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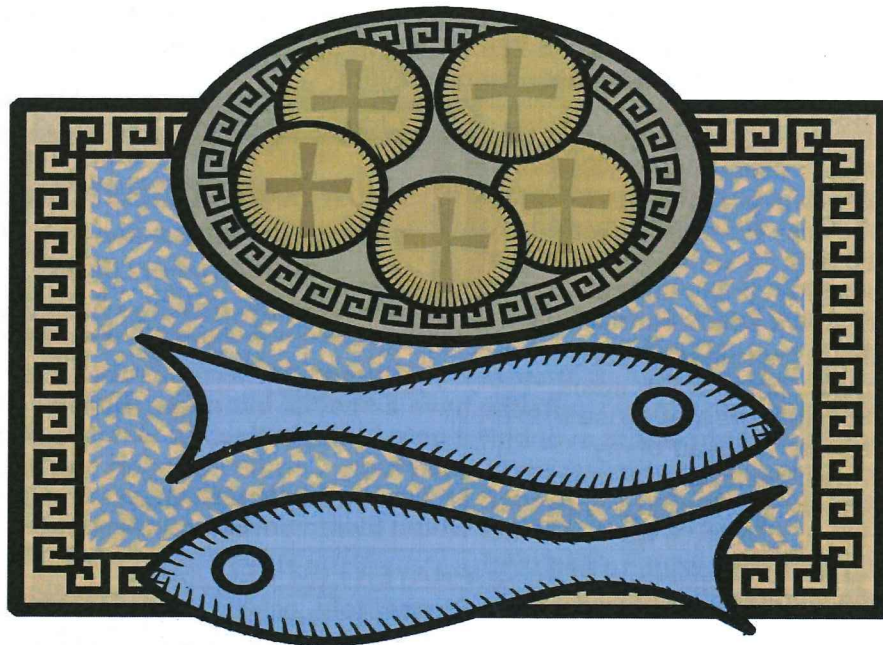
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Confessions: Saturday 3:45 PM at St. Joseph or by appointment.

RCIA: Please contact the Rectory.

Baptisms: Make personal arrangements at the Rectory. Parents & sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriages: Couples should apply at the Rectory at least 4 months in advance. Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter Conferences are necessary.

Mass Schedule

St. Mary's Cattaraugus: 11:15 AM Sunday

St. Joe's Gowanda: 8:30 AM Weekdays
(Thursdays—Communion Service Only)

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM Sunday • 9:30 AM Sunday

August 5, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 11:15 AM

1. John Illig+ by Ted and Margaret Kochan
2. All Souls Intentions

Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 11:15 AM

1. Emerson Laing+ by Carole and Thomas Laing

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection \$ 609

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Last Week's Attendance

67 worshipers at 11:15 AM Mass on 7/29

Daily/Weekly Reflection: This week we can ask, in the variety of ways and situations each day that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us. One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging.

Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? Do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks? Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me.

How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, negative stereotypes towards Muslims and those I see as "foreigners." How can I be relieved of my hostility against the poor or being judgmental about sinners. Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did.

Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers and members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OUR PRAYER CORNER

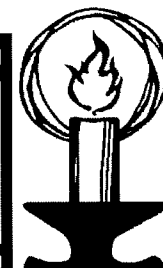
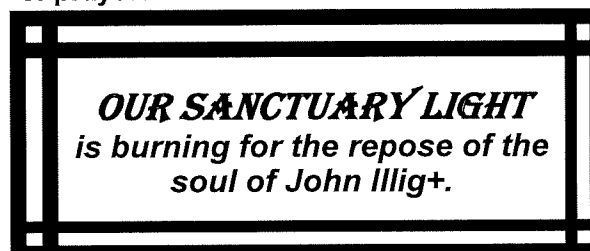
Please pray for those who are ill or recuperating, especially:

Sandy Agnew, John Aquino, Lucy Brown, Sr. Margaret Carney, Pat Casseri, Patrick Cullen, Barbara Cuzydlo, Donna DeBruyne, Dave Elling, Suzanne Erhart, Kenneth Fabiani, Casey Felt, Michael Ferguson, Zach Fisher, Madison Fox, Jennifer Gardner, Mary Geise, Art Gernatt, Michelle Goth Granger, the Hallett family, EmJay Hannold, Lori Hinsvark, Robert Hooper, Marian Illig, Melissa Illig, Jack Iovannone, Kathy Kaminski, Joey M. Kehr, the Kehr family, Mickey Kissane, Merrie Lankow, Lee Lawton, Rick LeFever, Adeline Marak, Sandy McCord, Bev Mercer, Leo Minner, Diane Moore, Duane Moore, Emily Moore, Pat Mosher, Richard Musell, James Parisi, Greg Powers, Nancy Reid, Duke Reynolds, James Ritter, Debbie Rivet, Jennifer Schneider, Lynn Sellick, Jane Szarlan, Richard Szarlan, Tonya Tackentien, Brynn Taylor, JoAnn Termini, Rock Termini, Jay Walker, Chris Waugh, and Sandy Young.

Please pray for all those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, especially Pat Vogl.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, and those in the military or in service to our country and their families who mourn them.

Please take a moment to call and request that a family member or dear friend be added to or taken off the prayer corner in the bulletin. Thank you for continuing to inform us of parishioners, family and friends in need of prayers.



If you would like to remember a loved one or if you have a special intention, please call the Rectory or put a note in the collection with the name/reason for the Sanctuary Candle intention and your name. The cost is \$5 for one week. Please contact the Rectory if you would like to verify your request. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS

Please note, prayer list requests will be done on a three (3) week basis, unless the Rectory is updated with a longer request.

UPON THIS ROCK DISTRIBUTION

We recently received a check for \$2334.50 from the Upon This Rock campaign. We have already received a total of \$15,768.34 from this campaign. This allows us to continue to enjoy our beautiful new organ each week. It is through your generous support and your fulfillment of your pledge that allows for this to happen. Thank you! If you simply would like to pledge to our campaign, it's not too late, you still can get involved by contacting the church office or by emailing the Foundation@www.frddb.org.

thank you!