



ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JUNE 13, 2021 • THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



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.



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”- Mk 4:30-32b Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

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: **Tim Noecker, Frank Kusowski, Sr., 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...

READY FOR RENEWAL?

The Diocese of Buffalo has embarked on the Road to Renewal that began with a planning phase last August. Since then, a great deal has taken place to help prepare our Diocese for much needed renewal and revitalization. Over the past month, Rev. Bryan Zielenieski, Pastor of St. Mary in Swormville, and Vicar for Renewal and Development, has been meeting with parish groupings sharing with priests, deacons and lay leaders the vision and work that the renewal entails. Because it is important for all parishioners to be aware of the Renewal work at hand, Fr. Bryan will help keep everyone up to date with bi-weekly updates regarding where we are in the process. The Renewal offers creative ways to respond to changing trends in our church, while addressing and responding to the needs of parishes. Visit www.roadtorenewal.org for the latest updates and to stay informed about the Diocese of Buffalo’s Road to Renewal.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3314.00
Loose.....	\$1213.00
Ascension.....	\$50.00
Easter.....	\$10.00
Maintenance/Repair	\$423.00
Fuel.....	\$10.00
Total.....	\$5020.00

The collection taken at the 2:30 pm Mass is not included.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.”


Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can’t find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It’s a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don’t really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you’re guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they’re doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he’s doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here’s the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That’s what you’re looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn’t really find the lost things. He finds the lost people. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



**KNIGHTS
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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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 Kusowski - 532-5397.

HOLY LAND GIFTS

There will be a display inside the church of handmade, hand carved articles for sale on **June 12 and 13th**. Some of the available items will be: Nativity Scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the Last Supper and many other beautiful religious articles. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families whom make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious items. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension and oppression.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Buffalo to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

WANT TO REQUEST A MASS?

There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit the souls of our loved ones living and departed. Many times Masses are requested for the dead, but you may request a Mass to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, sacrament or for someone's special intentions. A Mass may also be requested for someone who is sick or suffering. Please call the rectory at 532-5100 if you would like to schedule a Mass. There is a stipend of \$15 requested for each Mass.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.
Case No. 20-10322**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855)292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God.

"God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows! ©LPi

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ," writes St. Paul. So many people are unprepared for their eternal judgment! If only there were more ministers of God to remind and admonish the world. Perhaps God is calling you to this mission? Fr. Dave can help direct you at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 12—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 p.m. William Hojnacki † by Dorothy Holocinski

Sunday, June 13—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Fr. Innocent Diala, the Diala Family and the Community in Nigeria that are being persecuted, as requested by Margaret Davis

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

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Monday, June 14

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

Tuesday, June 15

8:30 a.m. Michael Rogers † by Helen and Peter

Wednesday, June 16

8:30 a.m. John Sisson † by Helen and Peter

Thursday, June 17

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Friday, June 18

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

Saturday, June 19

4:30 p.m. Lindsay Ann Rebmann † by Mom, Dad and Family

Sunday, June 20—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

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

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 19/20

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Pat Volk

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Kevin Regan

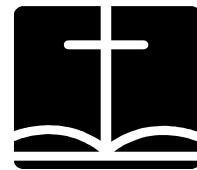
9:30 AM

Altar Server: Weston Bolen

Lector: Wendy Samick

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other _____

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