



ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JUNE 28, 2020 • 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

(*Dates/Times subject to change.)

ALL CHURCH EVENTS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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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.



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"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970, CCC.

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.



“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” -

Mt 10:37-38. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

“For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor 12:10) Sometimes spouses can be a thorn in each other’s side. Annoying as this can be, it can also be a path to self-correction and humility. Name your own weaknesses and strengths.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus still speaks the invitation, “Come Follow Me!” If God is calling you to priesthood or religious life, what is holding you back? 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 14, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$5202.00
Loose Money.....	\$98.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$361.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$20.00
Communications.....	\$151.00
Mission Coop.....	\$50.00
Total.....	\$5882.00

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...

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP


God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one’s faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, “If you don’t love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work.” What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



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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

UPDATE ON THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES;
INCLUDING DAILY MORNING MASSES; 06/20/2020

We are resolved at making our return to Church, safe and reassuring. The Lord has done great things for our two Communities and Parishes in this pandemic. We will not afford to lose the gains we have made. There is need therefore; for us to obey the guidelines for attending Mass in our Churches. They following have been put in place for the Safety and Security of Parishioners as they move in and out of our Churches:

- 1) The official maximum occupancy (sitting capacity) of St. Joseph's Church is 489 people.
- 2) The Covid-19 maximum occupancy (sitting capacity) of St. Joseph's Church is 153 people. This number at one Mass is rare; probably during Christmas and Easter.
- 3) I am still searching St. Mary's files for this document/code.
- 4) The seats in the churches have been tapped out at 6 feet apart.
- 5) The rows on either side of the Isle are staggered at even and odd numbers; so people are unable to sit directly opposite and across the Aisle.
- 6) At Mass; collections are done with the long-handled baskets. They could also be mailed in, or dropped in the Rectory Office Dropbox.
- 7) Hand sanitizers with more than 60% alcohol are placed at Church entrances and at strategic places in the Churches.
- 8) The church pews, the door knobs, the hand rails, the microphones, and all touchable surfaces are sanitized immediately after every Mass.
- 9) Parishioners above the age of two are required to wear their masks, observe the distancing stipulated, and adhere to instructions from the pastor or his delegate, in the Church.
- 10) Parishioners are encouraged to carry their own pocket hand sanitizers, in addition to the ones provided in the Churches.
- 11) The books/missals have all been removed from the pews, as part of the guidelines. So people are unable to transfer touches.
- 12) There will be music by the Organist. The people of God are not obliged to sing; but they will respond to their parts of the Mass.
- 13) The priest uses a separate microphone.
- 14) He is 20 to 25 feet away from the people of God. He also may not be able to celebrate Mass with his mask on. So; he wears his mask only during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- 15) He sanitizes his hands as often as he deems necessary.
- 16) The hosts for the people of God are covered in a ciborium; while the large host used for consecration is consumed by the priest during communion.
- 17) The people of God stay 6 feet apart in line for Holy Communion.
- 18) The priest does not stand at the door for greetings after Mass, to avoid gathering and cloistering. In the same way; both before and after Mass; parishioners should not get together for chat. After Mass; we are required to leave the Church for our cars, respecting social distancing. Remember; no one is being penalized. We are sticking to these requirements for the good and safety of all of us.

19) With all of the above practices already in play; I bet; we are ready to go! So please; feel safe, assured, and happy to join your Church family once again.

I can't wait to see your faces again; after this marathon of a lockdown.

Again; if someone still feels uncomfortable joining now; he or she should feel free to stay home and watch our streamed Mass.

Thank you everyone!

Father Innocent

GOSPEL MEDITATION**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, June 29—Saints Peter and Paul

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

Tuesday, June 30

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

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

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

Friday, July 3—Saint Thomas

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Saturday, July 4—Independence Day

4:30 p.m. Werner Stang† by Galloway Family

Sunday, July 5—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Charlie Emborski† by Gerry and Jacque Emborski

9:30 a.m. Frank Peglowski† by Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
JULY 4/5

4:30 PM

Lector: Don Maziar

8:00 AM

Lector: Max Comstock

9:30 AM

Lector: Wally Samick

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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- Change of Address
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