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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JULY 12, 2020 • 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

(*Dates/Times subject to change.)

ALL CHURCH EVENTS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

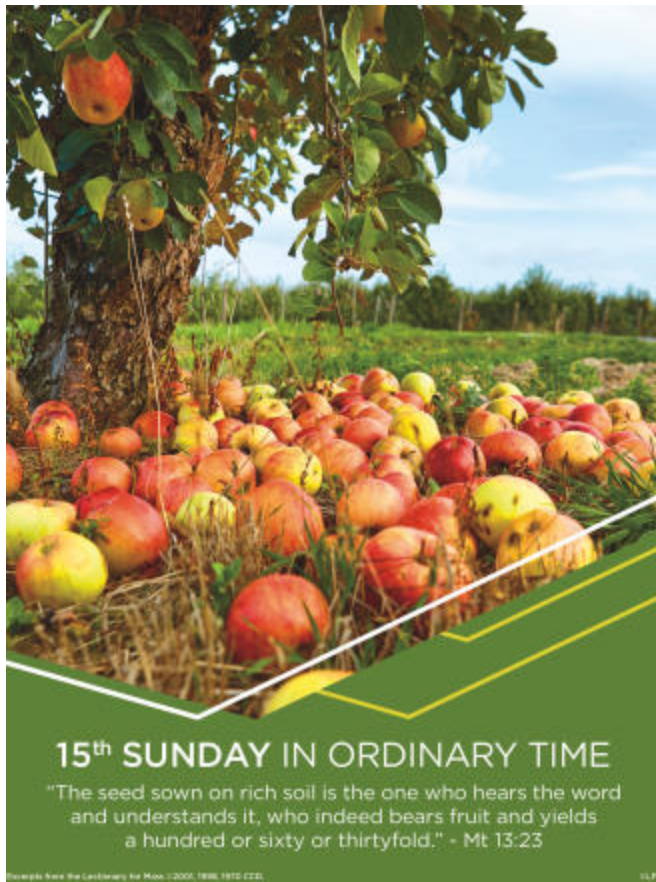
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Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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



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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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.



And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow...Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." - Mt 13:3, 7-9. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

We often take the ones we love for granted on small things. Be courteous! Always say 'please', 'thank you' to your spouse, even for small things... like making dinner or taking out the garbage. Give the one you love the same common courtesy you give to a stranger.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Since we are all created in Christ, it is only fitting that we live as Christ. How does Christ call YOU to live as He lives? 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 28, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2504.00
Loose.....	\$178.00
Holy Day (Ascension).....	\$20.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$40.00
Church in Latin America/Africa.....	\$20.00
Mission Coop.....	\$36.00
Total.....	\$2798.00

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: **Anne Gernatt, Rich Ulmer, Jr., Sue**


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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.— 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 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**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us! ©LPi



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, July 13

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

Tuesday, July 14—Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 a.m. Joan Jacob† by Carl Jacob

Wednesday, July 15—Saint Bonaventure

8:30 a.m. Deceased† and Living Members of the
Wesley and Bak Families by Margaret

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Saturday, July 18

4:30 p.m. Norm Schuster† by Pat Rebmann

Sunday, July 19—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ed and Dot Christopher† by Christopher
Family

9:30 a.m. Werner Stang† by Rick and Linda Noecker

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
JULY 18/19

4:30 PM

Lector: Pat Volk

8:00 AM

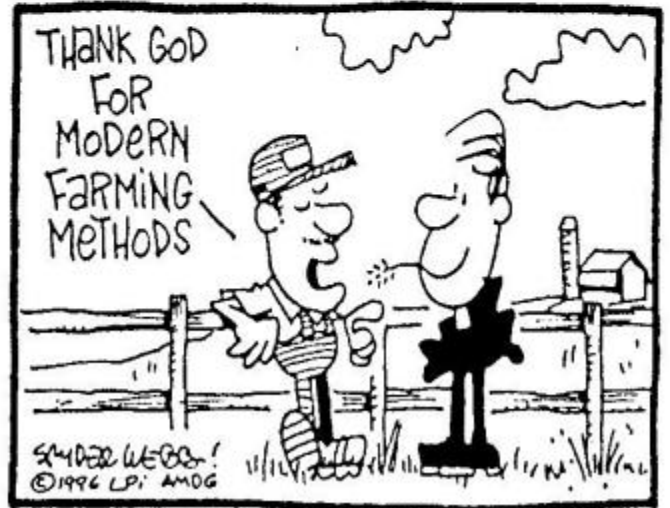
Lector: Mary O'Leary

9:30 AM

Lector: Monica Reid

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
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