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AUGUST 1, 2021 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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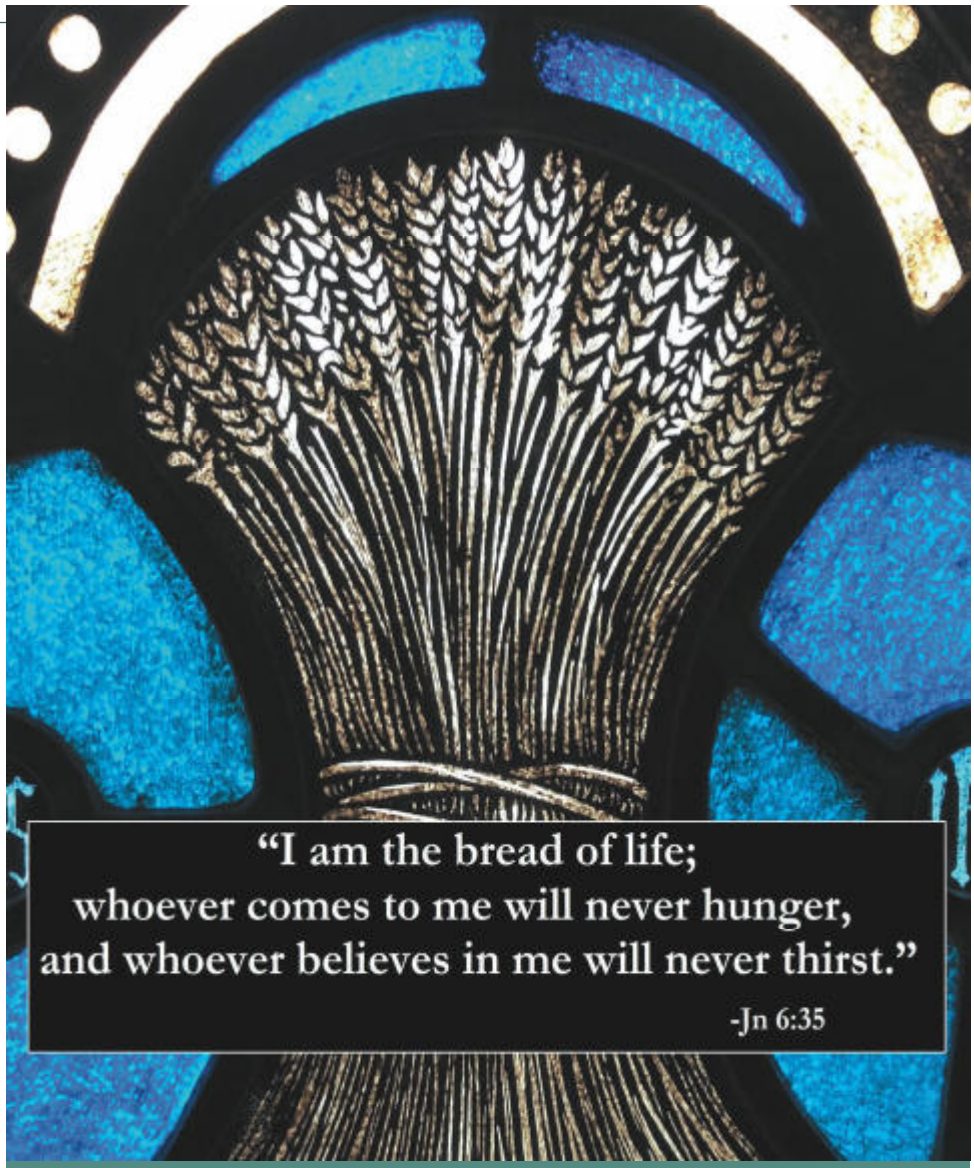

PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

St. Joseph University Parish is a diverse, progressive, spirit-filled Christian community where ALL are welcome to deepen their experience of faith, join in vibrant worship, share their talents and gifts and live justly.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION:

