

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, June 22: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (C) *Albert & ^Florence Schmitz (*wedding ann./ ^ann. of death) by Jim & Mary Ellen Skora
Harold Schreiner (birthday remembrance) by The Family

Sunday, June 23: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am (C) Dan Gates (Anniversary of death) by Alice & Family
*Walter & ^Katie Geiger (*bday rem / ^ann of death) by the Family
11:00am (C) Karl Troidl by Otto & Hilde Werneth

Monday, June 24: *The Nativity of John the Baptist*

8:30am (R) Virginia Wisniewski by Julie Enders

Tuesday, June 25:

8:30am (R) Lorainne Kohn (wedding anniversary) by Calvin

Thursday, June 27: *St. Cyril of Alexandria*

8:30am (R) Leo Zittel by the Estate

Friday, June 28: *St. Irenaeus*

8:30am (R) All Souls by the parish

Saturday, June 29: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (C) William & Magdalen Wittmeyer and Edwin & Catherine Kirst by Bob & Dolores

Sunday, June 30: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am (C) Collin Renaldo and *Jennie Renaldo (*anniversary of death by Pete & Cindy and Family
11:00am (C) Connie Gabel by The Popple Family
Francis, Norma & Marcia Kohn by Rosie & Family

(C) = Church, (R) = Rectory Chapel

Readings for the week of June 23rd 2013

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a yellow card available on the back table of the church. Individuals will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks.

Alma Sion, Carmine Chiarelli, Paula Czora, Clyde Dole, Marcella Emerling, Dorothy Hoffman, Irma Martin, Peter Loretto Sr., Donna Zappalla-Sickau, Marian Wittmeyer, Joey Crocker Family, Carol Bishop, Brittany Armbruster, Kyle Mesch, Karen Duggan, Debbie Sowa, Kathryn Hamberger, Dan Fabrizo, John Schmitz, Michael Leggero, Pete Loretto Jr., Raymond Robillard, Marlene Sullivan, Yvonne Loesh, Jean Rojek, Millie Muehlbauer, Grant Zajas, Mary Strickfaden.

From the Pastor's Desk



"Who do people say that I am?", Jesus asks today. More pointedly, He asks, "Who do YOU say that I am?"

The answers to these questions can be profound. During Saturday's Vigil Mass, CHARLES & ARDIENE SCHMITZ will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Who is the Christ... "I take you for my spouse." This reverberates through five decades, five kids, etc. Next weekend at the 11 AM Liturgy, Kevin & Elizabeth Hoffman answer: "DYLAN THOMAS HOFFMAN!", as their first born will be baptized. Who & Where have these Kingdom questions arose in your life?

This weekend, the Parish Community prays over prayer shawls & lab robes, blending with the Parish ministries' outreach to the bereaved & sick. Let our prayer reach out to Esther Dittenhofer, who buried her sister, RUTH GERNATT, this week. Remember Sally Castillo, whose daughter-in-law, SARAH WELLS FRANK, passed unexpectedly in sleep last weekend. Hold Tim and Pat Allan and their family in your hearts as their teen-grandson, CHRIS ALLAN, died this week. God's angels wrap their wings around them all, and bring hope and comfort. May they hear the Christ in their questions.

Have you answered the call to nominate a parishioner for the Pastoral Council selection process? The deadline is next weekend. Cards are in church or in bulletin. Selection occurs at the Outdoor Mass. Pray for this process to hear the Christ in our midst.

Next weekend, Sr. Sunitha Joseph offers a message on the Church's missions.

A call of ministry for Adult Servers is placed before you. With the summer months being a bit lean with Servers, this is the opportunity to recruit, train and schedule those who wish to serve at the Table of the Lord. Contact the Parish Office if this call rings in your heart.

