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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

OCTOBER 10, 2021 • TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

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....Coffee and Faith Fellowship for Adults, school

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

10:30 am-11:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class (CGS), school

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

Saturday, October 16

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

Monday, October 18

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

7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, October 19

1:00 pm.....Prayer Group

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

Wednesday, October 20

9:00 am.....Bible Study

3:30 pm.....St. Vincent De Paul Meeting

Friday, October 22

Raffle Baskets due to the Rectory by 2 pm

Saturday, October 23

5:30 pm Basket Raffle, Church basement

5:30 pm....**3500 Club Party**, Church Basement

8:00 pm.....AA Meeting, school

Sunday, October 24

9 am & 10:30 am Basket Raffle, basement

10:30 am-11:30 am....Coffee and Faith Fellowship for Adults, school

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

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

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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.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

Excerpted from the Lectorian for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC)

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.



“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus

looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” - Mk 10:21c-23 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Phyllis Elvers** as requested by *the Minnick 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: **Don DeHos, Mark Clark, Patricia Leonard, Mary Stelley, 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...*Dorothy Selan.*

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your faith is worth more than gold, precious gems, or bitcoin. Faith is the only investment that lasts for eternity. How will you manage this precious commodity of grace? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Carol Sheibley for being the recipient of the Gowanda Central School Hall of Fame Distinguished Educator Award! You are an inspiration Carol, and we are blessed that you are one of us!

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3891.00
Loose Money.....	\$577.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$388.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation.....	\$70.00
Respect Life.....	\$346.00
Total.....	\$5272.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If Heaven were like Harvard

There’s no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you’re rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you’ve got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn’t this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn’t Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let’s say I’ve got a lot of talent. Maybe I’ve got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (2021-22)

St. Joseph Church will begin a new RCIA Program for the Fall of 2021. If anyone has an interest in knowing more about the Catholic Faith and have thought about becoming a Catholic, call the Rectory at 716-532-5100 to register for the Fall Program.

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".

FAITH AND FUN BUNCH NEWS

The Faith and Fun Bunch is planning a basket raffle to be held after Masses and as a part of our Crash Cadillac Dance on November 6th. We are asking our parishioners for help by donating a basket for the raffle. Baskets can be dropped off at the rectory by October 22nd. We are planning to use the proceeds towards the costs of maintaining St. Joseph Church. More details to follow! Please attend our Crash Cadillac Dance at the Moose on November 6th. Thank you in advance for donating baskets for our basket raffle!!! We are planning to have the basket raffle available after Masses for our parishioners and any guests in late October and early November. We will be drawing the winners after the Crash Cadillac Dance. You do not need to be present to win.

3500 CLUB FALL PARTY WINNERS

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

Week #13

#246 James Murdock and Mike Cook Sr.

#272 Jason Pickering

Week #14

#16 Joseph and Megan Cook

#66 Marilyn Purdy

Week #15

#35 Francis Joe Gernatt

#56 Jonathan Tharnish

Week #16

#175 Julie Schuster

#173 Mark Troutman

Week #17

#206 Ron Andolsek

#258 Charlie and Dale Koch

Week #18

#203 Mary Ann Langless

#231 Jean Peglowski

Week #19

#130 Joyce Seneca

#71 Mary Stelley

The 3500 Club Party is being planned for Saturday, October 23rd after the 4:30 pm Mass! Please join us!

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be

expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust. ©LPi

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!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 9

10:00 a.m. Funeral of Dorothy Selan
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

Monday, October 11

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Russ and Sue Rebmann by Mom

Tuesday, October 12

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

Wednesday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Selan † by Dorothy

Thursday, October 14

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Friday, October 15—Saint Teresa of Jesus

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

Saturday, October 16

4:30 p.m. Kenneth Volk † by Wife and Family

Sunday, October 17—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate
9:30 a.m. Frank Gibson † by Pat Rebmann and Family
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 16/17

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server
Lector: Dr. Greco
Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

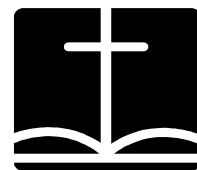
8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server
Lector: Jud Foy
Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

9:30 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server
Lector: Monica Reid
Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

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

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