

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—

Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 11:15 AM

Lector: Tim Hastings

Eucharistic: Dennis, Laura, Joan

Server: Brynn or Bransen

Bring up Gifts: Open

RCIA NEWS

St. Joseph Church will be starting a new RCIA/RCIC program in the FALL of 2019. If you have interest in knowing more about the Catholic Faith and have thought about becoming Catholic, please call St. Joe's rectory at (716) 532-5100 to register for the Fall Program.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Confirmation 2019 will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church by Fr. Peter Karalus on Saturday, JUNE 1st at the 4:30 PM Mass. We have 6 candidates. Please join us for this celebration!

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

St. Mary's is pleased to welcome Sandy Vincent to our Rectory team! She works at St. Joe's in Gowanda, and will be working in our office on Tuesdays from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM. So there will now be someone available at our Rectory during the day, one day a week! Welcome Sandy!

VOCATION VIEW

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at (716) 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories: www.buffalovocations.org!

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Has anyone ever asked you why you go to church? Of course there are different answers to that question, but one of the primary reasons is found in today's readings. We go to learn. From God and from others. We gather to hear God's Word. We listen as it is interpreted for us by our priests and deacons who help us understand what it means in our life. Today's scripture elaborates, telling us why people gathered on the Sabbath. It was, "to hear the word of the Lord." Paul and Barnabas urged those listening to the Word of the Lord to "remain faithful to the grace of God." Do we realize that God's word, the Sunday readings, is a grace – a gift – from God? Through it we learn how to live a fuller, happier life. So continue to come to Church and let God's word guide your life. In doing so you will find the joy He wants for

YOU. Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

ST. AL'S (STARS) BINGO

Bingo is played every WEDNESDAY at St. Aloysius parish hall in Springville at 7:30 PM (doors open at 6:15 PM). Several different games are played and there are refreshments available for sale.

Parishioners are reminded that they may bring in their holy water vessels to fill with the newly blessed holy water from Easter!

Remember that if a St. Mary's parishioner attends a mass at St. Joseph's, their envelopes will be returned to St. Mary's where they will receive credit for their contribution.

Please notify Father Joe at St. Joe's Rectory of anyone having surgery or who is sick and hospitalized at (716) 532-5100 (day or night).

MINISTRY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you have a loved one, or know of someone who is unable to attend Mass. Please contact Norma Kazmark at (716) 799-5416 to make arrangements for receiving the Eucharist.

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN BBQ

The Immanuel Lutheran Church in Otto will be having a Mother's Day Chicken Barbeque from 11:30 AM to sold out. \$10/dinner which includes: chicken, salad, beans, roll and a brownie.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

St. Mary's Annual Ladies Dinner will be Wednesday, MAY 22nd at 6 PM at Goode's Restaurant in Gowanda. Please RSVP by Tuesday, MAY 14th. Joan Cullen (716) 665-8873—Patricia Illig (716) 665-8365

ST. AL'S (STARS) BIG MONEY RAFFLE & EVENT

Get your ticket for \$50 and be entered to win 1 of 25 cash prizes. The grand prize will be \$10,000 (if a minimum of 800 tickets are sold, if less than 800 are sold prizes will be prorated). Your ticket also admits 2 adults (over 21 years of age only) into the Event on Saturday, MAY 18th at 6 PM, where dinner and soft drinks and light entertainment will be provided. Cash bar will be available. An early bird drawing will be held on March 23, 2019. Visit our website for more details, www.staloysiusregionalschool.com, or contact Shelly Goodman (716) 665-9553.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next community meal at St Joseph's is on Saturday, MAY 18th. On the menu this month is: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, a variety of desserts. All are welcome, please join us!

FAITH AND FUN BUNCH CHICKEN BBQ

The Faith & Fun Bunch are sponsoring a "Drive-Thru" Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, MAY 18th from 11:30 AM until sold out. Mark your calendar!

CRAFTING AND FUN GROUP

The Crafting and Fun Group meets the first Saturday of each month in the church hall, be sure to mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, JUNE 1st from 9 AM—12 PM, for our next crafting and fun gathering!

SAVE THE DATE

Connecting Families to Sacramental Ministries for Children and Youth on Saturday, JUNE 8th. Join us for a National Workshop from The Center for Ministry Development, which will provide vision and practical resources for leaders to know, welcome, engage, and empower parents as they share faith and sacramental life with their children. Who should attend: Parish Catechetical Leaders, Sacramental Coordinators, Sacramental Preparation Catechists, RCIA-C, baptism teams, confirmation teams, liturgists...For more information about this workshop contact Maureen Poulin at mpoulin@buffalodiocese.org.

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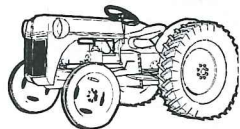
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