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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

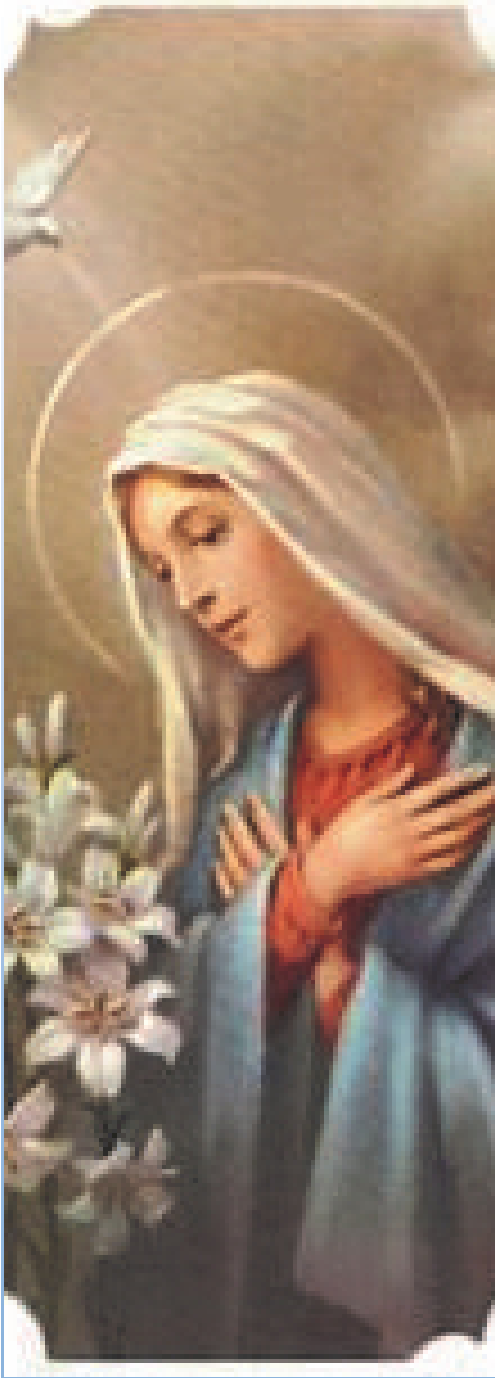
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Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor
Deacon Wally Samick

MASS SCHEDULE

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



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.



At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:33-34 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: **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...

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Jesus challenges us to take up our cross and follow Him. Is He leading you to the sacrificial life of a religious sister or brother, or the priesthood? 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

Collection information unavailable due to the early submission deadline of this bulletin.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Can You Walk the Walk?

I’ve met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn’t want anything to do with the Church, the term “accountability” would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn’t just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we’re the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that’s a different story, isn’t it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends “Satan” when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I’ll bet it’s not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, “You are the Christ.” And now, mere moments later, he’s saying: “Don’t say these things. Don’t say you’re going to suffer. Don’t say you’ll be killed.”

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It’s just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He’s asking you to be open to it. Maybe it’s not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don’t think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be

skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them. ©LPi

LOVE INC

There will be a Walk for Love INC Fundraiser on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Gowanda Moose Lodge on Aldrich Street. The Walk starts at 11 am followed by a free community lunch at 12 noon and drawings at 1 pm for a 55" TV, a Blackstone Grill, Dinner and Overnight at Salvatore's Grand Hotel and more! Tickets are \$10.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, September 13—Saint John Chrysostom

8:30 a.m. All Souls †

Tuesday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Bob and Cindy Peglowski by Mom

Thursday, September 16—Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Friday, September 17

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

Saturday, September 18

4:30 p.m. For the Special Intentions of Bill and Joan Cain by Dave and Anne

Sunday, September 19—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For All Alzheimers Patients and Families by Bob, Carolyn and Family

9:30 a.m. Tom Peglowski † by Dave and Lynn Hammond

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 18/19

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Pat Volk

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Max Comstock

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

9:30 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Nancy Johnson

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

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