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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

AUGUST 15, 2021 • THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

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.



“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me

blessed.” - Lk 1:46-48 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the Special Intentions of *Carol Regan and Family*.

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: **Carol Regan, 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, and Mike Wesley.** For those who have died...

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Sunday we celebrate the very special reward Jesus prepared for His mother's faithfulness. God always rewards those who serve Him with inexplicable joy. What is His plan for you? If it involves a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be no August meeting of the Knights of Columbus. The next meeting will be Monday, September 20th. All members are strongly urged to attend this meeting as the future of our council will be discussed.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 8, 2021

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| Offertory Envelopes..... | \$5582.00 |
| Loose..... | \$174.00 |
| Maintenance/Repair | \$167.00 |
| Fuel..... | \$100.00 |
| Diocesan Priest's Retirement..... | \$1041.00 |
| Total..... | \$7064.00 |

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— 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.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples who have celebrated or will celebrate their 50th, 60th, and 70th Anniversaries of Marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass at **St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows. Following Mass, the opportunity to take photographs with the anniversary couples will take place in the Lady Chapel. Please call our rectory here at St. Joseph Church, Gowanda (532-5100) if you would like to attend or if you cannot attend but would like to be remembered at Mass and receive a certificate. If you have any questions, call the Buffalo Diocese Office of Pastoral Ministries at 716-847-2205.

HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is September 17-19, 2021.

DAILY MARRIAGE TIP

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the Bread of Life; who ever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'" (John 6:35) If you and your family have hit hard financial times, do not despair. God will provide. Trust in Him to provide for your family.

BAPTISM



Madelyn Oneil Regan daughter of Brian and Leanne has been baptized in the Name of the Trinity and has received the new life of Christ. May God always keep her secure in His divine love.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition assistance is available to St. Joseph parishioners who have children attending a Catholic elementary school or high school. Please send your request to Father Innocent in writing including the name of the child and the school they will be attending.

WALK FOR RECOVERY

Clean Sober and Saved is having a Walk for Recovery on **Saturday, August 21st**. Walkers will meet at the Love INC Gathering Place at **10 am**. Sponsor sheets are available at the Love INC office. Call Percy at 378-5084 for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Love INC is collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year for children in the Gowanda area. Items can be dropped off at the 2nd Chance Clothing and More store at 15 W. Main Street in Gowanda, Mon, Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 9 am to 1 pm. Thank you for your support.

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light

our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need. ©LPi





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 14 — Saint Maximilian Kolbe

4:30 p.m. Howard Purdy † by the Purdy Family

**Sunday, August 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by John and Debi Rebmann
and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Monday, August 16

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

Tuesday, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Thursday, August 19

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

Friday, August 20 — Saint Bernard

8:30 a.m. Rev. James Haran † by the Comstock Family

Saturday, August 21 — Saint Pius X

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Our
Blessed Mother Mary by Frank Kusiowski

**Sunday, August 22 — Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Utley † by the Comstock Family

9:30 a.m. John Sisson † by Bill and Karen

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 21/22

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Braylynn Orth

Lector: Pat Volk

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Max Comstock

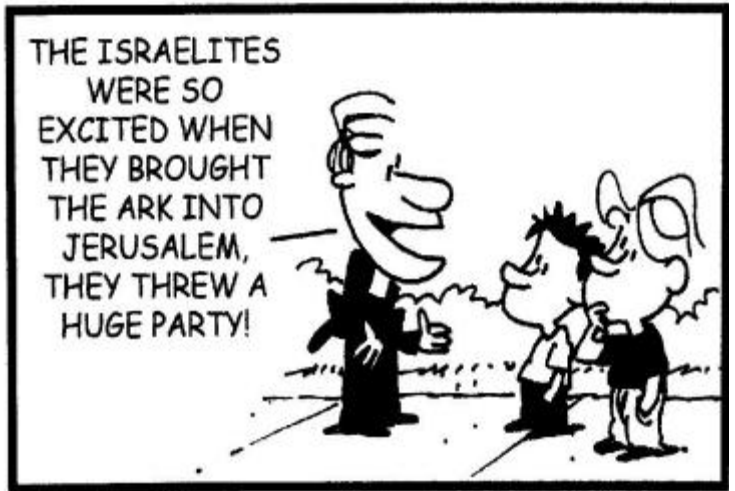
9:30 AM


Altar Server: Hayley Stang

Lector: Don Maziar

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

ASSUMPTION





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