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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

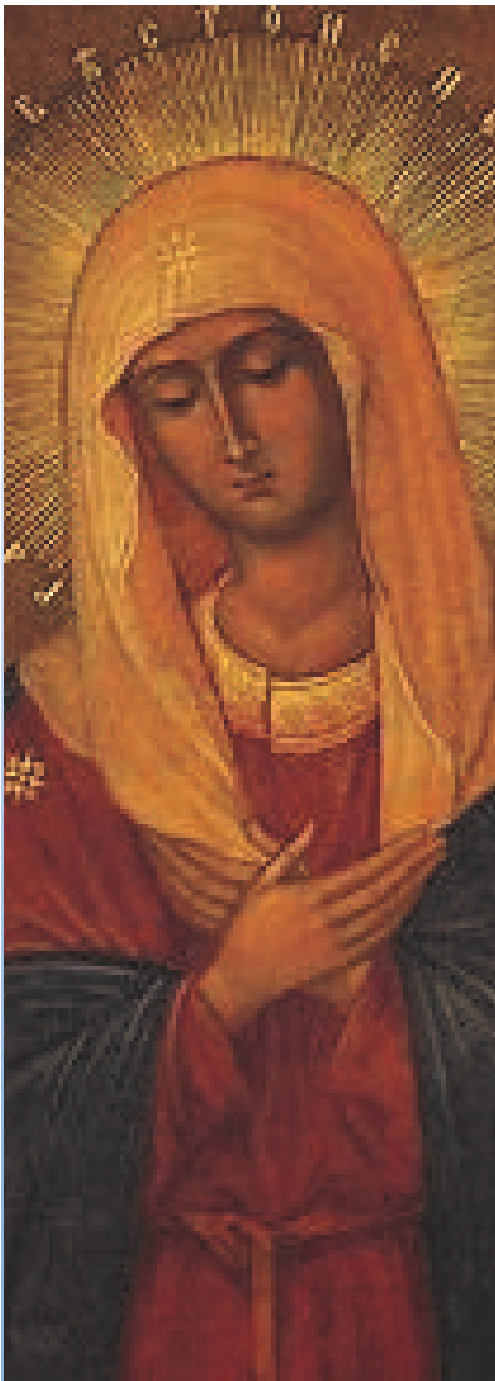
*Canceled or postponed until further notice.*

**Rectory:** 26 Erie Ave. • 532-5100 • **Fax:** 532-4096 • **Hours:** M-F 9 am to 2 pm  
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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.



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and,

spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “*Ephphatha!*”—that is, “Be opened!” - Mk 7:32-34 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Edmund Mende Sr.** as requested by *Bob and Carolyn Rebmann 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...

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah’s message today is powerful: “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... He comes to save you.” By Jesus, we are saved from hopelessness in this life and from death in the next life. What an incredible deal — worth devoting your life to it! If you have the courage to do this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

*The Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021*

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3230.00
Loose.....	\$223.00
Assumption.....	\$20.00
Maintenance/Repair .....	\$130.00
Fuel.....	\$70.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3673.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Choosing Deafness**

If you’re a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child’s annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there’s something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn’t listen to me? ‘Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don’t touch that’ — she isn’t being naughty, she just can’t hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They’re just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— *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.

## **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.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**ATTENTION.... ATTENTION.... ATTENTION**

**Faith Formation is in need of a 9th grade catechist. Please call Wilma Parry 716/229-2043 immediately.**

Fall 2021-22 Faith Formation will begin on Saturday 9/25/21 with the Kick-Off (Campfire Tales) at St. Joseph Church (on lawn) at 5:30 to 7 pm (immediately after the 4:30 pm Mass). Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, etc. and your singing voices! Plan on roasting marshmallows, listening to Bible stories and having a fun time together! Please RSVP to 532-5100.

In person classes will resume (temperature checks and masks required) the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Sundays of **EVERY** month and a new "Generations of Faith", whole family gathering, will be held the **THIRD** Sunday of **EVERY OTHER** month.

Registration packets have been mailed, please call the Rectory at 532-5100 if you did not receive one! **CALENDARS** will be ready for pickup at the **KICK-OFF** (Campfire Tales) event.

ALSO: Please note that my home phone has changed to 716/229-2043.

## **CATECHIST COMMISSIONING CEREMONY**

Please attend the Sunday, 9:30 am Mass on September 19, 2021 to support this year's Catechists, who will be commissioned to teach our children and share their own personal love for our Catholic Faith: Karen McAndrew, Mary O'Leary, Molly Dalimonte, Tony Comstock, and Jenny Comstock, instructor of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children ages 3 to 6 yrs.

## **FALL FAMILY DANCE**

Featuring: Crash Cadillac (Donnie Vee) at the Gowanda Moose Lodge, 201 Aldrich Street in Gowanda. Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 7 pm to 10 pm. Tickets are \$8 per person and are available at the door. Ages 14 and under are free. Call Bob or Linda to reserve a table at 532-5102. There will be raffles, a cash bar and food available to purchase. This event is open to the public and is sponsored by the St. Joseph RC Church "Faith and Fun Bunch".

## **GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**



### **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight. Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change. ©LPi

## **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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, September 6**

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

**Tuesday, September 7**

8:30 a.m. Sue Maggio † by Dave and Anne

**Wednesday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m. Edna Weinholtz † by Pat Rebmann

**Thursday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, September 10**

8:30 a.m. Margaret Bobsein † by Keith and Donna

**Saturday, September 11**

4:30 p.m. David, Brian, and Kevin Reid † by Marilyn  
Reid

**Sunday, September 12 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Bob and Norma Emborski † by Gerry and  
Jacque Emborski  
9:30 a.m. Edmund Mende Sr. † by the Mende Children  
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**September 11/12**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dave Wiens

Eucharistic Minister: Anne Wiens

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Jud Foy

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Christopher

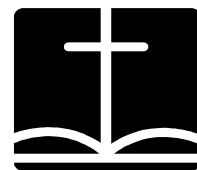
**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Weston Bolen

Lector: Monica Reid

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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