



ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JULY 26, 2020 • 17TH 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.



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.



“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” - Mt 13:49-51. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

It's about love! Love goes beyond the spouses' union of bodies, it leads to forming one heart and soul which requires faithfulness, self-giving, and openness to life! (See St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, no. 13) #nfpweek

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When we consider our vocation, we may feel called to priesthood or religious life, but not feel strong or qualified enough to pursue our call. God knows all that we lack, and is ready to grant what we need if only we ask. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you for your dedication to and support of Appeal 2020. In an unprecedented year, you went above and beyond and we are so grateful! So many individuals and families will be supported, empowered and find wholeness because of your generosity. The leaders and staff of Appeal 2020 offer their sincere appreciation and thanks!

PARISH BULLETIN

In keeping with Diocesan COVID guidelines, our weekly bulletin is not available for distribution at our Masses. However, there will be a small supply in the sacristy if you would like one or you may visit our parish website at www.sjcgowanda.com.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3279.00
Loose.....	\$419.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$25.00
Fuel.....	\$10.00
Mission Coop.....	\$5.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$75.00
Total.....	\$3813.00

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...

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP


What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS© LPi



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 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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, July 27

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Mark Denea† by Michael

Wednesday, July 29—Saint Martha

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

Thursday, July 30

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, July 31— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Hammond† by the Comstock family

Saturday, August 1— Saint Alphonsus Liguori

4:30 p.m. Angela Herrington† by Family

Sunday, August 2—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 a.m. Anne Szymanski† by Estate

9:30 a.m. Roy Steffan† by Sarah and family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
AUGUST 1/2

4:30 PM

Lector: Dr. Greco

8:00 AM

Lector: Rachel Comstock

9:30 AM

Lector: Wendy Samick

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
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