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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

OCTOBER 3, 2021 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 2

3:00 pm.....Blessing of the Animals

8:00 pm....AA Meeting, Church basement

Monday, October 4

1:00 pm.....Grief Support, School Building

Tuesday, October 5

1:00 pm.....Prayer Group

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon

Wednesday, October 6

9 am.....Bible Study

Saturday, October 9

8:00 pm....AA Meeting, Church basement

Sunday, October 10

9:30 am-10:30 am.....Youth Mass

10:30 am-11:30 am....All Faith Formation Classes

10:30 am-11:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class

Monday, October 11

Rectory Closed.....Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 12

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon, School Building

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 am.....Bible Study

Thursday, October 14

11:00 am to 1:00 pm.....Catholic Charities Parking Lot Pop-Up, St. Joes parking lot



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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.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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SICK CALLS: Anytime. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday at 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

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.



“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no

human being must separate.” - Mk 10:7-9 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **James and Agnes Hall** as requested by *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: **Patricia Leonard, Dorothy Selan, Mary Stelley, Carol Regan, Joan Cain, Leo Gassman, Frank Kusowski 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus taught many things in the Bible that are hard to accept, things our society would rather not listen to. It takes courage to preach an unpopular message. If you feel that calling to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 -847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

PARKING LOT POP-UP

Catholic Charities will be here at St. Joseph Church parking lot on **Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 11 am to 1 pm** handing out free care bags. Drive in and meet the team members and learn more about their services. Please spread the word!

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2617.00
Loose Money.....	\$284.00
Assumption.....	\$25.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$80.00
Diocesan Priest's Retirement.....	\$20.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation.....	\$282.00
Building Fund.....	\$50.00
Total.....	\$3358.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Therein lies the...rib

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*


I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— 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 Kusowski - 532-5397.

BIBLE STUDY

We will begin a new study on Wednesday, October 6. It's a ten session series using the book Psalms: The School of Prayer. Dr. Tim Gray goes in depth on how we can pray using the Biblical Psalms. We meet in the school at 9:00 am (after Mass). All are Welcome!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Faith Formation class for 3 to 6 year olds offered here at St. Joes. Please call the rectory at 532-5100 to register.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

As Autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Our church will have this ceremony on **Saturday, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m.** on the steps in the front of the church.

ST. ALOYSIUS REGIONAL SCHOOL

St. Aloysius Regional School is in need of teachers for 3rd grade, Junior High-Science, and Junior High-Social Studies. If you or someone you know has the ability and desire to help the student STARS grow, please contact Principal David O'Brian at 592-7002.

3500 CLUB FALL PARTY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following 3500 Club Ticket Winners (all \$30 winners except where indicated)

Week #7

#104 Paula Rosen

#208 Ada Gabel

Week #8

#1 Olive Stang

#59 Paula Rosen

Week #9

#137 Lisa Marrano

#280 Pat Herman

Week #10

#148 Johnny Bartlett Jr.

#105 Patricia Rebmann

Week #10 \$50 Winners

#263 Patricia Rebmann

#244 Joyce Gemmill

#108 Ronald Lillie

#109 Chester Grudzien

Week #11

#18 Barry Hager

#274 Tony and Jenny Comstock

Week #12

#86 Joanne Sisti

#98 Joshua Cook

LOVE INC

Love Inc. is looking for donations of desserts, individual drinks and individual packages of chips for their Free Community Lunch being held at the Gowanda Moose at 12 noon on Saturday, October 16. Donations can be dropped off at the Moose on that morning. Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your

spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey! ©LPi

FALL FAMILY DANCE

Featuring: Crash Cadillac 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. 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".



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Sunday, October 3—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Daniel J. Reirdon † by Lisa Towne

9:30 a.m. Mary Francis Vantino † by Sarah Steffen and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Monday, October 4—Saint Francis of Assisi

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

Tuesday, October 5

8:30 a.m. Terry Heider † by Connie Johnson

Wednesday, October 6

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Thursday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 a.m. Julius Szymanski † by Estate

Friday, October 8

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

Saturday, October 9

1:00 p.m. Wedding of Tom Ruper and Rebecca Stang

4:30 p.m. Tom Stelley † by Kathy Stelley

Sunday, October 10—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Shylor Jones Butierez † by Gramma Connie

9:30 a.m. Mary Francis Vantino † by the Purdy Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 9/10

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Pat Volk

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Sheibley

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Mary O'Leary

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Christopher

9:30 AM

Altar Server: Weston Bolen

Lector: Lisa Rebmann

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other _____

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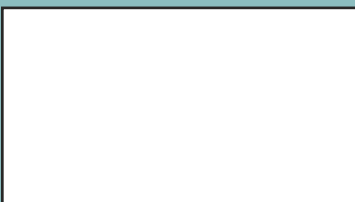
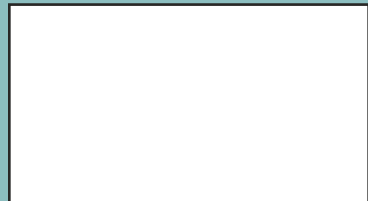
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