New Parishioner Welcome sessions are being offered virtually on Zoom. Go to www.stjosephbuffalo.org or to Sign Up Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABAE23A5FE3-newparishioner1. If you have been attending St. Joe's but never completed the official paperwork and wish to join, we welcome you to participate with us in this manner.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION NEWS:
Contact Diane Brennan: 833-0298 ext. 310 or
dbrennan@stjosephbuffalo.org

Reflecting on Today's Scripture:

Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that His bread is what sustains us as we journey to eternal life. Take a moment to ask yourself, am I like the disciples who cannot give even one hour to stay awake and pray as Jesus asked or do I find time and ways to invite God into my days? How much joy will God have in me seeking time with HIM? How much joy will I have?

To better serve our families and catechists, we are not beginning formal instruction for most classes until October. This will allow all parents and families to get into routines and sleep schedules without adding another adjustment for formation right away. 2021-22 Calendars are on the website. New families are welcome to register on the website. Please know we do welcome your feedback. Please reach out to the office this summer & help us move forward with your family in mind.

High School Confirmation registration is fast approaching. Take time to set up your interview soon.

Heritage Art Discover Contest: The Bright Mountain Black Madonna. Know why the Black Madonna's black? It's not candle smoke. Who painted it? How did it end up in Poland? Why does it have scars? Encourage a friend or family member – adult, youth or child – to learn about the spiritual heritage of the Black Madonna. There are 3 age appropriate images for each of the levels. For more info, visit www.stcasimirbuffalo.com, click on "Heritage Art Discovery Contest," select a drawing, color it, respond to the heritage questions & mail to St. Casimir by August 12. More details are available at: https://stcasimirbuffalo.com/heritage-art-discovery-contest-/

My Spirit Rejoices – A Celebration of Mary Most Holy on Sunday, August 15 (The Feast of the Assumption) at St. Andrew Church, Crocker & Reiman Sts., Sloan; 5:30-6:20 pm. Offerings include *Mariology Through Art* with Tim Redinger; 6:30 pm and *Adoration and Solemn Vespers* with Fr. Daniel Ulmer. A reception will follow. Please RSVP by calling St. Andrew Rectory at 716-892-0425.

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL 716-835-7395
Contact Mark Mattle:
mmattle@stjosephbuffalo.org
or M. Anne Wojick: awojick@stjosephbuffalo.org

Professional Development at SJUS. Over the summer months teachers and staff are working on developing new skills through summer reading. This summer SJUS staff are working on a book study using Paul Tough's book, ***Helping Students Succeed, What Works and Why.*** This is the second book in a series that teachers have used to gain new insights into best practices for education. This book encourages educators to think in a new way about the challenges of childhood and asks teachers to focus on creating environments where core skills, like grit and self-control will flourish. The new learning will become part of our educational philosophy at SJUS.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS:
Contact: Amanda Chacko: 716-833-0298 ext. 318 or
achacko@stjosephbuffalo.org; UBStJoes.org
Fr. Greg Jakubowicz: 716-833-0298 ext. 302 or
frgregj@stjosephbuffalo.org

Students: THIS SUNDAY, August 1st—Join us for a picnic! Bring-your-own lunch event will be under the tent at 12:30, following Mass. We will have a few tables, but please bring chairs or blankets for your seating. We will provide beverages and ice cream treats. We look forward to seeing students who are around for the summer!

Young Adults this is for you! ***Your Life, Your Plan***, a conference for young adults 18-39 who would like to learn more about living their Catholic lives fully while single, in religious life or the priesthood. Join us next Saturday, August 7 from 12-5:30 pm at St. Amelia Church, 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda, for Praise & Worship music, panelists and breakouts for each vocation, keynote speaker John Finch from The Vigil Project, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Mike Fisher. Option to enjoy Chiavetta's bbq and trivia under the tent. More info & registration: www.stamelia.com.

Please Note:

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been lifted. All who are especially vulnerable or uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are welcomed to remain at home and view the online Mass at: stjosephbuffalo.org, Facebook: St. Joseph University Parish and on youtube.com/c/StJosephUniversityParish. Mass is also being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am in the Church. RESERVATIONS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MASS.

