

# BLESSED SACRAMENT

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May 16, 2021

### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesday Mass: 6:30 pm

Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm, Wednesdays at 5:45pm and by appointment

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 8:30 am - Thursday 9:00 pm

### PARISH STAFF

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Martin Gallagher	Ext. 415
<b>In Residence (retired)</b>	Rev. Msgr. Leo F. McCarthy	Ext. 404
<b>Pastoral Associate</b>	Sr. Lucette Kinecki	Ext. 403
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<b>Faith Formation</b>		
<b>Grades K-4 CRE</b>	Lucy Stanton	
<b>Youth Ministry 5-11 CRE</b>	Carolyn Prefontaine	
<b>RCIA Coordinator</b>	Marguerite Mullins	

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Celebrated upon appointment through the parish office. A baptismal class is required before an infant's baptism is scheduled. Call the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples need to meet with a priest before a wedding date is set.

**ANOINTING:** Communal anointing offered twice a year, any time by appointment.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** By appointment with a priest. Frequent Spiritual Communion is strongly encouraged.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

To be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, individuals must fulfill the responsibilities and obligations that Church Canon Law requires:

- 1) Have received the Sacraments of Initiation:  
Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- 2) If married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.
- 3) Attend Mass and receive communion regularly.
- 4) Be an active parishioner for at least the past three months.

*NOTE: An active parishioner is one who is enrolled on the parish census files and supports the Sunday offertory.*



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth.

Your word is truth."

~ John 17: 15 - 17

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS in Father Cotter Hall

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm & 12:30 pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION Office** 834 - 4282

**ST. FAUSTINA'S GATE - FOOD PANTRY**

Open - by appointment only 837-2544

**NON - PARISH GROUPS:**

**Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club (BSAC):** 871-0595

**Kids' Kampus Child Care Center:** 831- 9900

**The School of Two Hearts Co-op:** 632-0676

# Gardener of Life



"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The Church is open for public Masses with 50% capacity according to the Diocesan Covid-19 instructions. Please wear a mask and maintain physical distancing. Daily Mass is at 8:00am. Eucharistic Adoration begins on Wednesday at 8:30 am through Thursday at 9:00 pm For private Adoration visits, the church is open: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 3pm - 4pm.

**Live Streaming is available on Blessed Sacrament's website.**  
Please see page 4 for details.

### Saturday, May 15

8:00am Special Intention by Anonymous

4:00pm Theresa & Arthur Schaefer by Anne & Carl Schmitt

### Sunday, May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00am George Barbera by Sister-in Law, Dolores

11:00am Karen Schuh by Mary Frank

### Monday, May 17

8:00am Sam Brunetto by Josephine LoCurto

### Tuesday, May 18

8:00am Bill, Helen & Michele Fetes by Family

### Wednesday, May 19

8:00am Louis Salemi (65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)  
by Wife, Pat

6:30pm Frank Szczepura by Muscarella Family

### Thursday, May 20

8:00am Joanne Leader by Ron & Elaine Niedziela

### Friday, May 21

8:00am Frank Samol, Sr. by Wife, Gerry

### Saturday, May 22

8:00am Gerald Piasecki by Bob & Elaine Ponichtera

4:00pm James F. Morris by Family

### Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

9:00am Michael Callanan by Marie LaCorte

11:00am Rosemary Raine (Birthday Remembrance)  
by Tonawanda Irish Club

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from May 16 - May 22  
In Memory of Patricia Love Walsh by Elizabeth Glodzik**

## Please pray for the sick:

Joseph Agnello Christine Ando, Jeanne Barrett, Hannah Becker, Joseph Broncato, Theodora Brown, Catherine Derrick, Magdalen Dukarm, Paul Dukarm, Kyle Farr, Joseph Fennell, Mary Frank, Joan Goetz, Joyce Goodell, Margaret Haywood, Becky Hinds, Tracy Huber, Mary Huffnagle, Marcy Kaminski, Richard Lewis, Sue Mason, Christine Mayer, Msgr. Leo McCarthy, Joanne Menchetti, Pat Mertz, Rose Militello, Anthony Monetti, Darlene O'Keeffe, Vera Orsini, Lorraine Pfohl, Darlene Rajczak, Patricia Reddish, Joseph Rumschik, Peggy Rumschik, Florian Rzepka, Carol Sajda, Pat Salemi, Gloria Scime, Tony Scime, David Squitieri, JoAnne Varney, John Washington, Deacon Ed Zablocki, and Mary Anne Zakrzewski

**And all the sick, especially those with COVID-19**

## Please pray for the deceased:

Poor Souls in Purgatory

# JOIN US FOR GOLF!

## 18th Annual Rev. Bednar Beyond the Swing Golf Tournament

Looking to spend a day outside golfing?  
We have just the event for you.