Epiphany of Our Lord Pastoral Council

Outgoing Members: Peter Aleksandrowicz, Mary Richmond, Don Tharnish, Marty Ptak (appointee), Anne Schmitz (appointee)

Members whose term continues: Rita Gabel, Peg Sessanna, Donna Kohn, Steve Gross, Andre Kowal, Sue Niefergold

Parish Staff Members: Roger Powenski, Teri Powenski, Kathy Powenski, Toni Wittmeyer, Jason Baer, Molly Baer, Mary Ann Gabel.

Parish Trustees Members: Dan Gabel, Bonnie Hohman

We are accepting nominations to replace the out going members. It is through the council and its committees that we establish and implement future planning and goals for our parish. While the Pastoral Council meetings are open to all parishioners, the selected members of the council have the special task of ensuring the mission of the parish is carried out.

There are 9 selected members on the council. To be selected, registered parishioners need to be nominated and accept the nomination to serve on the council. Responsibilities and expectations:

1. To come to meetings and participate.
2. Go to parish events and be visible.
3. Prepare to share at meetings and be part of committees
4. Spread accurate information.
5. Reduce gossip and negativities

Think and pray about whom you might like to nominate using the coupon below or use a larger version found at the side and rear entrances of the church on green paper. All nominations will need to be returned by Sunday, June 30th and the 3 new members will be drawn at the Outdoor Mass on July 14th.

Pastoral Council Nomination

I _____ (your name) nominate the following individual(s) to serve on the Pastoral Council:

Vocation View

John the Baptist was sent to bear witness to Christ in his day. Could God be calling you to be His witness as a priest, deacon or consecrated person in our day? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Walter Szczesny at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website ~ www.buffalovocations.org

Marriage Moment

A good argument can be a labor of love. Have something sensitive or difficult to talk about with your spouse? Try holding hands and maintaining direct eye contact when you are having a discussion about a disagreement.

Parenting Perspective

Parents try hard to raise their children well. It takes a lot of effort and time. Even the best kids sometimes disappoint their parents. Even the best parents sometimes disappoint themselves. Forgive your child and yourself today. It's ok.

A MINISTRY FOR CRAFTERS

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish has started a group of crafters to create Prayer Shawls and lap blankets to reach out to those who may be hurting and/or in need of spiritual support. Prayer Shawls and Lap blankets wraps the love of God around those who may be shouldering heavy concerns or burdens and give the sense of feeling snug and secure with a caring God. Be it a time of grief or health issues or life trauma. For more info and to become part of this ministry, you are invited to contact Elane Wittmeyer (592-2984).

The Labyrinth

 A special thanks to the parishioners who have been working very hard to weed and upkeep the Labyrinth. If you have not visited the Labyrinth, it is at the top of St. Martin's Cemetery, to the right of the cross.

The Labyrinth is reminiscent of ancient art. For centuries, cultures have been using it as a prayer experience. It helps you to focus your thought and prayers as you walk its spiritual path.

The origin of the Labyrinth is very old. In Christianity, it has been used as a design found on the floor of churches. It was used for pilgrims making a spiritual journey to the center of their lives, Jesus Christ. As they wandered the twists and turns of the Labyrinth, they prayed short prayers and reminded themselves of the many curves on the path of life. The most famous Labyrinth can be found on the floor of the Cathedral in Chartres, France, southwest of Paris. It dates to the 12th century.

At the center of the Labyrinth, you will find a cross. Take time to reflect on the meaning of the Christ's cross for you. It is the symbol of Christ's unconditional love for you. Be with Christ in silence and then reverse your steps out of the Labyrinth as you prepare to take Christ with you into the remainder of your day.

As you walk through the Labyrinth, take time to follow these simple steps:

- At the entrance, put aside distractions and cares; prepare to spend some time with God in prayer.
- Remember that Christ is the center of the Christian life just as the cross is the visual center of the Labyrinth.
- Be aware of the beauty of God's creation around you - the sun, the sky, the sounds and remember that you are alive in God's love.
- The Labyrinth is a twist of right and left turns. Alternate your prayers as you turn right and left, keeping it simple and focusing on Christ as the center of life.
- As you turn left, pray: "Christ be my guide, protector and love."
- As you turn right, pray: "Christ be the center of my life and teach me to follow your true path."

