



ALL ARE WELCOME!

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

AUGUST 9, 2020 • 19TH 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.



But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith,

why did you doubt?” - Mt 14:30-31 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

**WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP**

Give your children choices whenever practical. It helps them develop decision making skills. Just make sure you only give your child a choice that you’re willing to live with as a parent.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Although we don’t know when this world will end, we do know that the end is always drawing closer. We do not have forever to answer God’s call. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**3500 CLUB**

There are four 3500 club tickets available for the fall party on September 26, 2020. The tickets cost \$30 each (two times a year, fall and spring) You have a chance to win up to \$1000! In addition there are weekly drawings. Please contact the rectory at 532-5100 if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Even though the rectory is closed, we are still taking Mass intentions for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021. Please contact the rectory at 532-5100.

**ST. JOSEPH DIRECTORY  
RECTORY**

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**


Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2905.00
Loose.....	\$271.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$115.00
Diocesan Priests’ Retirement.....	\$306.00
Total.....	\$3597.00

**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: **Beatrice and Donald Swanson, 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...**Monsignor Michael J. Yunk**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Being Human is to Doubt.** Humans doubt. It’s what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter’s doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I’m older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts. Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don’t suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”– *Tracy Earl Welliver* ©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 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****19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the

foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace. ©LPi



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, August 8— Saint Dominic**

4:30 p.m. David Reid† by Galloway Family

**Sunday, August 9—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 a.m. Anna Dicembre† by Family

9:30 a.m. Howard Parish† by Wife and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, August 10—Saint Lawrence**

8:30 a.m. All Souls†

**Tuesday, August 11—Saint Clare**

8:30 a.m. Ed and Angela Herrington† by Dave and  
Anne

**Wednesday, August 12**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Thursday, August 13**

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

**Friday, August 14—Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

8:30 a.m. Howard Purdy† by Wife and Family

5:00 p.m. Vigil, St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Saturday, August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**

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

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions of Jim and Sue Maggio by  
Dave and Anne

**Sunday, August 16—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the Christopher Family  
by Christopher Family

9:30 a.m. Jim Rebmman, Sr.† by Wife and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**AUGUST 15/16**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:30 AM:**

Lector: Don Maziar

**4:30 PM**

Lector: Dr. Greco

**8:00 AM**

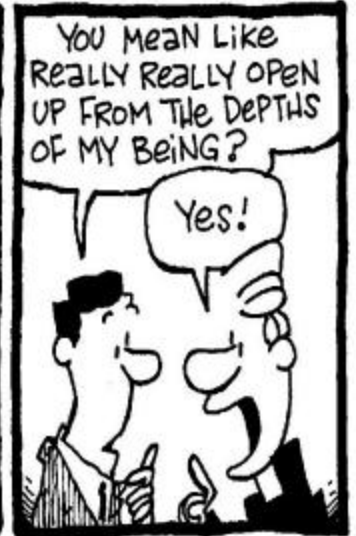
Lector: Kevin Regan

**9:30 AM**

Lector: Wally Samick

**Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve**

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Want Envelopes

- Change of Address
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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