



ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JULY 19, 2020 • 16TH 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.

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



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"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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.



“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” - Mt 13:29-30. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

“Jesus...began to send them out two by two.” (Mk. 6:7) We are stronger together, in bonds of friendship and community. You too, are sent to your neighbors, your town, your relatives, and the world to heal, to love, to forgive.

SIXTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God is patient and merciful as we work to sift through the good and evil in our lives. How can you help people determine what is fit and unfit for God’s kingdom? 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. Please contact 532-3541 for more information.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4206.00
Loose.....	\$490.00
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Mission Coop.....	\$65.00
Peter’s Pence.....	\$141.00
Total.....	\$4969.00

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...*Bishop Edward Kmiec...*


EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, “Do the drill,” meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!—

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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 aisle 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 Church.
- 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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together.

While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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

Monday, July 20

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Dick Kane† by Knights of Columbus Council 15113

Wednesday, July 22—Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30 a.m. Sally Wittmeyer† by Rectory Staff

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Saturday, July 25—Saint James

4:30 p.m. Howard Sager† by Galloway Family

Sunday, July 26—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John, Virginia, and Mark Regan† by Dennis and Suzanne

9:30 a.m. David Reid† 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 25/26

4:30 PM

Lector: Don Maziar

8:00 AM

Lector: Jud Foy

9:30 AM

Lector: Wally Samick

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
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