You can use these or similar prayers. There is not one way to pray through this Labyrinth. The purpose is to focus within yourself on Christ's presence and take time out of a busy life to walk closer to God.

There are BLUE CARDS at the rear of church that contain the above information for you to be able to keep handy. Seek them out.

Mission Appeal

On June 29th and 30th Sr. Sunitha Joseph will conduct a mission appeal at Epiphany on behalf of their congregation, the Society of Christu Jyothi Sisters (Christ the Light). The sisters are from south India and work in evangelization, pastoral and prison ministry, care of orphans, child laborers, empowerment of women as well as health care programs. Please be generous in supporting their mission work with

your prayers and donations. God Bless you.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- ★ **Saturday, June 22nd 5pm:** We will host a Pot-Luck Supper in the Hall and it will be in Honor of all Fathers.
- ★ **Tuesday, June 25th 7pm:** Small Group Sharing at the Hall
- ★ **Thursday, June 27th 7pm:** The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet at the Hall.
- ★ **Friday, June 28th 3pm:** Small Group Sharing at Esther's-3465 Gowanda-Zoar Rd.

Rediscover Catholicism Small Group Sharing

7pm at Hall **or** **3pm at Esther's**

Session 3 – Tuesday, June 25
Session 4 – Tuesday, July 16
Session 5 – Tuesday, Aug. 13
Session 6 – Tuesday, Sept. 10

Friday, June 28
Friday, July 19
Friday, Aug 16
Friday, Sept. 13

Books are located at the back of church; please pick up your copy. Study guides and additional schedules are also available at the back of church. Any questions, please call Teresa Powenski, 532-5117.

STEWARSHIP REPORT -June 16th 2013-

Help us maintain our 2012-2013 average weekly donation goal of \$2,950.00

Our present year-to-date average weekly donation is

\$3,015.85

\$2 extra per envelope is our goal! Thank you to all those who have. If not, please consider it. We are grateful for your generosity

Summer Sweepstakes

 The tickets have been mailed out to all registered parishioners. \$10 per ticket and the first drawing will be Sunday July 14th at the Outdoor Mass. We will award 2 prizes - You'll get your pick each week from the prizes.

- 42" VIZIO 1080p LED ultra-slim HDTV
- \$300 Cash!!
- iPad mini - 16 GB, wifi
- Amish Rocker/Glider
- Air Conditioner by LG - 8,000 BTU & a Keurig w/ K-cups

OUTDOOR MASS & PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, July 14th - Save the Date!!

We will be having the Mini Raffle Chinese Auction and we are looking for new items for this raffle. Donations can be brought to the rectory and left in the sun-porch, or you can leave your donation in the back of church, marked Outdoor Mass. Thank you!!

We will have a Pot-Luck picnic following Mass and:

A-N are asked to bring a hot or cold dish
O-Z are asked to bring a dessert.

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES - 7pm Rain or Shine

Join us for our annual Summer Music Series on Monday evenings at 7pm at the Parish Hall. Our ministries will take turns cooking and setting up for each Monday.

Monday, July 15th *Gene Hilts & The Rustic Ramblers*
hosted by Music Ministry

Monday, July 22nd *Pete Boberg & Homemade Jam*
hosted by Pastoral Council

Monday, July 29th *Heather Pennington & WNY Fiddle Kids*
hosted by Compassion & Bereavement Ministries

Monday, August 5th *Tim Kruger & Friends*
hosted by Eucharistic Ministers

Monday, August 12th *Country Memories*
hosted by Greeters

Monday, August 19th *Paul Zittel & Pure Country*
hosted by Lectors

Hosting includes arriving at 6:30pm to get the chairs set up, having hot dogs, drinks and desserts ready for about 8pm, and chair take

down. There's hardly anything to it!