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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JANUARY 2, 2022 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 1— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:30 am.....Mass at St. Joseph Church
4:30 pm.....Mass at St. Joseph Church
8:00 pm.....AA Meeting, Church basement

Tuesday, January 4

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

Wednesday, January 5

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

Friday, January 7—First Friday

8:30 am..... Mass
9:00 am..... Anointing of the Sick
9:00 am to 12 Noon.....Adoration

Saturday, January 8

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

Sunday, January 9

9:30 am.....Youth Mass
10:30-11:30 am.....All Faith Formation Classes, school
10:30-11:30 am.....Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class, school
10:30-11:30 am.....Adult Faith Formation, school

Monday, January 10

Father Innocent's Birthday

Tuesday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 15

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

Sunday, January 16

10:30 am to 12 Noon....Generations of Faith, Church basement

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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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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.



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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, December 19

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2638.00
Loose Money.....	\$355.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$150.00
Fuel.....	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00
Flowers.....	\$594.00
Christmas.....	\$165.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$370.00
Total.....	\$4307.00

Collection information for Christmas and the weekend of December 26th was unavailable due to the early submission deadline of this bulletin.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.


One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*
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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...

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The greatest gift we can place before the newborn Jesus is the gift of our life’s work. What is He calling you to accomplish in your life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mask Mandate Reinstated for All Counties December 13, 2021 *On December 10, 2021, New York State announced a mask mandate for all indoor venues effective December 13, 2021 which will be reviewed January 15, 2022.*

Mask Mandate

At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo regardless of vaccination status. Parishes in the diocese are not authorized to screen for vaccinations, and so this mandate will apply to all who enter our worship spaces. As in the past, the only exception given to this will be for clergy and other liturgical ministers when they are fulfilling a significant speaking role. (They should maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others during these limited occasions.) This guidance will be revisited as the state reviews its policy on or about January 15, 2022 or if subsequent directives are issued by the diocese.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The "Men of the Challenge", a ministry of men from St. Aloysius, Epiphany & St. Joseph Gowanda parishes, invites the men of our parish to gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month to EAT, to LEARN more about our faith, & to be CHALLENGED to live as men of God each day. Join them for their upcoming gatherings: Jan. 8th, and Feb. 12th from 8 am to 9:15 am at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall—10893 Route 75 Langford. Please call or text your RSVP to Deacon Jeff at 716-432-8717.

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.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Father Innocent will anoint the sick every First Friday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass and before Adoration begins.

ADORATION OF OUR LORD

Adoration will take place on Friday, January 7, 2022 from 9 am to 12 noon. It is a privilege to spend time with our Lord in the presence of the Eucharist. Please come and spend an hour or just a few minutes with Jesus. "The only time our Lord asked His Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship." – *Venerable Fulton J. Sheen*

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.
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VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Love Inc. is unable to meet all the requests for transportation to medical appointments, because they do not have enough drivers. Please consider volunteering to drive. Call them at 716-532-3541. Thank You!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

9:30 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

4:30 p.m. Dorothy Selan † by Rose Kokel

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Bourgoine and
Washy Families † by Family

Monday, January 3

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Patricia
Rebmann by Mark and Laurel

Tuesday, January 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Wednesday, January 5—Saint John Neumann

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Thursday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Edward and Irene Kota † by Estate

Friday, January 7—First Friday

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Barbara
Galloway by Mom

9:00 a.m. Anointing of the Sick

9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Adoration

Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. For God's Continued Blessing of the Gernatt
Families and Company by St. Joseph Parish

9:30 a.m. Shirley Minnick † by Carol Leonard

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 8/9

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dr. Greco

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Paczos

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Bob O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Christopher

9:30 AM

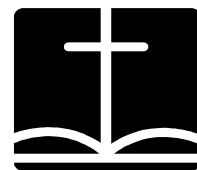
Altar Server: Chase Bolen

Lector: Youth Mass

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

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