**WHEN:** June 7, 2021  
**WHERE:** Seneca Niagara  
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### SCRAMBLE FORMAT:

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Cocktails & Dinner

### NOT A GOLFER?

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#### \*NEW\* Tee Up or Wine Down Event!

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## STEWARDSHIP

May 9, 2021

Regular Sunday Envelopes..... \$6,863  
Ascension..... \$145



## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel



St Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle;  
be our defense against the  
wickedness and snares of  
the devil. May God rebuke  
him, we humbly pray.  
And do thou, O prince of the  
heavenly host, by the power  
of God, cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits who  
prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

(With Ecclesiastical Approval - Marians of the Immaculate Conception)

## Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina

O Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I offer You my soul, my body, my life and my death, and all that will follow it. I place everything in Your hands. O my Mother, cover my soul with Your virginal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with Your power against all enemies, and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue. O lovely lily! You are for me a mirror, O my Mother! (Diary 79)



**My Response:** May is a month devoted to Mary. Pray this beautiful prayer, written by St. Faustina to Mary often this month.

## Calendar Lottery Winners

May 6 635 May 10 965  
May 7 816 May 11 191  
May 8 385 May 12 479  
May 9 088

*Winners determined  
by the PA Lottery Pick - 3  
Evening Drawing*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - Encourage a deeper understanding of Scripture

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

### Readings for Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>



**First Reading:** Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:26)

**Psalm:** The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Psalm 103)

**Second Reading:** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. (1 John 4:11)

**Gospel:** "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (John 17:11b)



Dates are still  
available in June.

June 12  
June 18  
June 26

## Mass Book Opening

Reservations for Mass Intentions can be made for Masses in **July through December 2021**; please contact the Parish Office: 834 - 4282

Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, to be fair to everyone. The Diocesan recommended stipend offering is \$15.

"THE FUTURE STARTS TODAY,  
NOT TOMORROW."

ST. JOHN PAUL II

## Watch Blessed Sacrament's Masses Online

Live Streaming of all our Masses is now available!

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## VOCATIONS CORNER *Seventh Sunday of Easter*



Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow.

How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, contact Fr. Dave Baker (716)847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



## Altar & Rosary Society

Also, we will hold a Board Meeting on Mon., May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.  
We will social distance; please wear your masks.

We really look forward to seeing all of our Board Members,  
as we have a number of issues for discussion. Thank you.

*Welcome & Congratulations!*

Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes  
**Lilly Madeleine Worthington**  
into the **Church in the Catholic Tradition**  
through the reception of the  
**Sacrament of Baptism** on **April 25, 2021.**

## The Prayer Shawl Ministry

*You're Invited!*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group is Meeting:

**When:** Thursday, May 20th 10:30 am  
& Every 3rd Thursday of the Month.

**Where:** Church Choir Room

*Please join us!*

## The Lord's Gardeners

**request your assistance!**

**Spring has arrived!!**

"The Lord's Gardeners" will soon start  
working in the **Parish Gardens.**

We greatly appreciate any financial donations  
to help pay for the flowers and plants.

We also welcome any gardeners  
interested in joining our group.

Please contact: **Megan Day** at 836-8648.



## Respect Life NEWS



## Annual Baby Item Collection

### Our Collection

**Begins:** Mother's Day, May 9th

**Ends:** Father's Day, June 20th

Please place your donations in the playpen in chapel entrance.

**The following items were requested by  
St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center:**

**Summer Clothing:** Boys: Sizes Newborn, 0-3 months, 3T and 4T  
Girls: Sizes Newborn, 0-3 months,  
12 months, 2T, 3T & 4T

**Onesies:** Boys & Girls: Sizes Newborn and 0-3 months

**Diapers:** Sizes 1, 5 and 6 (They have Sizes 2 & 3)

**Receiving Blankets:** (Boys & Girls)

**Regular Baby Blankets:** Size 30" x 40" (especially Boys)

**Baby Wash Baby Lotion New Socks Bibs Bottles**



## We Are Blessed to be Americans

We are blessed to be Americans! We are free because thousands of American soldiers went to war to keep us free. Sadly, a great many soldiers gave their lives and died on foreign soil to achieve this goal.

The expression 'War is Hell' is so true. Behind all the evil in the world is the devil who comes from Hell. He enters people's minds and souls and unless they have God in their lives, he is able to lead them down a sinful path.

The saddest and most heinous war of all time is going on right now. It is called Abortion. Since 1973, we have actually killed over 62 million little Americans, more than soldiers who died in all the wars put together. Granted, they are human babies still in the womb, but they are alive, they are our future.

How did this happen in America? Are we so blind to this atrocity? We must not lose this war! Our soldiers fought for each and every one of us, from the babies in the womb to the elderly, to have life until natural death. God gave us the Ten Commandments and a free will to choose right from wrong. We will never have peace until our "Little Americans" have life.

We are a country of a lot of good people who save animals' lives. Now let's save our children, including the unborn!

Ruth Weber  
Davenport, Iowa



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