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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

MAY 23, 2021 • PENTECOST SUNDAY

## Calendar of Events

*Canceled or postponed until further notice.*

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**  
**Deacon Wally Samick**

### MASS SCHEDULE

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



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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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.



“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare

to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me.” - Jn 16:12-14a Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the **Special Intention of Struggling Addicts** as requested by someone who cares and prays for you.

**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: **Colt William Matz, Mark Smith, Mike Gernatt, John Walgus, Kiley Denea, Melissa Moulton Peglowski, Kathy Smith, Peter Johnson, Justin Regan, Beatrice and Donald Swanson, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, Mike Wesley, and Joe Cook.** For those who have died...

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND RECEPTION**

The parish Events Committee is planning a reception to celebrate the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Daniel R. Ulmer to the priesthood. All are invited to attend the reception which will immediately follow a Mass of Thanksgiving offered by Father Ulmer, here at St. Joe’s on Sunday afternoon, **June 6, at 2:30 PM.** The reception will observe all COVID protocols and be held outdoors, under a tent. It will include a meal. In order to assist the committee in the planning of this event, please RSVP to the rectory at 532-5100 as soon as possible, if you plan on attending.

*The rectory will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021.*

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Thursday, May 13, 2021 Ascension Thursday**

Ascension Envelopes.....	\$511.00
Loose.....	\$48.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$559.00</b>


**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4689.00
Loose.....	\$215.00
Easter.....	\$40.00
Fuel.....	\$20.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$505.05
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5469.05</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**You Don’t Have What It Takes — but You Will**

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn’t call the equipped. He equips the called. We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we’re supposed to do, in any situation. It’s that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can’t.* We’ve all got our list of reasons why not, don’t we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I’m not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don’t want to come across as pushy. I’m not going to make amends with my cousin because she’ll just walk all over me again. I’m not going to say a Rosary tonight because I’m tired and it’ll just stress me out. However, even if we all put our lists of “reasons why we can’t” together, I don’t think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven’t been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades? But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can’t was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn’t call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire! God doesn’t call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He’s ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



**KNIGHTS  
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The Msgr. David Gernatt Council #15113 of the **Knights of Columbus** meet regularly on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Join the Knights every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary and attend the business meeting. 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.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

The Holy Spirit sends His sevenfold gift to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon, or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## **WALK FOR LIFE**

The Tri-County Pregnancy Center will be having its annual "Walk for Life" on Saturday, June 5, 2021 beginning at the Gowanda Assembly of God Church. Registration begins at 11 am and the walk will start promptly at 11:30 am. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass for the picnic to follow the walk. Hot dogs will be provided. Please join us for this important cause!

## **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$559.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

## **LOVE INC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

There is still time to register your foursome for the Love INC 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament takes place **June 19, 2021** at the Concord Crest Golf Course located at 9255 Genesee Road in East Concord, NY. **Shotgun start time is 2:00 pm.** The cost is **\$85 per golfer** which includes greens fees with cart, lunch and dinner. Please register by June 1st by calling Love INC at 532-3541.

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

The Trinity United Church of Christ on Erie Avenue and Park Street in Gowanda is having a Free Community Meal on **June 12, 2021 from 4 pm to 6 pm.** The meal is **take out only.** Please bring your own bag and wear a mask. The menu is hot dog w/roll, macaroni salad, fruited jello and a cookie.

## **GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 22**

4:30 p.m. Flo Szymanski † by Carol and Frank Shattuck

**Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Jim DiBlasi † by Rick and Linda

9:30 a.m. Tom Stelley † (74th Birthday) by Kathy Stelley

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, May 24**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

**Tuesday, May 25**

8:30 a.m. Joanna Cole † by Dorothy Holocinski

**Wednesday, May 26 Saint Philip Neri**

8:30 a.m. Lillian R. Gugino † by Dave Gugino

**Thursday, May 27**

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

**Friday, May 28**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Saturday, May 29**

4:30 p.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

**Sunday, May 30 The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Tony Comstock  
by His Wife and Family

9:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**May 29/30**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Donna Tharnish

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Jud Foy

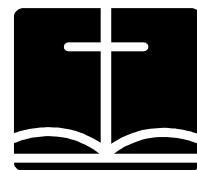
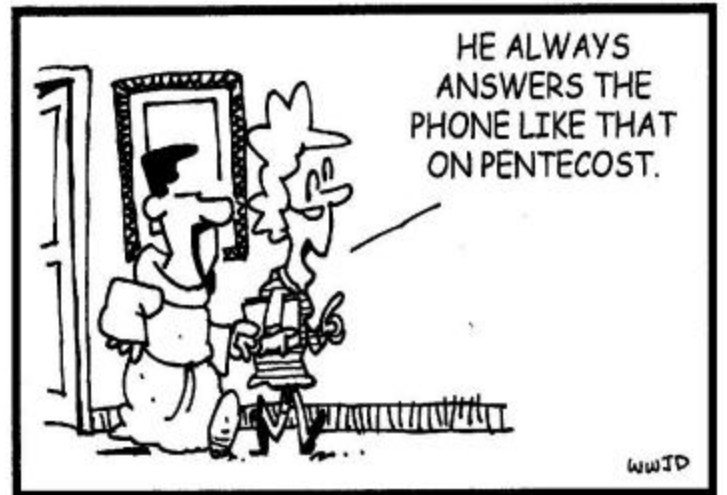
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Altar Server: Hayley Stang

Lector: Lisa Rebmann

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

PENTECOST



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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