Saturday, July 31 Vigil 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm Mary Quirk (Famly)

Sunday, August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Marlene Schmidt (Colleen & Gene Fahey)
10 am Victor Vitello (Gerald Stinziano)
11:30 am Michael Garas (Martha & Ernie Opper)

Tuesday, August 3
8:30 am Mary Ellen Head (Family) &
Karla Lazewski (Matthew Hellerer)

Thursday, August 5
8:30 am Dr. Donald & Mary Lintner (Anne Lintner)

Saturday, August 7 Vigil 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 pm Wedding: Caitlin Brody & James Mikulski
4:30 pm Doug & April Schmidt (Family)

Sunday, August 8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Ben Warren (Tom & Colleen O'Rourke)
10 am Edward 'Ned" Cuddy (Kathleen Murnan & Gerald Machor)
11:30 am Earl W. Brydges, Jr. (Cusack Family)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS…

Please join together in prayer remembering in a special way the sick, those confined at home, medical personnel, first responders, those whose livelihoods are in jeopardy, all victims of violence, racial injustice and natural disasters, those written in our Parish Book of Prayers, those who have received Prayer Shawls from our Parish and those who have no one to pray for them.

We also remember all those who have passed into eternal life especially: Robert Hetzel, Vincent Demme.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Center to make arrangements for Baptism. Baptism Preparation sessions are now being offered online. To register, contact Patty Spear 833-0298 ext. 312 or pspear@stjosephbuffalo.org.

CONFIRMATION: Grade 10-12 students should contact the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation to register in July to prepare for Confirmation the following Spring.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday afternoon Confessions have resumed from 3:30-4 pm. If you have not been fully vaccinated, please wear a mask.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should contact the Parish to arrange the date & time of their wedding. Pre-Cana sessions are offered several times each year for parishioners and those being married here.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Center for arrangements for individual anointing. In the event of sudden illness or accident, call anytime, day or night.

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION !

Collection Returns July 19-25:

Regular Collection: $5,305
Mission Appeal: $3,408

Without your generous support, we could not sustain our commitment to creating a diverse, progressive, spirit-filled Christian community where ALL are welcome! Your prayers, time and treasure are vital to our ability to not only survive but thrive. If you would like to establish regular giving here at the parish or change your existing commitment, please contact Kristen Brill, Director of Mission Advancement at 833-0298, ext. 321 or Rebekah Stiller, Stewardship Coordinator, at 833-0298, ext. 313.

Save the Date and plan to celebrate and dance the night away Sunday, August 29 to the big band tunes of The Jim Tudini Big Band, featuring Bobby Militello. A $10 is appreciated. Tickets can be purchased at the door the evening of the event or online at stjosephbuffalo.weshareonline.org

The **Parish Raffle** drawing will also be that evening. All of the proceeds help support the ministries and programs that make our community the unique place that it is. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased raffle tickets. If you would like more tickets to sell or purchase yourself, please call the Parish Office. We hope that you will plan to join us, we can't wait to see you!

Prayer Shawl Ministers are now distributing shawls following weekend masses to all in need. For information about this important ministry, contact Jean at 559-2192. Since its inception in 2009, more than 5,600 shawls have been distributed locally and around the globe.

Mass Book is Open! We are now accepting intentions for 2022 masses. Available weekday masses will be scheduled for 8:30 am Tuesdays & Thursdays and weekend masses are at 4:30 pm Saturdays and 8:30, 10 & 11:30 am Sundays. Donation is $15 per mass. For info, call the Parish Center at 833-0298 ext. 303 or email Joanne at jmesser@stjosephbuffalo.org with your preferred dates and intention information.

The First Thursday Book Club will meet at 1 pm Aug. 5 to discuss the novel ***Hamnet***, by Maggie O'Farrell. Weather permitting, we will gather under the tent. Please bring your own chair and beverage. For further information, call the Parish Center at 833-0298 ext. 303.

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. If you have any questions, call 716-847-2205.

