

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 3 – Vigil Mass – Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Theodore & Josephine (Olszowka)
Skarupinski – Children

Sunday, May 4 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 Edward Przepiora – M/M James Przepiora

9:30 Joan Lamke – Lustan, Machnik & Widzinski
Families

11:15 Intention of Parishioners

Monday, May 5

8:30 Casimer & Helen Wojtaszczyk – Children &
Grandchildren

Tuesday, May 6

8:30 Victoria & Anthonia Kawczynski – Family

Wednesday, May 7

8:30 Theodore Boris – St. Josaphat Holy Name Society

Thursday, May 8

8:30 Stanislaw & Camilla Zaremba – Daughter

Friday, May 9

8:30 Joseph & Mary Wieczorek – Al & Jean Wieczorek

Saturday, May 10 – Vigil Mass – Pentecost Sunday

4:00 p.m. Jacob & Josephine Chrobak & Walter & Stella
Kwiatkowski – Joyce Kwiatkowski

Sunday, May 11 – Pentecost Sunday – Solemnity

8:00 Felix & Stella Nowak – Nowak Families

9:30 Int. of Mother's Club Members

11:15 Intention of Parishioners

*** If a weekend Mass is for the intention of your loved one, please inform one of the ushers, so that they may be aware that there is someone to bring up the gifts. ***



God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead...

EPHESIANS 1 : 20

YOUR OFFERING TO GOD**APRIL 27, 2008**

Last week's April 27, 2008 Stewardship in Faith collection was \$4,776.00 compared to \$4,817.23 the same weekend in 2007.

Registered Households.....1,051

Catholic Home Mission Appeal535.00

Thank You and God Bless You!

Sunday Offering:

envelopes issued – 948

envelopes used – 428

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**MAY 4, 2008**

Realizing that all we have comes to us from the Father of Jesus – this is the first step in the journey through death to resurrection. Dare to walk the walk. If God is calling you, call Rev. Walter Szczesny: 847-5535.



Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our Time, our Talent and our Treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Please consider remembering our parish in your will. Here is some simple language you could use in writing the bequest. "I bequeath the sum of \$ _____ to St. Josaphat Roman Catholic Church Society, 20 Peoria Ave., Cheektowaga, NY 14206 to be used or disposed of as its trustees deem appropriate."

**SECOND COLLECTION –
THIS WEEKEND – MAY 3/4 –
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FUNDING PLAN OFFERING**

**SECOND COLLECTION –
NEXT WEEKEND – MAY 10/11
FUEL OFFERING.**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK –
WEDNESDAY AT 8:30 A.M. MASS**

St. Josaphat Parish will continue administering the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on Wednesdays at the 8:30 AM Mass. If you feel that you would like to receive the Sacrament due to illness (that you weren't anointed for), or if you are scheduled for surgery, come and be anointed on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to be anointed. Hospitals are no longer notifying parishes of their parishioners who are in hospitals. Hospitals can arrange for you to be anointed by their chaplain and to receive communion.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT
TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

and in Memory of
Joseph & Helen Kasproicz
Bernard R. Wasielewski

and

In Thanksgiving

(If you would like to have the sanctuary candle burn for a special intention or in memory of, contact the rectory.)

**ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
TO ALL MINISTRIES...
VERY IMPORTANT...**

Please do not forget your commitment to serve. We rely on your help.

MAY DEVOTIONS

...will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass.

HELP!!

Voices – for Lectors
Hands – for Eucharistic Ministers
FAITH IN ACTION!!

To volunteer or for information, call the rectory
893-1086.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We have a serious need for volunteers in our Bereavement Ministry. We need caring compassionate people to visit families who have lost their loved one and are preparing the funeral liturgy. You would help them select readings and hymns. If you are interested, please call the rectory during office hours, 893-1086.

THANK YOU

...to everyone who supported the Spaghetti Dinner that was held on April 27th. We appreciate all the volunteers, the people who donated, the chair people, Alice and Debbie Nowak and all who came. A profit of \$629 is given to St. Josaphat Parish.

PARISH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Return your completed form to the religious education office or in the collection basket in church in an envelope marked "Gift Card Order." Forms are at the church entrances and you can also get the form off our website – st-josaphat.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO RECYCLE IN THE GREEN & YELLOW RECYCLE BIN



Maxwell Allan
Emily Garrett
Alan Girdlestone
Kimberly Girdlestone
Elizabeth Godron

Stephen Ignatowski
Thomas Kehr
Cheyanne Kij
Dillon Kowal
Connor Mattingly

Aislynn Nelson
Ashley Obstarczyk
Taylor Richter
Jacob Vitez
Kenneth Wahl

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

...was celebrated on Saturday, May 3rd. We ask that you keep these children in your prayers so that their faith and love of Jesus, present in the Holy Eucharist may grow ever deeper. The members of this year's First Holy Communion Class are:

CONFIRMATION

We include in our prayers the young adults in our Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 10th at 4 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat Church. Rev. Monsignor David S. Slubecky will be presiding.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and be the guiding strength of their lives.

