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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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JULY 11, 2021 • THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

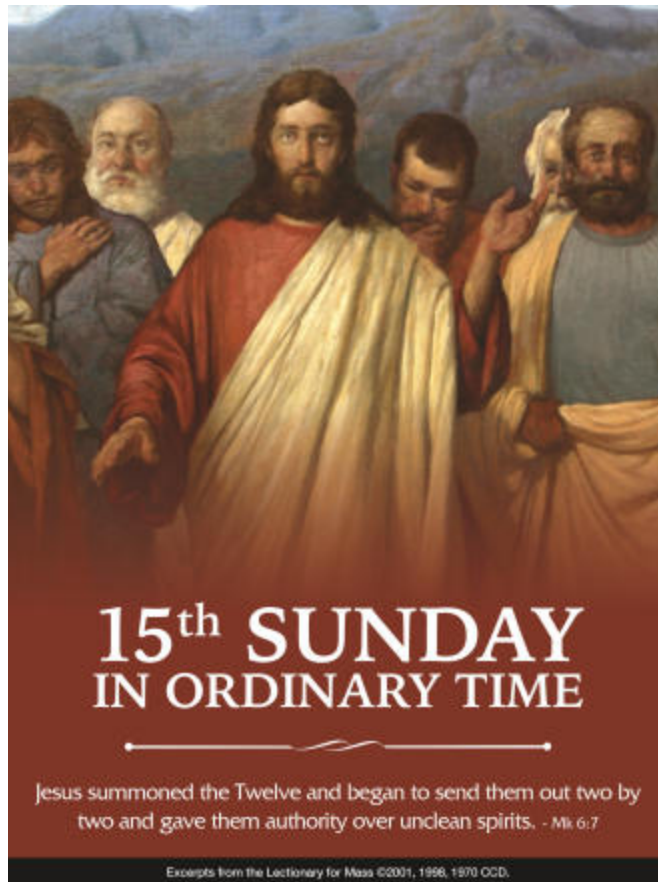
Canceled or postponed until further notice.

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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.



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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

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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.



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13 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, Peter Johnson, Justin Regan, Beatrice and Donald Swanson, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, Mike Wesley, and Joe Cook.** For those who have died...*Kathy Smith, Fr. Richard Celano.*

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Amos was just working his blue-collar job when “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people...’” God still calls people in this way, from all walks of life. If you feel the call to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit 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

Collection information was not available due to the early submission deadline of this bulletin.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don’t.


People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we’ve been — whether it’s a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we’re tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the “town” God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don’t let a past disappointment constrain you. Don’t allow yesterday’s failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today’s witness, whatever form it might take. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is kept lit to remind us of the presence of Christ in the Tabernacle. If you would like to reserve the candle for a special intention or to remember a loved one, please call the rectory at 532-5100. The cost is \$10/week.



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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.

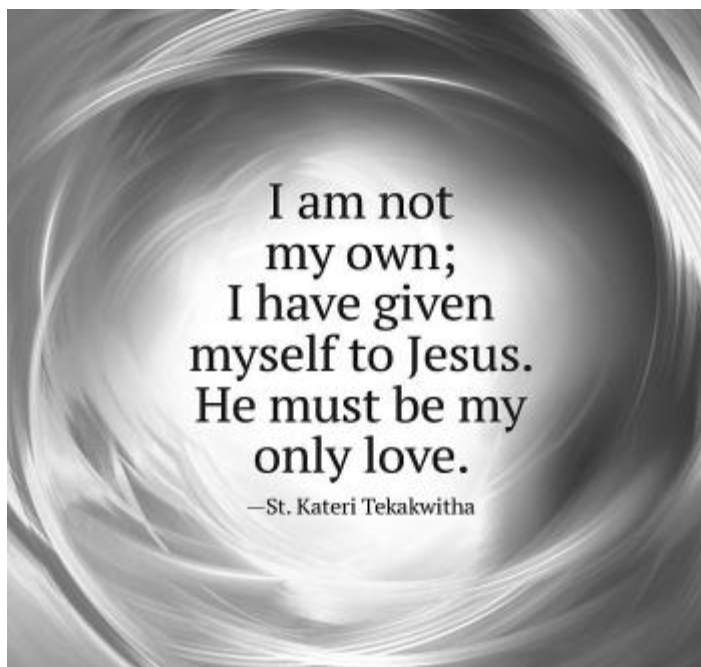
HOW DOES THE RENEWAL IMPACT MY PARISH?

Parishes are where ministry is lived. When our parishes are strong and vibrant, our church is strong and vibrant. The Renewal's focus is to strengthen our parishes by working together to develop collaboration among the parishes in a family. The Family of Parishes model allows parishes to work more collaboratively and capitalize on what each parish's strengths are. When we work together we are able to accomplish more of Jesus' mission. A Family of Parishes are parishes that are grouped together with a shared pastoral plan (mission) that they work together to accomplish. By working together resources and staffing are focused on the pastoral plan for all of the parishes within the family.

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



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take. ©LPi



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, July 12

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

Tuesday, July 13

8:30 a.m. Bill Hojnacki † by Wanda Filipiak

Wednesday, July 14—Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Thursday, July 15—Saint Bonaventure

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Mark and Laurel Smith by Mom

Friday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by the Dicembre Family

Saturday, July 17

4:30 p.m. Tom Peglowski † by Pat Rebmann and Family

Sunday, July 18—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joe Filipiak † by Bill and Karen

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

July 17/18

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Pat Volk

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Bob O'Connor

9:30 AM

Altar Server: Weston Bolen

Lector: Don Maziar

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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

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