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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JULY 4, 2021 • THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

*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.



Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. - Mk 6:4-5 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: **Joan Cain, Leo Gassman, Frank Kusiowski 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...

**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

God Bless America! We are “one nation, under God, indivisible,” but people often forget that middle part. We need priests, deacons, religious, and lay ministers to remind us of our sacred duties to God & country. Is God inviting you to a Church vocation? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**3500 CLUB**

If you have a ticket and have not paid, please send your payment in as soon as possible. There are several 3500 Club tickets available for the Fall 2021 drawing. Please contact the rectory at 532-5100 if you would like to participate.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**


Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2021.00
Loose.....	\$268.00
Maintenance/Repair .....	\$75.00
Ascension.....	\$25.00
Mission Co-op.....	\$211.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2700.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**The Prophecy of You and Me**

Prophet. There’s a heaviness to this word. It’s weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don’t. When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you’re thinking. What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it’s uncomfortable, even when it’s unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, “weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints.” A prophet doesn’t have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn’t even have to be particularly willing. All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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 Kusiowski - 532-5397.

## 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.

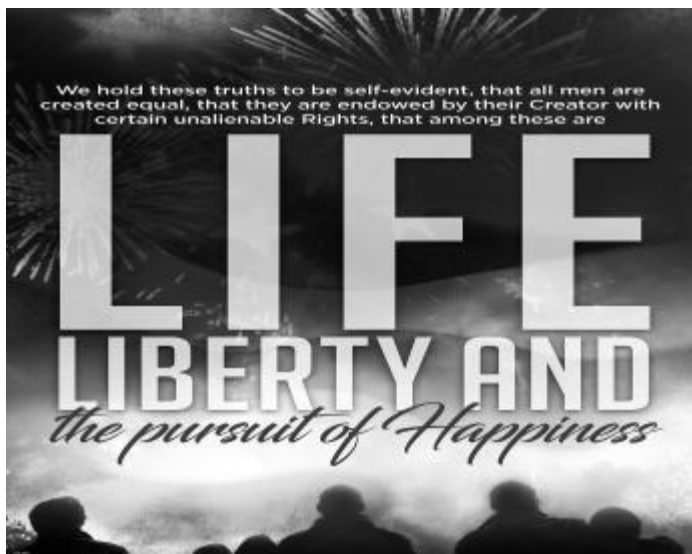
## WHERE IS JESUS IN THE RENEWAL?

The Road to Renewal means that we have to take a hard look at ways in which our Diocese and parishes have not responded to the mission of Jesus. The Renewal must be about introducing people to Jesus Christ, inviting them to become missionary disciples and journeying with them on their pilgrimage towards heaven. Our Renewal must be about saving souls! All of us can be better at this and our Renewal will help in our efforts.

## MISSION COOPERATIVE DRIVE

Jesus our Lord and Master charged each and every one of us Christians to be evangelizers: "Go out to the whole world and make disciples of all the nations." No one is exempt from this mission. That is precisely why some are missionaries by going to the Mission lands; others have become missionaries by giving to the Mission. Thank you for your fidelity to giving to the Missions. Please save the date: On the weekend of 24th and 25th of July 2021, there will be Mission Cooperative Collection for a foreign Mission that truly needs our help and support. The missionary priest will be coming to speak to us on that weekend; and collection will be taken at the end of the Masses. Parishes are doing the same thing for me, when I go to them to ask for help for my Nigerian people. I will be going to three parishes this year, between June and August. So please; extend the same generosity to whoever is coming. Thank you my Dear Parishioners for the anticipated support of the priest and his Mission.

**Father Innocent**



## GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and

precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either. ©LPi



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, July 3**

4:30 p.m. Sue Maggio † by Dave and Anne

**Sunday, July 4—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Charlie Emborski † by Gerry and Jacque Emborski

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

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, July 5**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

**Tuesday, July 6**

8:30 a.m. John Sisson † by Mary Rochez

**Wednesday, July 7**

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Debbie Sisson by Saint Joseph Church Parishioners

**Thursday, July 8**

8:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the Parysek Family † by Wanda

**Friday, July 9**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Saturday, July 10**

4:30 p.m. For the Special Intentions of Rev. Daniel Ulmer by the Gugino Family

**Sunday, July 11—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mary Nagel † by the Purdy Family

9:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Father Innocent by Peter and Helen

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**July 10/11**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Ava Valone

Lector: Logan Lukonaitis

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Max Comstock

**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Daniel Stang

Lector: Monica Reid

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

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



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

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