Patrick Badaszewski
Lyndsy Baker
Alexis Bulinski
Kenneth Carlucci III
Erica Comisso
Taylor DiPirro
Brittany Dorsey
Daniel Dudziak
Joseph Federowicz
Joshua Galante
Aaron Gertz
James Gertz
Cameo Godron
Michael Gospodarski
Jeffery Kapanek
Alexander Killinger

Alissa Kowalski
Alissa Kozakiewicz
Sara Kruse
Jenna Kurzanski
Donata Lorenzo
Katelyn Mazurkiewicz
Ashley McCormick
Jamie Nash
Amanda Pikul
Katie Puntoriero
Kara Rudnick
Jacob Rutowski
Joshua Rutowski
Thomas Sisti
Monica Smith

Kathryn Solecki
Douglas Stachewicz
Zachary Stana
Ashley Szegda
Bryan Szegda
Richard Tauriello
David Tkaczyk
Katelyn Vitez
Michael Wagner
Edward Walsh
Molly Walsh
Zachary Wong
Adam Zamorek
Marissa Zelasko
Daniel Zogaria



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

FOR SACRAMENT PROGRAMS AND GENERATIONS OF FAITH

GENERATIONS OF FAITH is lifelong faith formation!
It is all generations learning together, sharing wisdom and gifts!

It is monthly gatherings of all age groups, all parishioners!

- Students attend sessions with their families once a month.
- Couples, groups or singles, youth and seniors may attend any or all sessions.
- ANYONE may call to sign up for a single session.

Registration forms have been given to current registrants!

Please call the office (896-5007), with questions or for information. Please register as soon as possible in order for us to properly prepare for next fall. Newcomers are welcome!

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR KEVIN GUEST HOUSE

Kevin Guest House is a not-for-profit hospitality house for families of Cancer Patients and operates on the generosity of guests and members of the community. Donations would include Food Gift Cards for Tops and Wegmans, Kitchen Supplies, Laundry Supplies, Cleaning Supplies, Light Bulbs, Paper Products, Pantry Items, Linens. Check the entrances of the church for detailed items. Donation Boxes are at the doors of the Church until May 11. Thank you! <http://www.kevinguesthouse.org>.

JOURNEY IN FAITH AND GRACE

Recommendations of the

Journey in Faith & Grace Commission

The planning commission for the restructuring of the parishes in the Diocese has made its recommendations to Bishop Kmiec for our Vicariate (region). They recommend that "St. Josaphat and Resurrection Parishes should remain independent but should form a collaborative relationship looking toward the future when they might be linked or merged." The Bishop will review these recommendations and make the final announcements in May or June. Let us thank God and keep each other and our parish in our prayers!

A PRAYER FOR OUR JOURNEY IN FAITH AND GRACE

God our Father,

We are one Church in praise and in prayer.

Send the Spirit to us, members of the one Body of Christ.

We ask for vision and courage as we grow in Faith, in Hope, and in Love.

Thank you for the gifts of yesterday.

Today and tomorrow give us gifts of unity and peace.

Make us signs to our world of fidelity to your Word.

With Mary and Joseph we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE

Our Parish Grounds (Lawn Area) will be receiving weed and feed treatments the 1st and 3rd weeks of May.

CAMPBELL LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

...are being collected. Please place them in the containers at the church doors. PLEASE SEND THE UPC BARCODE AT THE BACK OF THE LABEL. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKEND – MAY 17-18



We are joining with Catholic Charities to provide parishioners one more opportunity to contribute to Appeal 2008. The Catholic Charities weekend is your opportunity to ensure that Appeal 2008 succeeds and that families will continue to be changed, ultimately improving our communities. Every dollar counts, and helps to provide programs for 160,000 children, adults, families and seniors in need in our Diocese. Place your donation in the collection on May 17-18 and mark it for Catholic Charities Appeal 2008. Thank you for your support!

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE

Next week is National TV Turnoff Week. Talk to your kids this weekend about whether your family would be willing to find different kinds of entertainment for one week. You might even extend this to video games and anything on the computer that isn't homework or work related. Sweeten the pot with some creative alternatives that involve the whole family. This may begin something of a new family activity.

ST. JOSAPHAT OUTREACH CENTER AND FOOD PANTRY

Wish list: Spaghetti sauce, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned pastas, soups.

We have finally finished with our last major hurdle of activities on April 19 which was our Saturday Sale. It again was an outstanding success. We had a beautiful day and we netted \$2,336.70 for our efforts. Many thanks to all who brought us their clothing and household goods instead of giving them to some other organization. It just goes to show that someone's trash is someone else's treasure. We will now share the leftovers with the Cancer Federation, Response to Love, Catholic Charities, etc. in order to start afresh. We also have to thank the Boy Scouts of Troop 223 who brought down all the boxes of things from the second floor of the convent. They have assisted us in previous years and their help is invaluable.

