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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JULY 25, 2021 • THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

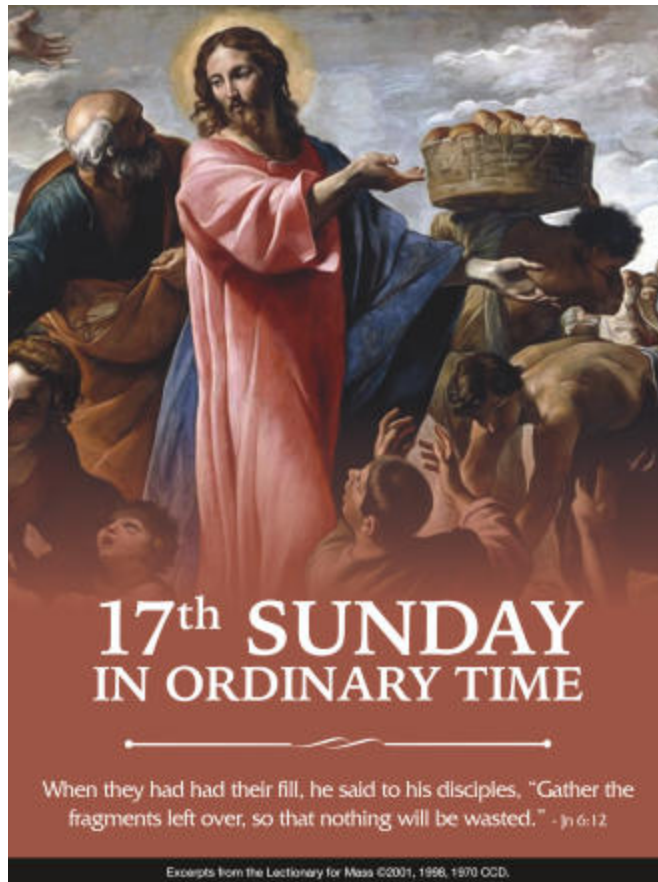
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**Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor**  
**Deacon Wally Samick**

### MASS SCHEDULE

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



## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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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 said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather

the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:10, 12 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, 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...

**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

St. Paul encouraged the Ephesians to "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." But what exactly is that calling? It's different for everyone. If your calling is a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3018.00
Loose.....	\$250.00
Maintenance/Repair .....	\$65.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$265.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3598.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**It's All in the Basket**


St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— 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.

## **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**

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FIRST FRIDAYS**

Adoration of our Lord will begin again at St. Joseph Church on August 6, 2021 from 9 am to 12 noon. It is a privilege to spend time with our Lord in the presence of the Eucharist. Please come and spend an hour or just few minutes with Jesus. This time can unleash God's grace in our lives and bring us closer to Him.

## **SAVE THE DATE: ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th, and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. This will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, October 24. Please look for further details from your parish. If you have any questions, call 716-847-2205.

## **REQUESTING 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.

## **WORD OF LIFE**

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

## **GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**



### **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do

something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that. ©LPi

## **3500 CLUB**

If you have a ticket for the Fall 2021 drawing and have not paid, please send your payment in as soon as possible.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, July 24**

4:30 p.m. William Hojnacki † by the Purdy Family

**Sunday, July 25—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

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

9:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by Darryl and Darlene  
Mammoser

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, July 26—Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

**Tuesday, July 27**

8:30 a.m. Joseph Filipiak † by Family

**Wednesday, July 28**

8:30 a.m. Sofie Badurek † by Lisa Towne

**Thursday, July 29—Saint Martha**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, July 30**

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

**Saturday, July 31—Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

4:30 p.m. For the Special Intentions of Lily Donahue  
by the Comstock Family

**Sunday, August 1—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 a.m. Angela Herrington † by Family

9:30 a.m. Anne Szymanski † by Estate

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**July 31/August 1**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dr. Greco

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Yisel Dominguez

Lector: Mary O'Leary

**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Lisa Rebmann

**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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