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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 • THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

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, school

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

Tuesday, November 23

6:00 pm....Free Community Thanksgiving Meal, Gowanda Moose, Drive-Thru Only

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

Wednesday, November 24

9:00 am.....Bible Study, school

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day...Rectory Closed

Friday, November 26,

Rectory Closed

Saturday, November 27

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

Sunday, November 28—Advent Begins

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

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

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Faith Formation: Wilma Parry 532-2520, reled@stjoesgowanda.com

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.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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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.



And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of

the sky." - Mk 13:26-27 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: **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...

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle! We are living in a time of great spiritual warfare. The prophet Daniel calls it "a time unsurpassed in distress." That sounds like 2021. Who will join the ranks of God's spiritual army, defending the vulnerable and combatting evil? If you're ready to answer this call, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

THANK YOU!

The Faith and Fun Bunch would like to thank everyone who donated baskets, and purchased tickets for the basket raffle. Thanks to St. Joseph parishioners, \$955.00 was raised! The proceeds will be put towards the costs of maintaining St. Joseph Church. Winners will be contacted.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3819.00
Loose Money.....	\$1250.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$438.00
All Saints.....	\$30.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$50.00
Catholic University.....	\$273.00
Total.....	\$5860.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP/PIZZA PARTY

When: November 16th, 5:30 pm. Where: Community Place, 1 School St. Suite #100, Gowanda, NY. What: We will be having a meet and greet/ pizza party for kinship families in the Gowanda area. This event is sponsored by Catholic Charities. Kinship care is the full time care, nurturing and protection of a child by relatives (example- Grandparent caring for grandchild fulltime). If interested in attending or if you're simply curious about our kinship program which offers family support services, please contact: jennifer.norton@ccwny.org, or call 716-372-0101 ext 212.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Community Thanksgiving Meal will be Tuesday, **November 23, 2021 at the Gowanda Moose**. Start time is 6 pm until food is gone. Take-Out Only. Delivery is available, but you must call 532-3541 ahead of time. Cooking Volunteers are needed for Sunday, 11/21 starting at 10 am, and Monday 11/22 at 10 am. Volunteers will be needed to package, bag, and load cars the night of the dinner (11/23) beginning at 5:15 pm.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Aloysius Regional School will be having a Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm** in the Parish Hall at 190 Franklin St. in Springville. There will be baked goods for sale, Trash to Treasure sale, Live/Fresh Wreath sale and a Baskets of Holiday Cheer raffle. Krolick's BBQ Chicken dinner will be available from 11 am to 3 pm. Take-out only chicken dinner includes two sides and a roll. Pre-sale tickets for dinner are \$12 and \$14 at the door. Call (716) 592-7002 for pre-sale tickets.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Mark your calendars - Sunday, November 21, 2021. All are invited to this informative and fun gathering. It begins with the 9:30 am Mass and then the Church Hall. PLEASE BRING A DISH-TO-PASS. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Please call the Faith Formation Coordinator! Call the Rectory to tell what dish you will bring, how many in your party plan to attend, including the number of children...St. Nicholas usually provides gifts!

LETTERS TO SANTA

St. Joseph Church and St. Mary's Church are inviting ALL parishioners, as well as Faith Formation Families, to participate in the Collins Center Seniors "LETTERS TO SANTA" Program. For every letter delivered to Macy's, they will donate \$1.00 per letter to the Make A Wish Foundation. The money from the letters stays in our local area. Please pick-up the forms at all entrances of the church and deliver them to the Faith Formation Coordinator by church collections, church rectory/outside mail slot, or call Wilma Parry, 716/229-2043 no later than December 1st. Let's join together and help others wishes come true!

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear. ©LPi

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!



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Rebmman by John, Debi and Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Monday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Wednesday, November 17—Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 a.m. Judith Mende † by Bob, Carolyn and Family

Thursday, November 18

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

Friday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Patricia Morton † and Family by Pat Herman

Saturday, November 20

4:30 p.m. William Hojnacki † by Allan and Becky Mowry

Sunday, November 21—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Jack and Joan Hoffman † by Gerry and Jacque Emborski

9:30 a.m. Harold † and Carol Leonard on their 70th Wedding Anniversary by Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 20/21

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Any Available

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Jud Foy

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

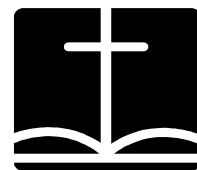
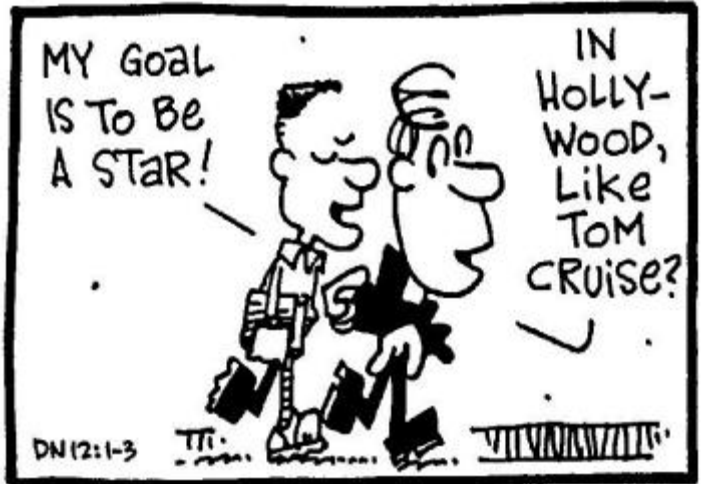
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Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Monica Reid

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

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

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