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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JUNE 21, 2020 • 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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

**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:** By appointment only.

**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.



“So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.” - Mt 10:31-33. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

 The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Edmund Mende** by *Bob, Carolyn and Families.*

**WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP**

Pope Francis says that “I’m sorry” is a phrase husbands and wives should say often. If it’s hard for you to say “I’m sorry,” or to offer forgiveness, pray for a softened heart.

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

While God is our Father in heaven, in the USA we celebrate Father’s Day by celebrating earthly fatherhood. Might God be calling you to be a spiritual father as a priest? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**PARISH UPDATE**

We are happy to announce that we will be resuming all of our Masses to be open to the public as of tomorrow June 9, 2020 at a 25% capacity. This will include our weekday Masses at 8:30 a.m. (Monday--Friday). The rectory continues to remain closed at this time. All group meetings also continue to remain canceled. Thank you for your patience and we look forward to seeing you again. Please note, for those of you who do not feel comfortable attending Mass at this time, Father Innocent will continue to stream his weekend Mass on Facebook and our website.

**LOVE INC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Love INC will be sponsoring their annual Golf Tournament on **Saturday, July 25th** at the Concord Crest Golf Course, 9255 Genesee Road, East Concord. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and shotgun starts at 2:00 p.m. Reservations are requested by July 11, 2020. Please contact 532-3541 for more information.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4797.00
Loose Money.....	\$40.00
Holy Day (Ascension).....	\$45.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$37.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$6.00
Church in Latin America/Africa.....	\$75.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>

**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...

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**


**Will You Say Yes?**

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, “Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?” Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond “yes” are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, “Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?” Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don’t know Jesus Christ at all. I don’t like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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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**

**PARISH UPDATE**

Beloved Parishioners, Our Times are so messed up that; as much as possible, we need to bear with its confusions and uncertainties. Below is our next update from the Diocese of Buffalo regarding resumption of weekend and public Masses. Consequent upon the Diocesan recommendation therein; this weekend of 13th and 14th June, we shall be back on our 4 weekend Masses, after we interrupted it this past weekend. We are all set with both State and Diocesan guidelines to continue our Masses. My special intention for all of the 4 Masses is "Thanksgiving to God for safeguarding us". Thank you for the work of God you do with dedication. I cannot ask for better co-workers. Remain Blessed! Father Innocent. In light of Governor Cuomo's announcement today that houses of worship may resume public gatherings at 25% capacity at the earliest opportunity, Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has announced that any parish in the Diocese of Buffalo that is prepared to offer public liturgies while maintaining the safety protocols detailed in the Diocesan guidelines due to the ongoing COVID-19 threat may do so. Local Catholics are urged to check with their parishes before planning to attend a Mass, as parishes may be at a different stage in their preparations for reopening. The decision to reopen is solely at the discretion of the pastor. In addition, because many priests serving in parishes throughout the Diocese are themselves vulnerable, those priests may choose to (and are encouraged to) opt out of presiding if they have concerns about their personal health and safety. In those cases, a local parish may join with another local parish for public liturgies. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place. All who are especially vulnerable or simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestreams, which will continue in local parishes. (For livestream information, visit LIVE STREAM MASSES. "On this weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity and look forward to next weekend's celebration of Corpus Christi, we are ever more aware of and grateful for the great gift of the Eucharist," said Bishop Scharfenberger who has kept churches open throughout the pandemic so local Catholics could pray privately. "The Catholic faithful of our Diocese have made clear their eagerness to return to their parish churches and to resume their sacramental, life with their parish leaders and in communion with their fellow parishioners. While we welcome this latest development, it is imperative that our parish leaders and all who are returning to public Masses observe the guidelines that public health officials have issued, along with the extensive measures that we have defined for our parishes in order to protect the health and safety of parishioners, as well as priests and liturgical ministers." Parishes throughout the Diocese have been working on plans to ensure they can meet safety standards that will keep the six-foot social distancing requirement in place throughout Mass. In addition, many other protocols must be met in order for parishes to open, as defined by the guidelines referenced above. Parishioners should bring and be prepared to wear their own masks and, if possible, a bottle of hand sanitizer for use upon entering, before receiving Communion, after receiving Communion, and after exiting the church. Catholics should plan on restricted seating, a change in the reception of Communion in order to ensure social distancing, and other appropriate measures upon entering and exiting churches.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION****12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves,

standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the "what has always been" and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

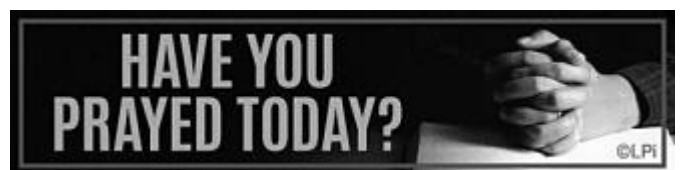
Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

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**3500 CLUB**

For any winners who have not cashed their checks from the Spring party, please do so as soon as possible. Also, the Fall tickets will be sent out within the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience!





# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, June 21—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 a.m. John and Anne Hunchar† by Mary Sladich  
9:30 a.m. Jim Rebmann, Sr.† by Wife and Family  
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, June 22**

- 8:30 a.m. All Souls†

**Tuesday, June 23**

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

**Wednesday, June 24—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

- 8:30 a.m. William Tighe† by Carol Borelli and Family

**Thursday, June 25**

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

**Friday, June 26**

- 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Saturday, June 27**

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

**Sunday, June 28—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 a.m. John Hoffman† by Gerry and Jacque Emborski  
9:30 a.m. Dick Kane† by Peter and Helen Zimmermann  
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**JUNE 27/28**

**4:30 PM**

Lector: Pat Volk

**8:00 AM**

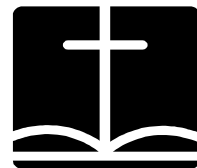
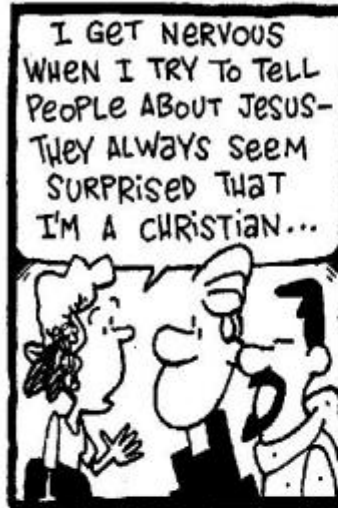
Lector: Kevin Regan

**9:30 AM**

Lector: Monica Reid

**Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve**

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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