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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

JANUARY 16, 2022 • 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, January 15

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

### Sunday, January 16

Generations of Faith—**Canceled**

### Monday, January 17

Rectory Closed

### Tuesday, January 18

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

### Saturday, January 22

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

### Sunday, January 23

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

### Tuesday, January 25

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

### Saturday, January 29

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



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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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.



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5  
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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the Special Intentions of *Joan Cain* as requested by *John and Monica*.

**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: **Crista Monat, Jay Bowers, Karen Swinson, 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...

**2021 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please contact the rectory at 716-532-5100 or email [rectory@stjoesgowanda.com](mailto:rectory@stjoesgowanda.com) if you would like your 2021 statement of financial contributions.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Back to Ordinary Time, where we strive to serve God faithfully with our daily labors. Is Jesus asking you to labor in the Vineyard to save souls, as a religious sister, brother, deacon or priest? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**January 1, 2022 New Years Day**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$470.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	\$363.00
Solemnity of Mary Loose.....	\$20.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$61.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$914.00</b>

**Sunday, January 2**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3250.00
Loose Money.....	\$101.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$307.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$295.00
Christmas.....	\$270.00
Flowers.....	\$75.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$20.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$100.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4418.00</b>

**Sunday, January 9**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4787.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	\$100.00
Maintenance and Repair Fund.....	\$170.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5057.00</b>

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**It Takes All Kinds**

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*  
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**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 gathering: March 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 **\$15.00** requested for each Mass.

**RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE**

Rural Transit Service, a not-for-profit transportation service, is looking for volunteers to service the seniors, disabled and low-income residents in rural Southern Erie County. Volunteer drivers need no special license to drive the RTS van and transport clients to medical appointments, grocery stores, senior centers and more! Dispatchers answer a one-line phone while scheduling appointments. RTS is open Monday—Friday, dispatch hours are 9am-1 pm and van hours are 8am—4 pm. Volunteers can choose a 4-hour shift, one day per week, or join as seasonal or back-up help. If you are an eligible resident who resides in the towns of Aurora, Brant, Boston, Colden, Collins, Concord, Eden, Elma, Evans, Gowanda, Holland, Marilla, Orchard Park, North Collins, Sardinia, Wales and would like free transportation, please call us today! Call. 716-472-6065 to volunteer or to register for service.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Don't delay your goals! If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education at 716-893-3500.** Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**3500 CLUB**

There is one ticket available for the next 3500 Club party. Please call the rectory if you are interested at 716-532-5100. If you have not sent in your payment for your 2022 Spring Party ticket/s, please drop it off at the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you!

**GOSPEL MEDITATIONS****The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly

arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

**YOUTH RALLY, MARCH AND MASS FOR LIFE**

Saturday, January 22, 2022

St. Gregory the Great Parish

200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

**3:30—4:15 pm** Youth Rally in Ministry Center

**4:15—5:15 pm** March for Life and Rosary on Maple Ave.

**5:30 pm** Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher celebrating Reception to follow in the Ministry Center.

All are welcome. Face coverings required. Please dress appropriately as march will happen regardless of weather. Groups are encouraged to make appropriate signs for the event.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, January 15**

4:30 p.m. Joseph S. Gugino † by the Gugino Family

**Sunday, January 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. John, Virginia, and Mark Regan † by Family

9:30 a.m. Dale Koch † by the Purdy Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, January 17—Saint Anthony**

8:30 a.m. All Souls

**Tuesday, January 18**

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

**Wednesday, January 19**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Thursday, January 20**

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

**Friday, January 21—Saint Agnes**

8:30 a.m. Joseph Filipiak † on the first anniversary of his death by his Mom

**Saturday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

4:30 p.m. Paul Kustas † by Sarah and Carolyn Steffen

**Sunday, January 23 -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. For God's Continued Blessing of the Gernatt Families and Company by St. Joseph Parish

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**January 22/23**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Don Maziar

Eucharistic Minister: Wilma Parry

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Mary O'Leary

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

**9:30 AM**

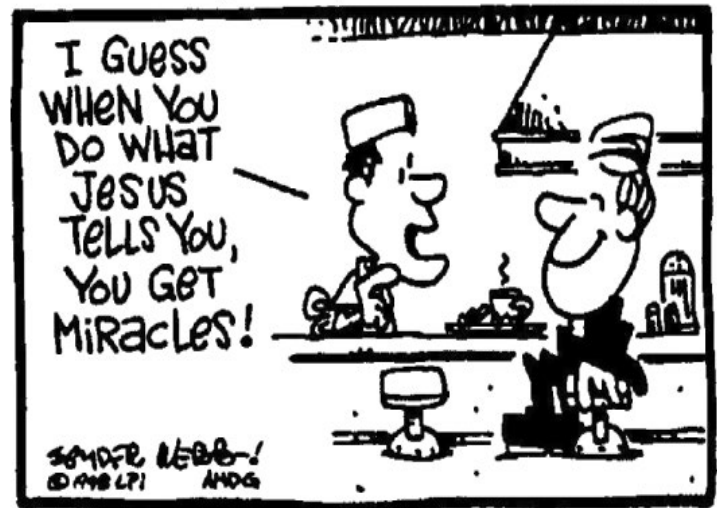
Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Wendy Samick

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

**Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve**

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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