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AUGUST 29, 2021 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

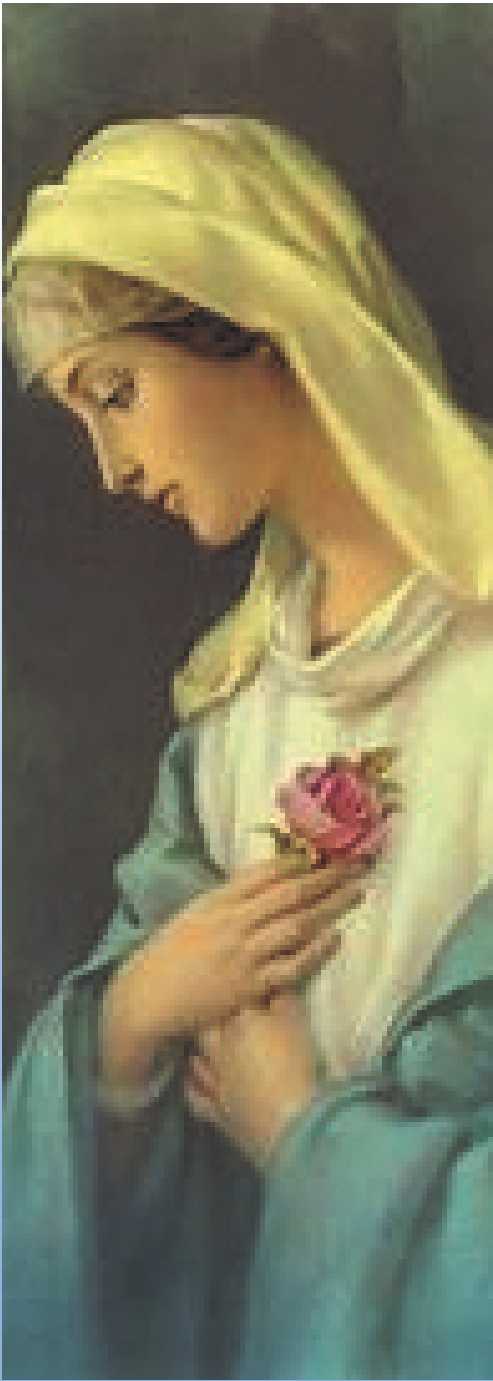
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Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor
Deacon Wally Samick

MASS SCHEDULE

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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Scenes from the Lectio for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCCO

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.



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defile.” - Mk 7:14-15 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Tom Peglowski** as requested by *Carol Leonard*.

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...*Mary Frances Vantino*

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As Catholics, we believe that God has shown us the best way to live. Who will share God’s plan for fulfillment with those who are lost? If you feel called to take up this mission, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille can help. Call (716) 474-9371 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is September 17-19, 2021.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2999.00
Loose.....	\$295.00
Assumption.....	\$60.00
Maintenance/Repair	\$80.00
Fuel.....	\$450.00
Diocesan Priest’s Retirement.....	\$140.00
Respect Life.....	\$10.00
Total.....	\$4034.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what’s owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery. But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that’s robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that’s justice. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



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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.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Father Innocent will anoint the sick every First Friday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass and before Adoration begins.

ADORATION OF OUR LORD

Adoration will take place on the First Friday of September, **September 3rd 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 a few minutes with Jesus. "How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at his feet." – St. John Vianney

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP FISHER

"The Diocese is fully focused on fulfilling what this process initiated by the Child Victims Act is all about, namely, bringing about a sense of restitution, closure and healing for those who were abused by members of the clergy. This is a tragedy of truly epic proportions and as I have maintained since day one as bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo, it is of paramount importance to deal with these allegations forthrightly and to work to repair the enormous damage that has been done not only to the reputation of the Church here in Western New York, but most importantly to the lives of those affected.

"The process now continues and will be a protracted one as we work through the legal requirements with the court-appointed creditors' committee, which of course includes abuse survivors. We will also be working with the various insurance carriers of the Diocese as we address the financial implications of these many claims. It is my hope and fervent prayer – and I know the hope of many of the Faithful across our Diocese – that we can move forward and ultimately bring a close to this very painful and sordid chapter which in no way obscures the tremendous good accomplished each and every day by our Church and those who live faithfully the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

– Bishop Michael W. Fisher

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a

disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 28 — Saint Augustine

4:30 p.m. Tom Peglowski † by Bob and Esther Lennertz

Sunday, August 29 — Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jerry Rochez † by the Rochez Family
9:30 a.m. Jim Rebmann Sr. † by his Wife and Family
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Monday, August 30

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

Tuesday, August 31

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

Wednesday, September 1

8:30 a.m. Rich Ulmer † by Phyllis and Family

Thursday, September 2

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Friday, September 3 — Saint Gregory the Great

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

Saturday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 5 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by Russ, Sue and Family
9:30 a.m. Frank Masley. † by Sarah and Family
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 4/5

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Logan Lukonaitis

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Mary O'Leary

9:30 AM

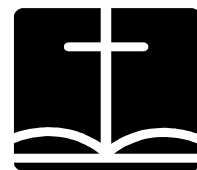
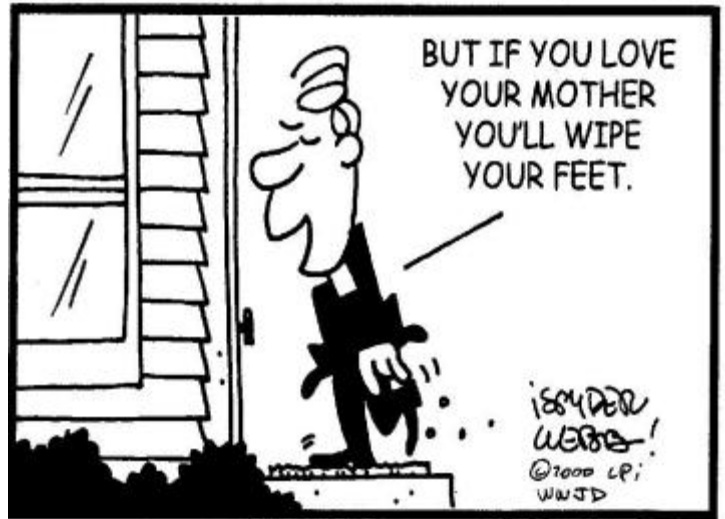
Altar Server: Daniel Stang

Lector: Lisa Rebmann

Eucharistic Minister: Helen Zimmermann

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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- Change of Address
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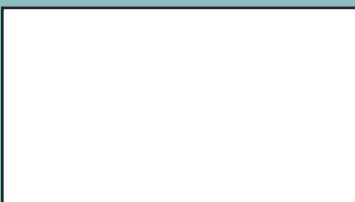
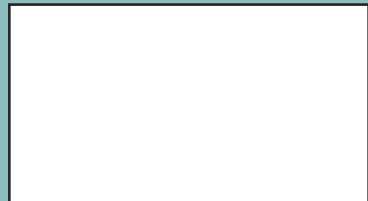
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