Rosemarie Gagliardo** - *The Gagliardo & Renaud Famili*

Sunday, August 1 - 9:30 am — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† **William & Mary Cashimere & Mark Clarke** - *By: Leo & Susie Noonan*

Monday, August 2 - 8:00 am

† **Rhea Carls** - *The Hadley & Wholeben Families*

Tuesday, August 3 - 8:00 am

† **Mary Bartman** - *estate*

Wednesday, August 4 - St. John Vianney - 8:00 am

† **Francis Ryan** - *estate*

Thursday, August 5 - 8:00 am

† **Mr. Robert Nolan** - *M/M Eugene Nolan*

Friday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - 8:00 am

† **Father's Day Remembrances**

Saturday, August 7 - 4:30 pm

† **Gloria Reynolds** - *The Sanfilippo Family*

† **Tom Lowry** - *Ed & Sue Mikolajczyk*

Sunday, August 8 - 9:30 am — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† **Lois Lyons - BR** - *The Lyons Family*

† **Mary Ann Lee** - *Russ & Kathy Peace*

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns Aug. 1-15 for the glory of God in the Remembrance of
Gege Chizewick
By: Lori Anastasia

Our Lady of Perpetual Help burns Aug. 1-15 for the glory of God and in honor of
Mark Clarke - BR
By: Tom & Joey Enright

Please keep the following in your prayers for healing:

Beverly Aloi
Ralph Aloi
Jackie Attard
Kathy Baker
Beverly Blakeslee
Daniel Brogan
Mike Chizewick
Linda Colletti
Mary Jill Coon
Gail Crowley
Carmen DeGiglio
Jeff Dembowski
David Frey
David Hettrick
Dennis Hettrick
Marge Hickok
Sr. Dana Hollis
Mary Lou Irons
Larry Jonak
Thomas Jonak
Janet Jones
Carol Kielar
Chuck Kwiatkowski
Barb Lang
Rev. John Mack
Alyssa Magro
Stephen McPherson
Kathleen Martinelli
Colt Matz
Paul Mountain
Kiley Murphy
Jean Nolan
Richard Peterson
Gavin Riley
Gene Robak Jr.
Ann Rogozinski
Jennifer Sauter
Joan Sauter
Jan Schichtel
Colleen Spencer
Rose Spots
David Tominez
Rob Umbenhour
Jeff Veno

All the Hospice, Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and their caregivers.

Our parish extends its condolences to the Tri-Catholic community families of
Susie Noonan, Margaret Bowen, Faith Handley, Alta Jean Pisano, Helen Phillips, Margaret Hickok, Susan McAllister, Genevieve Zemer, & Fred Fessel,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Please continue to pray for Fr. Greg Dobson

Let us lift up in prayer all the men & woman in the military serving our country

Greeter Schedule August 7 & 8
4:30 PM - Ryan Alberts
9:30 AM - Ann Clarke and Dan/Cindy Hinz

Lector Schedule August 7 & 8
4:30 PM - Steve Yatzkanic
9:30 AM - Rose Mikolajczyk

Ministers of the Holy Eucharist August 7 & 8
4:30 PM - Mary Wenke
9:30 AM - Betty Dembowski

Reflection for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 1, 2021

This Sunday's readings proclaim the mercy and generosity of our God. Even when we're complaining and ungrateful, our God is magnanimous and loving! God supplies ***all*** of our needs.

(Exodus 16:2-4; 12-15): Repeatedly, throughout history, our God has proven to us that He ***is*** providing for us and ***will*** provide for us; attentively and with regard to ***all*** of our needs. Nevertheless, how quickly the ancient Israelites lost faith and how quickly, ***we*** lose faith and start complaining and doubting in times of trial and suffering. Instead, consider practicing the "Divine Mercy" devotions and recite often, the mantra: "Jesus Christ, King of Mercy, I trust in Thee!" By repeating these words that express trust, we'll begin to exercise confidence in God. Then, the ***truth*** of these prayers and the validity of this devotion to Jesus as the King of Mercy, and its spiritual fruits will come to us. In Exodus, the Lord provided both bread and meat, miraculously. What can God not do for us, when we ask with true faith and confidence?!

(Psalm 78: "The Lord gave them bread from Heaven."): This psalm celebrates the miracle of the "*manna",* the miraculous "bread from Heaven," provided by God for His hungry people. This is a foreshadowing of the "bread of angels" that is the Eucharist! In commemorating this miracle, we're ensuring that we never forget or take for granted God's generosity, attentiveness and powerful ability to provide for us with infinite abundance. Know and believe, always that God ***does*** and ***will*** fulfill His promises to protect us and provide for us, completely, as we move forward on our Earthly journeys, to join Him in Heaven, one day.

