



ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

MAY 31, 2020 • PENTECOST SUNDAY

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
Email: rectory@stjoesgowanda.com • **Website:** www.sjcgowanda.org
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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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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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.



Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: *Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.*” He said this in reference to the Spirit

that those who came to believe in him were to receive. - Jn 7:37b-39a. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

At times, we all need our space to refresh and recharge. Do you and your spouse have a place where you can each go for some alone time?

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!

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 17, 2020 (Mailed to our parish.)

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2975.00
Holy Day (Ascension).....	\$100.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$5.00
Church in Latin America/Africa.....	\$55.00
Total.....	\$3135.00

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., Sue Maggio, Connie Gabel, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, Mike Wesley, Joe Cook, Mike Serrano.** For those who have died...*Werner Stang.*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

We Are Never Alone


My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn’t need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I’m the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into “Church” from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus’ ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit’s help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS,

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

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The Holy Spirit sends its seven gifts to us. By calling upon these gifts, we are both made aware of God's will for us, and are given the strength to pursue it. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

TITHING VS. STEWARDSHIP

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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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 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

Monday, June 1—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30 a.m. Tim Dybdahl† by The Lukonaitis Family

Tuesday, June 2

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

Wednesday, June 3—Saint Charles

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

Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 5—Saint Boniface

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Saturday, June 6

4:30 p.m. Theresa Butzer† by Pat Rebmann

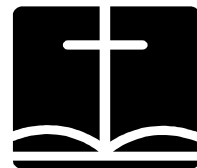
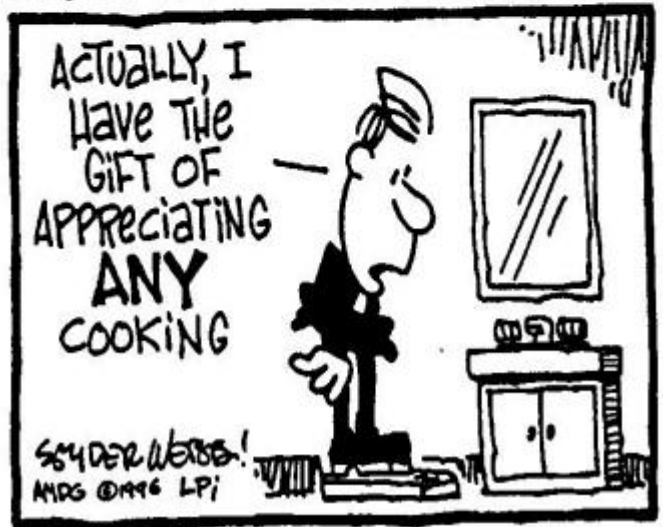
Sunday, June 7—The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Julius and Anne Szymanski† by Mary Sladich

9:30 a.m. Howard Purdy† by Friend

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