



ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

MAY 24, 2020 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Calendar of Events

(*Dates/Times subject to change.)

ALL CHURCH EVENTS ARE CANCELED OR
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Rectory: 26 Erie Ave. • 532-5100 • **Fax:** 532-4096 • **Hours:** CLOSED
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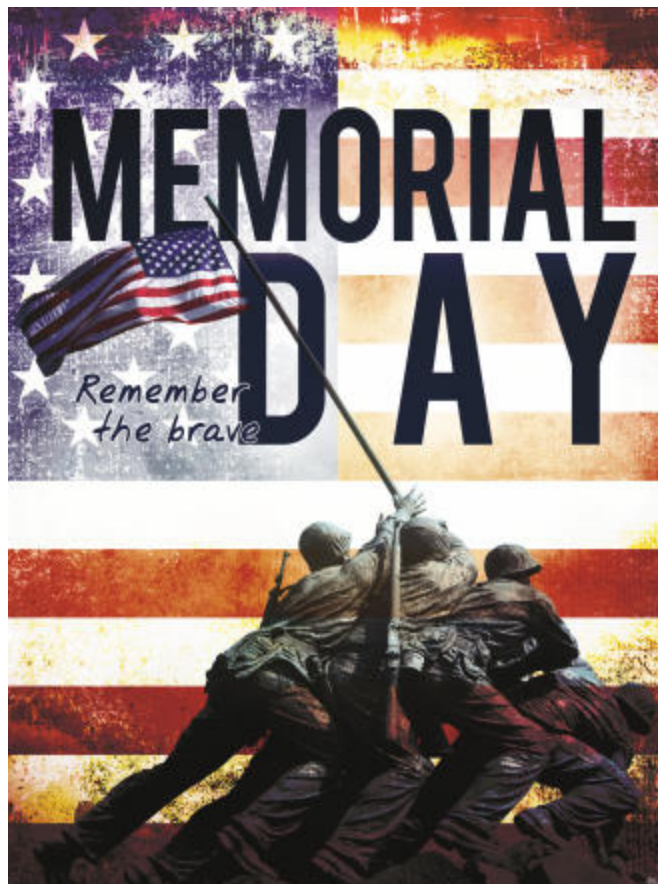
Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE (All Masses Canceled until further notice.)

St. Joseph Church: Saturday 4:30 p.m. • Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. (Thursdays - Communion Service Only)

St. Mary's Church (Cattaraugus): Sunday 11:15 a.m.



SICK CALLS: Anytime. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday at 3:45 p.m. or by appointment. (Canceled)

RCIA: Please contact the rectory.

BAPTISMS: Upon request; pre-baptismal instruction is required. Please contact the rectory.


PRE-CANA: Classes can be scheduled by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance at the rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at the rectory as soon as possible after you have moved into the Parish. Registration as a member of the parish requires the completion of an application available at the rectory.



“Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.” - Jn 17:5-6. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for *All Parishioners.*

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

Parenting can feel all-consuming, especially if you have young children. Periodically take time to talk to a friend, renew a hobby and, especially, reconnect with your spouse. You will feel refreshed and more responsive to your children.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MASS

Father Innocent will be saying a private Mass each Sunday and uploading it to our Facebook page and our website (www.sjcgowanda.org). Please share this information with others as we continue to remain closed to the public.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Attention Parishioners: We have had several inquiries on how people can still submit their church envelopes. Parishioners could please mail their envelopes directly to the rectory (St. Joseph Church Rectory, 26 Erie Avenue, Gowanda, NY 14070) or place in the rectory drop box. Even though the church is closed and there are no Masses, we still have to continue to pay our monthly bills. Thank you for thinking of your church at this extremely difficult time. Please stay safe!

FATHER INNOCENT'S EMAIL AND TEXTS

For parishioners who are not receiving Father Innocent's emails or texts with his Masses and Sermons, please contact the rectory and give your email and cell phone number and you will be added to the distribution list. Thank you!

**ST. JOSEPH DIRECTORY
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 10, 2020 (Mailed to our parish.)

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3642.00
Holy Day (Easter).....	\$10.00
Holy Day (Ascension).....	\$45.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$195.00
Fuel.....	\$5.00
Church in Latin America/Africa.....	\$25.00
Total.....	\$3922.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

For all those serving in our **Armed Forces** here and around the world. For those who are suffering from pain and illness, especially: **Rich Ulmer, Jr., Dick Gernatt, Sue Maggio, Connie Gabel, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, Mike Wesley, Joe Cook, Werner Stang, Mike Serrano.** For those who have died...*David Reid.*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP


Everlasting Easter

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The Msgr. David Gernatt Council #15113 of the **Knights of Columbus** meet regularly on the 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the school building.

Join the Knights every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary. The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**, and it is the world's largest "Catholic Fraternal Service Organization."

If you would like to become a member, please call Dave Wiens - 432-0970 or Frank Kusowski - 532-5397.

ALL MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ ASCENSION

Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us to where he hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

WHY KNEEL?

Question:

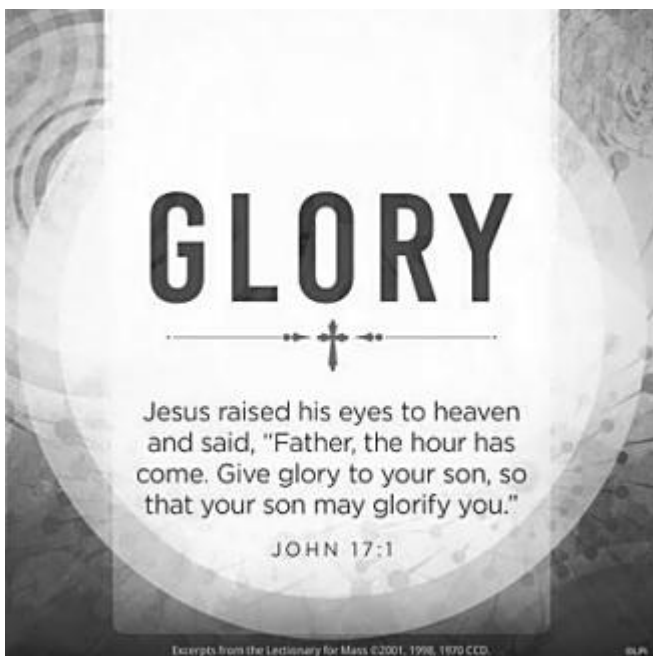
Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



Seventh Sunday of Easter

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we

have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

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RECTORY TELEPHONE ISSUES

Our rectory is experiencing intermittent phone issues. We are working on this issue, but please note that if you are able to get through and leave a voice mail, we may not receive it. Thank you for your patience!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Father Innocent will be saying private Masses for all intentions. Also, please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

Saturday, May 23

4:30 p.m. John Kokel† by Pat and Bill

Sunday, May 24—The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Carol Wynn† by Joe and Sue

9:30 a.m. Edwin Gabel† by Dorothy Selan

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

8:30 a.m. Lillian Gugino† by the Gugino Family

Tuesday, May 26—Saint Philip

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

Wednesday, May 27

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of John and Winni Jacob
by Carl Jacob

Thursday, May 28

8:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey† by Estate

Friday, May 29

8:30 a.m. Howard Purdy† by Friend

Saturday, May 30

4:30 p.m. Don Milligan† by Howard† and Judie Sager

Sunday, May 31—Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mark Regan† by Rick & Linda Noecker

9:30 a.m. Norma Pine† by Rick and Linda Noecker

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NOTICE**

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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- Change of Address
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