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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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JANUARY 23, 2022 • 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, February 1

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

Friday, February 4

9:00 am.....Anointing of the Sick

9:00 am to Noon.....Adoration

Saturday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 8

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

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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.



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” - Lk 4:18a, 19

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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Dale Koch** 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, 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...**Paul Hageman, Mary Waterman-Linde, Patricia Leonard.**

2021 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives.” Jesus’ first sermon reminds us that so many in our culture are held captive by addictions. Priests have a special ability to set them free through the grace of Confession. Are you called to join this rescue mission? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection information was unavailable due to the early submission deadline of this bulletin.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn’t even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it’s at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can’t quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi.*

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ’s Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.uscb.org/catholic-relief.

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.

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: February 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.

MY SINCERE APPRECIATION

Beloved Parishioners,

I want to thank you from my heart for your gifts to me at Christmas and my Birthday – the cards, the food and the cash. You spoiled me!

I think a lot of what goes into making these gifts available to me—driving to the stores and taking time to sort out the recipes for the baked goods and the food; then the preparation and the baking and the cooking.

The same applies to the cards - the time it takes to drive to the store, choose the right card and the right message/wordings. The thought of these resolute efforts and sacrifice, make me deeply value and appreciate these gifts.

Thank you also for putting smiles on the faces of my Nigerian dependents - some of who may die if I do not send something. Thank you for fostering deep sighs of relief in these paupers.

May the Good Lord meet you at your own points of need! Amen!

Thank you very much my beloved ones.

Father Innocent

3500 CLUB

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!

TRICOUNTY CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

If you or anyone you know has children or grandchildren that are in need, please contact Alexandria Reid at the Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center, located in Gowanda, NY. The pregnancy center has many things to offer ranging from diapers and clothes to car seats and pack N plays. You can make an appointment by calling (716) 532-9738 or messaging the "Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center" directly on Facebook.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is kept lit to remind us of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. If you would like to reserve the candle for a special intention or to remember a loved one departed, please call the rectory at 716-532-5100. The requested donation is **\$10.00/week**.

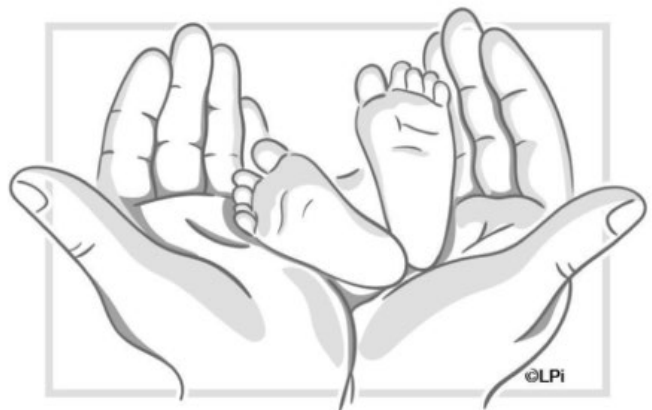
GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be

argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi





Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

Monday, January 24—Saint Francis de Sales

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Tuesday, January 25—Conversion of Saint Paul

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Karen Swinson
by Connie Johnson

Wednesday, January 26—Saints Timothy and Titus

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

Thursday, January 27

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

Friday, January 28—Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 a.m. Melissa Dispenza † by the Comstock Family

Saturday, January 29

4:30 p.m. Mary Linde † by the Purdy Family

Sunday, January 30-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Annette Gominiak † by Bob and Carolyn
Rebmann

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

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 29/30

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Dr. Greco

Eucharistic Minister: Buck Parry

8:00 AM

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Jud Foy

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Christopher

9:30 AM

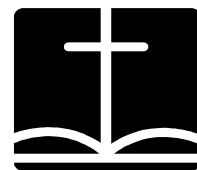
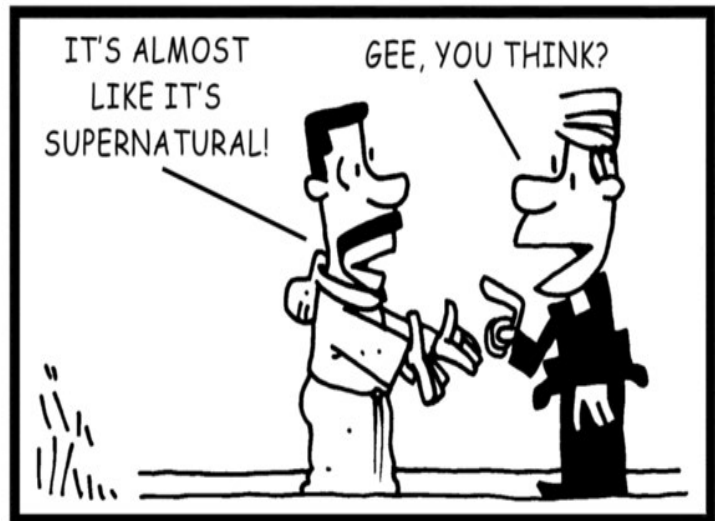
Altar Server: Weston Bolen

Lector: Nancy Johnson

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

Please call a substitute if you are unable to serve

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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