

# BLESSED SACRAMENT

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May 23, 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
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## 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.*



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

~ John 15:26

## 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

**Ponderings & Pontifications of the Pastor**

Hello friends!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather as of late. It's always nice to get a preview of the warm summer days while still in the midst of spring. Something to think about, especially when the colder weather returns; all of that rain and snow in winter makes it possible to have a lush, green spring and summer. All right... enough about the weather!

There are some exciting days coming up on our liturgical calendar, not the least of which is today's solemnity...the most holy day of Pentecost. This day marks the official end of the Easter season and our return to Ordinary Time. There used to be an octave of Pentecost (an eight-day period to reflect upon the mystery just celebrated, like the octaves of Christmas and Easter) but it was suppressed during the liturgical reform after the Second Vatican Council.

The next two Sundays are also very special and focus on the most important and foundational elements of our faith. First, we contemplate the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity; probably the most important and fundamental element of our faith, since it concerns the very nature of God Himself. The Oneness of God in three divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forms the backdrop for our entire existence, in this life and the next. Second, the Sunday following Trinity Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, more popularly known as Corpus Christi. This day focuses on the very "source and summit" of our Christian life, as well as the source of the Church's other sacraments...the Most Holy Eucharist! The living Body and Blood of Christ, consecrated and conformed in the most holy sacrifice of the Mass, is the nourishment that strengthens us on this earthly pilgrimage. The Eucharist is the means by which we receive the outpouring of God's sanctifying grace, and the way by which we advance on the path towards holiness.

For us here at Blessed Sacrament Church, the solemnity of Corpus Christi is especially important since it is our parish feast day! On this day, which will be June 6<sup>th</sup>, we all have the opportunity to earn a plenary indulgence, which can be applied to ourselves or to the dead. I will be explaining more about this indulgence in the days ahead, as well as what indulgences are, and why we should strive to earn them when the opportunity presents itself.

The weekend of Corpus Christi (June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) is also very special for our diocese since it is the weekend of ordinations to the priesthood. This year, 4 transitional deacons will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and most will offer their first Masses on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Since without the priesthood, there is no Eucharist, it is very special for these men to offer their first Masses on the great day of Corpus Christi. Please remember them in your prayers as they approach this joyous and holy day:

Rev. Mr. Charles Johnson, Rev. Mr. Michael Johnson,  
Rev. Mr. Ryan Keating, and Rev. Mr. Daniel Ulmer.

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help...pray for us!*

*May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.*

**~Fr. Martin Gallagher**

**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 8:00 am.

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 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

**Monday, May 24 The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church**

**8:00am** Joseph Gallagher

by Blessed Sacrament Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, May 25**

**8:00am** Joseph & Louise Gersitz by Dick & Mary Patterson

**Wednesday, May 26 Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

**8:00am** Sam Tulipane by Family

**6:30pm** Robert Zirnheld by Jane & Ken Rozek

**Thursday, May 27**

**8:00am** Mamie Nasca by Jean M. Wagner

**Friday, May 28**

**8:00am** Jennifer Taubodo by Family

**Saturday, May 29**

**8:00am** Gerald Piasecki by Judy & Larry Rath

**4:00pm** Donald & Betty Karnath by Chris & Joye Weinholtz III

**Sunday, May 30 The Most Holy Trinity**

**9:00am** Barbara Andres by Josephine LoCurto

**11:00am** Dorothy Goodell by Joyce Goodell & Family

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from May 23- May 29  
In Memory of Jennifer Taubodo by Mom & Dad**

**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, 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:**

Gloria Scime

# 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  
Hickory Stick

### SCRAMBLE FORMAT:

Registration: 8:30 am  
Breakfast: 9:00 am  
Start Time: 10:30 am  
Lunch: On Turn  
Cocktails: 4:00 pm  
Dinner: 4:30 pm

The fun doesn't stop  
with the golf!



Opportunities to win on-course contents and bid on items at our live and silent auction will be held day of event.

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### NOT A GOLFER?

Join us June 7, 2021 for our  
**\*NEW\* Tee Up or Wine Down Event!**

Your **\$135 ticket includes:**

- ~ Shopping at the Niagara Falls Fashion Outlet Mall
- ~ Two Wine Tastings at local wineries
- ~ Plus!  
Breakfast, Lunch, Cocktails & Dinner at the golf course

Register and learn more about our events at [FRCDB.org](http://FRCDB.org)

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May 13 620    May 17 104  
May 14 621    May 18 933  
May 15 759    May 19 229  
May 16 822

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by the PA Lottery Pick - 3  
Evening Drawing

### STEWARDSHIP

May 16, 2021

Regular Sunday Envelopes .....	\$5,322
Loose Cash .....	\$114
Paypal Electronic Donations .....	\$80
Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) .....	\$2,053
Ascension .....	\$619
Gifts .....	\$13,866.11

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Recognizing God In Your Ordinary Moments

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we are supposed to do. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I do not want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she will just walk all over me again. I am not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it will just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, imagine the apostles' lists! Their job was to convert the nations - and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who have not been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. How were they supposed to preach the Gospel with all these challenges?

God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

### Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina

*When you reflect upon what I tell you in the depths of your heart, you profit more than if you had read many books. Oh, if souls would only want to listen to My voice when I am speaking in the depths of their hearts they would reach the peak of holiness in a short time.* (Diary 584)



**My Response:** O Jesus, send Your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive the gift of silence, so that Your voice can be heard, understanding the message You speak; and desire to do Your will.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
Encourage a deeper understanding of Scripture**

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing; reflect upon the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, *"Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy."* Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.



Dates are still available in June & July .

June 12  
June 18

July 3 July 8 July 14 July 22 July 25 July 27 July 30  
July 7 July 9 July 21 July 23 July 26 July 28 July 31

*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.

How varied are your works, LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

PSALM 104:24

**Watch Blessed Sacrament's Masses Online**

Live Streaming of all our Masses is now available!



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**VOCATIONS CORNER**

*Pentecost Sunday*



The Holy Spirit sends His sevenfold gift to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon, or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## Altar & Rosary Society

The Society looks forward to our  
**"WELCOME BACK" Meeting!**

**Where:** Father Cotter Hall MON, June 7th, at 7 p.m.

**When:** Monday, June 7th, at 7 pm

The Society looks forward to a very good turnout... many topics and issues up for review and we need your opinions and advice. A beverage ONLY will be served.

**See you on the 7th!!**

### Thank you for supporting our Can & Bottle Collection!

Blessed Sacrament received \$120 for  
**Bottle and Can Recycling**  
 during February, March and April.  
 Thank you!

## The Prayer Shawl Ministry

*You're Invited!*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group is Meeting:

**When:** Every 3rd Thursday of the Month 10:30am

**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**

#### Please Note:

As in previous years, a portion of these baby items will be kept at our parish outreach, St. Faustina's, for the families we serve, according to their needs.



## America's Deadly Silence!

Abortion is the most common, least regulated medical procedure and the number one killer in America.

More lives are lost each year through abortion than all deaths due to cancer, heart attacks, accidents, AIDS, natural disasters, wars, illness and diseases combined.

The savagery of war, the atrocities of the Nazi holocaust, graphic violence, natural disasters and critical and bloody medical procedures are routinely shown on the media. But never an abortion!

Women are denied critical information on the risks of an abortion, including increased risk of Breast Cancer, Post Abortion Syndrome, the sale of body parts, etc.

The truth about abortion has been censored by the media, silenced by our courts, politicized by our politicians and even silenced in our churches and schools. Babies in the womb have no voice except yours and mine. We cannot remain silent any longer!

*Pro-Life Articles Author*



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