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS:

If you are looking for a way to relax, or feel connected to the world, try this: Go to **radio.garden** on the web. Every green dot on the world map is a radio station, click on a dot, and you can hear a broadcast from that radio station. You might have to click on a few before you find one you like, but it is fun looking for one, and hearing what other people around the world are listening to. It really is a small world!

BEREAVEMENT NEWS:

Watch Out for Cliches - Cliches--trite comments some people make in attempts to diminish your loss--can be extremely painful for you to hear. Comments like, "You are holding up so well," "Time heals all wounds," "Think of what you have to be thankful for" or "You have to be strong for others" are not constructive. While these comments may be well intended, you do not have to accept them. You have every right to express your grief. No one has the right to take it away.

Dr. Alan Wolfelt at http://www.centerforloss.com/

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE:

Contact Ann Marie MacIsaac: 716-833-0298 ext. 309, ammacisaac@aol.com or Deacon Paul Emerson: pemerson@stjosephbuffalo.org

Check this out … it is a free quarterly prayer devotional entitled, ***Our Daily Bread***, Go to www.odb.org/sign to up or write to: Our Daily Bread Ministries, PO Box 2222, Grand Rapids MI 49501-2222. Enjoy!

August 1 marks the start of World Breastfeeding Week! Catholic Charities Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program offers breastfeeding education and support to expectant and new mothers. WIC also provides nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and e-WIC benefit cards. To connect with Catholic Charities WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, call 716-218-1484 or visit www.ccwny.org/WIC.

NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING,
BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING! TAKE ACTION NOW!

Join the fight against Human Trafficking. The United Nations has designated Friday, July 30th as **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.** The Blue Heart Campaign is a global awareness raising initiative to fight human trafficking and its impact on society. It seeks to encourage involvement from governments, civil society, the corporate sector and individuals alike, to inspire action and help prevent this heinous crime. The Blue Heart is increasingly recognized as the international symbol against human trafficking, representing the sadness of those who are trafficked while reminding us of the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings. The campaign allows people to show their solidarity with the victims of human trafficking and increasing their visibility by wearing the Blue Heart. Donations to the Blue Heart Campaign go to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, which provides vital assistance and protection to the victims of trafficking through specialized organizations across the globe. For more information on how you can support the Blue Campaign go to https://www.unodc.org/blueheart.

Happy 10th Anniversary to the University Heights Tool Library! Gather to celebrate at a family-friendly garden party Sat., August 14 from 6-8 pm at the Plot Flower Farm, 3233 Main St. (behind the former Cantalician Center). Tickets are $20 with kids under 12 free. Activities include garden tours, games, raffles and delicious Caribbean food. Go to www.thetoollibrary.org/grow for tickets or donation information.

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart seeks a religion teacher to teach 12th grade religion courses in Womanhood and Spirituality and Christian Life Choices. Qualified applicants should forward a cover letter, resume and three professional references to Head of School, Jennifer Demert (parishioner), via email at jdemert@sacredheartacademy.

Start a new friendship. The Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) serving Erie and Chautauqua Counties, and the Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County, are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and to give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5-to-15 minute call. These friendly calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone and can help them maintain their independence. If you know of someone who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, reach out to 716-218-1400 for TAP and 585-343-0614 for Friendly Phones. Check us out at www.ccwny.org and join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

From the Anti-Racism Task Force: If poetry is the language of the soul, what better way to increase our understanding of how systemic racism impacts the lives of Persons of Color than through poetic expressions of their deepest truths? Our Anti-racism team is thus offering lines from the poetry of Persons of Color (POCs) to augment our efforts to advance our mission of assisting St. Joseph University Parish in becoming an anti-racism parish. Camille T. Dungy writes:

Two miles into the sky, the snow builds a mountain unto itself.
Some drifts can be thirty feet high. Picture a house. Then bury it.
Plows come from both ends of the road, foot by foot, month by month.
This year they didn't meet in the middle until mid-June.
Maybe I'm not expressing this well.
Every year, snow erases the highest road.
We must start near the bottom and plow toward each other again.

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