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August 8, 2021 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”

- Jn 6:48-50

CATHEDRAL MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Choir) 10:30 a.m.
Monday — Friday...12:10 p.m. (in the Cathedral)
 Holy Days and Holidays as announced

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass is available every week via
<http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Friday at 11:45 a.m.
 Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
 (or call for appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

Save the Date: Anniversary Mass. The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. This will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, October 24. Please look for further details from your parish. If you have any questions, call 716-847-2205.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	August 7: (Vigil Mass for Sunday) Wesley Brewer (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Herman)	✝
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	August 8: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ellen Rogers (Family)	✝
Monday 12:10 p.m.	August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Paul O'Brien (Family)	✝
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	August 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr Clara Carney (Family)	✝
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	August 11: St. Clare, Virgin Parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral	
Thursday 12:10 p.m.	August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Hon. Rose LaMendola (B-day Remembrance) (Joyce LaMendola & Family)	✝
Friday 12:10 p.m.	August 13: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs Raechel Suttelle Conroy (Estate)	✝

Family Perspective: “Stop murmuring” Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them personal attacks.

Word of Life:

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains un-addressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”

Vocations:

Nothing was more radical & shocking than Jesus’ words in John 6, “the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” His true Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist -- this is the great mission and privilege of the priesthood. Sound intriguing? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY!

The Office of Cultural Diversity, African, African American and the Hispanic Latino Commissions are hosting their first Diversity Celebration on Friday, October 15 at 6:30 pm at Samuel’s Grande Manor, Williamsville. Admission ticket includes dinner, dance, cash bar and a chance to win a door prize. There will also be theme baskets and a 50/50 raffle. We also have sponsorship opportunities – Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze. Sponsorships include at least 1 dinner dance ticket, logo of your business/organization or your name in the event PowerPoint presentation/loop and on our website. Sponsors will be able to bring promotional giveaways available for guests. We are also seeking donations of theme baskets or gift cards valued at \$25 or more. Please send your sponsorship, basket donation or gift card to the Office of Cultural Diversity, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203 by September 24. Reservation deadline is Friday, October 1. Tickets are pre-sale only; no sales at the door.

For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity at 716-847-2212 or email ymontanez@buffalodiocese.org.

CATHEDRAL STAFF

- Bishop** Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
- Cathedral Rector** Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
- Music Director** Timothy Socha
- Secretary** Elaine Kishbaugh

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPI

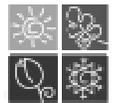


My Spirit Rejoices – A Celebration of Mary Most Holy on August 15 (The Feast of the Assumption)
 at St. Andrew Church, Crocker & Reiman Streets, Sloan
 5:30-6:20 pm – Mariology Through Art with Tim Redinger
 6:30 pm – Adoration and Solemn Vespers with Fr. Daniel Ulmer

Small reception to follow. Please **RSVP** by calling St. Andrew Rectory at 716-892-0425.

*Struggling does not have to be a part of your new normal. You can turn to **Catholic Charities** for support!*

Our agency offers several types of counseling including: marriage counseling, substance abuse treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, and comprehensive assessment and counseling for children, adults and families. To get connected, call our Helpline at 716-218-1419. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccnny.org. Join us on Facebook Instagram and Twitter



Our Lady's Street Fair, Herb/Flower Blessing and Harvest Mass on Saturday, August 14 from 4-9 pm at Church of St. Casimir, 160 Cable St., Buffalo. Fruits of the Harvest Herb/Flower Blessing at 6:30 pm, followed by Mass at 7 pm. Activities for kids, youths and adults. All donations benefit St. Casimir's Food Pantry.

For more information, visit www.stcasimirbuffalo.com

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