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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JULY 5, 2020 • 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

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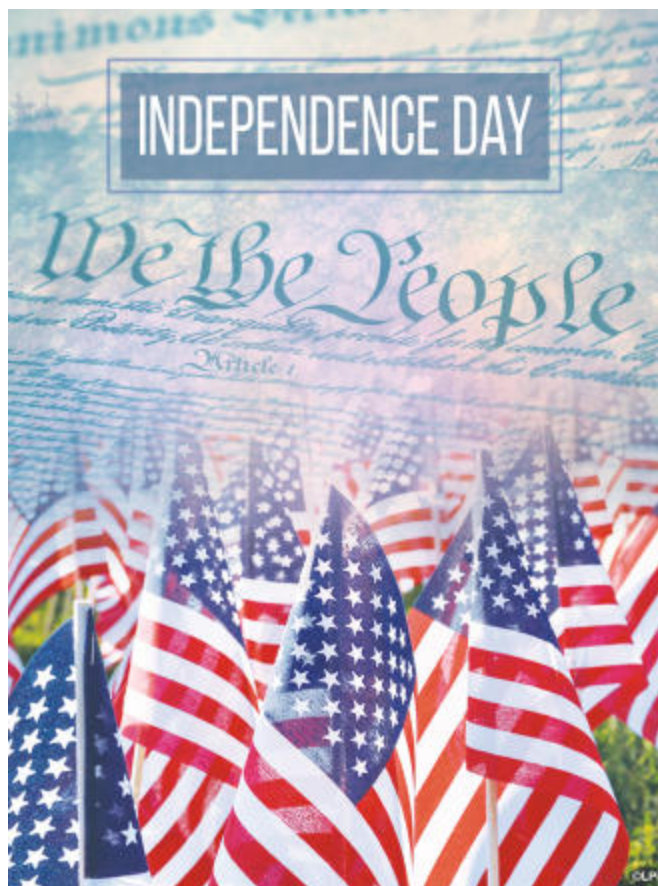
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Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor

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.



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest

for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” - Mt 11:28-30. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

“Even all the hairs on your head are counted.” (Mt 10:30) Isn't it so easy to get caught up in the worries of everyday life? In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of God the Father's unending care for us. Give Him your worries, whether big or small, and trust in His providence.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore, ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest!” Pray for vocations! 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 21, 2020

Collection information not available, due to the early submission deadline for the bulletin.

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

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance. — *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.

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If you would like to become a member, please call Dave Wiens - 432-0970 or Frank Kusiowski - 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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We are all familiar with the refrain, "You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!" In Baptism,

we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, July 6

8:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kota† Estate

Tuesday, July 7

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

Wednesday, July 8

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Parysek Family†
by Wanda

Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Saturday, July 11—Saint Benedict

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

Sunday, July 12—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Edwin Gabel† by Tim and Sharon

9:30 a.m. Werner Stang† by Pat Rebmann and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
JULY 11/12

4:30 PM

Lector: Dr. Greco

8:00 AM

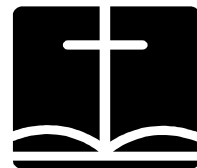
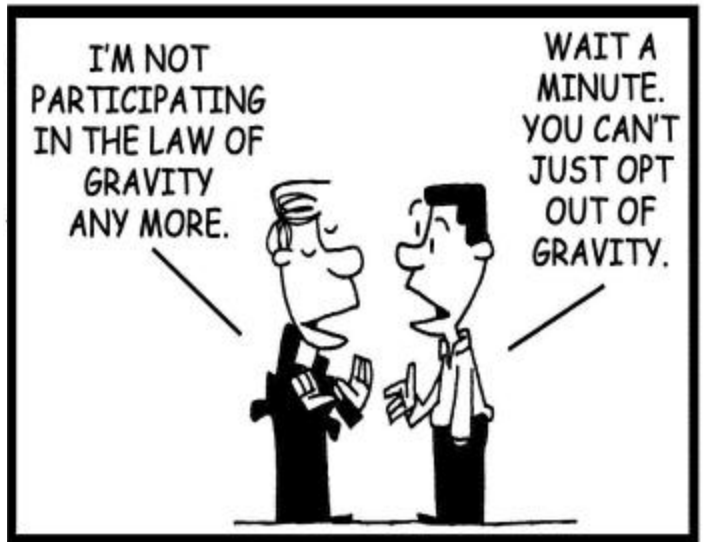
Lector: Donna Tharnish

9:30 AM

Lector: Wendy Samick

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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- Change of Address
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