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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 • THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 6

11:00 am.....Memorial Mass for Werner Stang, reception to follow in Church basement.

7:00 pm.....Crash Cadillac Dance and Basket Raffle Drawings, Gowanda Moose

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

Tuesday, November 9

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon Meeting, school

Wednesday, November 10

9:00 am.....Bible Study

Thursday, November 11—Veterans Day

Rectory Closed

Saturday, November 13

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

Sunday, November 14

9:30 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, school

Monday, November 15

1 pm.....Grief Support, school

Tuesday, November 16

1 pm.....Prayer Group, school

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon Meeting, school

Wednesday, November 17

9:00 am.....Bible Study

Saturday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 21

10:30 am to 12 Noon....Generations of Faith,/Advent/St. Nick, Church basement

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.



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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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.



Many rich people put in large sums. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed

from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.” - Mk 12:41c, 43-44 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: **Becky Mowry, Patricia Leonard, Mary Stelley, Carol Regan, Joan Cain, Leo Gassman, 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...*Mark Clark, Rev. James L. Fugle and Esther Dittenhofer.*

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You may not think you have much to offer the Church, but God can use small things to great effect! Recall the widow’s gift in today’s Gospel. Don’t let feelings of unworthiness prevent you from exploring God’s plan for your life.. Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

TURKEYS NEEDED

Both the Food Pantry and the Community Dinner are in need of turkeys. Please call 532-3541 to donate. Thank you for your help!

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3293.00
Loose Money.....	\$678.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$295.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$430.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$10.00
All Saints.....	\$422.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00
Christmas.....	\$15.00
Flowers.....	\$10.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$10.00
Total.....	\$5173.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you’re out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you’re out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have “the look” when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. “I’m out, God! I can’t do any more! Can’t give any more. Can’t take any more. It’s all gone.” But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don’t know how much we are capable of loving. We don’t know how much we are capable of serving. We don’t know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God “I’m done”? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He’s far from finished working. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

REQUESTING A MASS

There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit the souls of our loved ones living and departed. Many times Masses are requested for the dead, but you may request a Mass to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, sacrament or for someone's special intentions. A Mass may also be requested for someone who is sick or suffering. Please call the rectory at 532-5100 if you would like to schedule a Mass. There is a stipend of \$15 requested for each Mass.

WARM THE CHILDREN

Gowanda Love INC is sponsoring the Warm the Children program in the Southtowns area. This program provides new winter clothes for school age children in need. In addition to financial support they are looking for people to volunteer their time as shoppers for the program. Please call the Love INC office at 716-532-3541 to sign up.

RENEWAL LEADERS NEEDED!

“HERE I AM LORD! IT IS I LORD!”

Renewing the Diocese of Buffalo requires skilled leaders to move the Renewal Initiative forward. Now is the time for parishioners who have the needed skills and talents to demonstrate their discipleship by offering their time and talents.

The Renewal needs: Faith Filled People, Project Managers, IT Experts, Leaders/Managers.

So, if you have a Passion for the church, a few hours a week to give God and His people, a desire to participate in the **renewal of our diocese**. Please send a note describing your qualifications to: Renewal@buffalodiocese.org or mail to: Office of Renewal 795 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203.

MEN'S GROUP

The “Men of the Challenge”, a ministry of men from St. Aloysius, Epiphany & St. Joseph Gowanda parishes, invites the men of our parish to a Mass geared for men followed by breakfast. Come & grow in your appreciation for the beauty of the Mass. **Saturday, Nov. 13th at 8 am at St. Aloysius**. Please RSVP to Deacon Jeff (phone or text 716-432-8717) so that they can plan food.

HAM AND TURKEY PARTY

Hidi Hose #4 Fire Company will host a Ham and Turkey Party at the Hidi Fire Hall, 99 Beech Street, Gowanda on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given. For questions, feel free to call: Bob Tiller 532-5102 or Carol Sheibley 532-3494. Hope to see you there!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

All St. Joseph and St. Mary's parishioners and all Faith Formation Families are encouraged to attend this very informative and fun gathering on **Sunday, November 21st**. Begin with 9:30 am Mass and then the Church hall immediately after. **PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH-TO-PASS** to celebrate the beginning of Advent and meet St. Nicholas! It would be very helpful if you would call the rectory, 532-5100 with the number of people in your party and how many children (St. Nicholas usually provides gifts) plus what dish you will bring! **ALL ARE INVITED!**



GOSPEL MEDITATIONS



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech,

“But I am sure in the

families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts.”

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits. ©LPI



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 6

11:00 am Memorial Mass for Werner Stang †
4:30 p.m. For the Special Intentions of Rev. Daniel Ulmer
by the Gugino Family

Sunday, November 7—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate
9:30 a.m. Dorothy Selan † by Bob and Carolyn Rebmann
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Monday, November 8

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Tuesday, November 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Wednesday, November 10—Saint Leo the Great

8:30 a.m. Rose Tucker † by Pat Rebmann and Family

Thursday, November 11—Saint Martin of Tours

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

Friday, November 12—Saint Josaphat

8:30 a.m. John W. Herman † by Family

Saturday, November 13—Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

4:30 p.m. Danny Buckland † by his wife Elaine

Sunday, November 14—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Selan † by Howie and Shirley
9:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Pat Rebmann by John, Debi and Family
11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE **November 13/14**

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dr. Greco

Eucharistic Minister: Phyllis Ulmer

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Mary O'Leary

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Christopher

9:30 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Lisa Rebmann

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

3500 CLUB

The 3500 Club held their Fall 2021 party on October 23, 2021. The winners are listed below. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Amount	#	Winner
\$1000	187	John and Monica Reid
\$500	213	Pat Volk
\$100	246	James Murdoch and Mike Cook Sr.
\$100	186	Leo Gassman
\$100	298	Anne Kilian
\$100	93	Marilyn Reid
\$100	177	Ron and Alison Connolly
\$100	283	Valone Children
\$100	111	Tom and Pat Howard
\$100	99	Terry and Midge Lillie
\$50	270	Don Maziar
\$50	162	Jayne Post
\$50	247	Betty LeBar
\$50	3	Bill and Lisa Rebmann
\$50	92	Matt and Ashley Noecker
\$50	268	John and Monica Reid
\$30	39	Victoria and Angus Murdoch
\$30	113	Tony and Jenny Comstock

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