(Ephesians 4:17; 20-24): If we listen and take heed to St. Paul's words, today, we will consider how we must change our lives in order to be more authentic and fruitful disciples of Jesus. Let's not "live in the futility of our minds," like those without faith. Let's let our minds be renewed and refreshed with the hope and confidence, love and wisdom that come from faith in Christ Jesus. Let's open ourselves to the profound graces made available to us at our baptism, when we were anointed as priest, prophet and king. Let's claim our inheritance and live up to our roles as Christian disciples. Let's minister to the poor, the sick, the oppressed and the lonely. Let's echo Jesus' own message of hope and love!

(John 6:24-35): Jesus' words to disciples seeking Him are thought-provoking: "You are looking for me not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were *filled.* Do not work for food that perishes but for the (eternal) food, which the Son of Man will give you." The food Jesus refers to is "spiritual food," which will nourish peoples' souls. With the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, spiritual blessings were also shared: compassion, love, kindness and generosity.

Having been "filled" with the loaves and the "spiritual food" that Jesus gave them, the disciples ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Having been fed, they want to work and serve. Jesus tells them that "the work of God is to believe in the One He sent; Jesus Himself. Jesus then identifies Himself, in symbolic language as the "Bread of Life," promising that whoever comes to Him will never hunger and that whoever believes in Him will never thirst. Jesus means <u>both...</u> physical and spiritual hunger. Once again, we're reassured that God supplies ***all*** of our needs.

Trustingly,

Deacon Matt

Stephen Ministers are here for you!
DO YOU feel alone? ARE YOU dealing with a challeng-ing situation in your life that you need the support of another? DO YOU need someone to lean on who will listen without judgment and who will keep everything confidential? A Stephen Minister is here for you. Until the COVID-19 is under control, visits can be initiated by telephone or via internet (Zoom, FaceTime, etc.) until visits in person, which are preferred, are safe.
Call at SMA Parish office 372-4841,Ext 144.
We are here for you.

Drawn to Catholicism? Sometimes people think about it for years. Others are swept up by unique and powerful experiences that make them want to explore Catholicism. Now is the time to consider if this is your year to respond.

The process for exploring Catholicism and considering membership is called the RCIA.

If you are not Catholic but want to look into the Catholic faith with the possibility of joining the church, RCIA may be for you. Our new group will start after Labor Day. If you are interested, please call Varma Childs at 372-0689 to set up an informal but informative meeting to learn what it is all about. This may be what you've been seeking as a next step in your faith journey.

AT OUR PARISH

LIVE Stream

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Sat. July 31	- SJTE - Confession & Adoration - 1:30 - 2:3 pm
Sun. Aug. 1	Stand For Life - 1:00 pm– Lincoln Park Vigil Mass & Farewell to Fr. David - 3:30pm - SMA
Wed. Aug.4	Confession & Adoration - 4:30-5:30 pm - SMA
Sat. Aug.7	SJTE - Confession & Adoration - 1:30 - 2:3 pm

Good Neighbor Ministry - Do you know a vulnerable individual who may need help during these trying times? Maybe you are aware of an elderly person or a shut-in who needs a visit? Would you like to volunteer? Call the Parish Office 372-5313 or e-mail

Warming House is now open for eat-in meal service Sunday-Friday 2:30-4:45pm. Take out meals are still available from 4-4:30 pm at the rear door. Our parish continues to volunteer on the 2nd Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

A VOCATION PRAYER—Manna in the desert – this miraculous gift was only a sign of the more amazing Bread from Heaven that Jesus would later give us in His Body & Blood, a supreme gift which continues through the ministry of priests. To be part of this other worldly ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Business Spotlight

CVBC 2021 Bible Verse:

Jesus said, "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life."
John 14:6

At St. Mary of the Angles

Aug. 15 (Sun.) CVBC Family Day:
Mass @ 11am
Cupcakes & Lemonade (after Mass)
Glen Colton Concert @ 1pm
Sign up for gift bags @ smaolean.org

Aug. 19 (Thurs.) CVBC Bible Bee
2 pm in Parish Life Center
Print questions @ smaolean.org
Copies available in back of church

Aug. 20 (Fri.) CVBC Holy Hour
6 pm in Parish Life Center

OLEAN CATHOLIC YOUTH

AUGUST SCHEDULE

Contact: Abe Wenke
oleancatholicyouth@gmail.com

Mass & Meal ~ 8/4, 8/11, 8/18 12:15 pm—2 pm

Tuesday Night Bonfire ~ 8/3 & 8/10 (at Deacon Matt's) 7-9 pm

Outdoor Movie Night ~ 8/17 7 pm — 9 pm

PLENARY INDULGENCE for the Feast Day

Gaining a Plenary Indulgence is significant because it is the remission of the punishment for all sins committed from the day of baptism. The indulgence can be applied to any deceased person you wish but it cannot be applied to any living person, except yourself.

The following conditions must also be met:

- Confess one's sins to be in God's Grace, (either 8 days before or after Aug.2nd)
- Attend Holy Mass at the Basilica and receive Holy Communion

Pray in particular:

- For the intentions of the Pope (The Creed, Our Father, Holy Mary, Glory Be)
- Renounce all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

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