The weekend of April 5th, we received some food products from Troop 618 who meet at South Line Fire Co. and also from Curves for Women on Rossler St. and it did much to enhance our bare shelves. Many thanks to both those organizations.

We also received monetary donations from the Ladies Auxiliary of Doyle 1 and from a former client who is now on her feet and is appreciative of the help we gave her when she was having a tough time. God really sends us help when we most need it. God Bless You All!!! And thank you for your support.

We will now take a breather before we start planning for the next holiday season. We will close on Saturdays for the months of July and August and resume our full schedule in September. Keep us in your prayers.

Outreach Center is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 12 noon or by appointment, 894-7956. Keep us in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris Kasprzyk, Alice Wojcinski, Florence Kowal, Ben Czaja, Leo Guz, Joan Mullin, Estelle Janus, Emily Filipski, Jane Brzykcy, Alice Wachowiak, Ted Koller, Denise Jarosch, Joan Pfeiffer, Joseph Kubek, Christine Zulawski, Mary Kardas, Angie Szlachetka, Clara Gurowicz, Mary Ann Musial, Joanne Gawron, Grace Federowicz, Todd Gabryszak, Sue Zulawski, Donald Gatza, Ed Gawron, Verna Chmura, Clark Wheeler, Alice Nowak, Mary Kasinski, Frank Vicario, Dan Dziewa, Helen Gardon, Ellie Stachewicz, Angeline Szewc, Theresa Kalinowski, Alice Bielecki, Antoinette Klyczek, Louis Kozlowski, Dorothy Suszka, L. & E. Cudney, Dolores Allen, Carli Kubicki, Irene Kolodziej, Florence Ignatowski, Virginia Musial, Daniel DiBlasio, Genevieve Lee, Joe Wachowiak, Debbie Sokolski, Debbie Braniecki, Dorothy Grys, Dan Siekierski, Anna Siekierski, Joe Kawczynski, Elmer Gross, Michael DiRienzo, Marie Ambrose, Irene Wiczorek, Adele Grucza, Mark Nagowski, Florence Rollek, Theresa Wichrowski, Jacqueline Jezioro. If you have a loved one in the hospital, or someone who is seriously ill, please call the rectory

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Are you in a mixed religion marriage? Celebrate the commonalities and respect the differences. Rejoice if your spouse values a spiritual life even though it may be a different path than your own. Be who you are WELL. That's the gift you give to one another.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parents should read today's gospel as: "Make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always." Parents are appointed by Jesus to represent Him to their family.

MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

"Guiding and Inspiring Success" – At Mary Queen of Angels Catholic School our faith in God and each other builds a community of learners in which our students are guided and inspired to succeed. We are now accepting applications for students in preschool through grade 8. Visit our website at www.mqangels.com. Tuition assistance is available. For information, call 895-6280.

POPE'S JOURNEY

Complete coverage of the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States is what you will find in the pages of the May issue of the *Western New York Catholic*. Reporter Mark Ciemcioch and photographer Patrick McPartland lead our in-depth coverage of this historic visit. Read about Bishop Kmiec's experiences in Washington and New York City, how pilgrims from across the diocese worshipped at Yankee Stadium, and see incredible photographs of the Holy Father. The May *Western New York Catholic* is now available at the entrances of the church. Read the entire paper online anytime at www.wnycatholic.org.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE MAY 3-4, 2008

We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. We also congratulate our Men and Women religious who are celebrating their Jubilees this weekend.

PAINFUL MEMORIES

...can be replaced with peaceful moments. A healing opportunity is being offered on Thurs., May 8 for men and women who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or any loss of young life through miscarriage, stillbirth or SIDS. Begin the journey of healing through a special Mass offered at Holy Angels Chapel, entrance behind 348 Porter Ave., Buffalo. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation begins at 6:15 p.m. with a Healing Mass at 7 p.m. Father Terry O'Connell, OMI welcomes all family members. For more information call the Office of Pro-Life Activities 847-2205.

GOOD NEWS GETS AROUND

Patrick McPartland, photographer for the *Western New York Catholic*, goes on more than 25 photo shoots per month and takes thousands of photos each year. Photos, in addition to words, tell the story of what's happening in the Diocese of Buffalo. As a member of the Office of Communications, the *Western New York Catholic* is funded in part by your generous donations to the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).

42ND WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

...101.7 FM, WLOF your local Catholic radio station broadcasts Catholic programming 24/7.

MOTHER'S DAY RECIPES



Join Father Paul D. Seil as he celebrates Mother's Day with some delicious recipes. Tune in Saturday, May 10 at 6 a.m. and Noon on WKBW-TV Channel 7. Check us out on the web at <http://www.buffalodiocese.org/day-break/>.

SPRING CONCERT

...at St. Francis High School will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in Ormsby Alumni Hall Theatre. All instrumental and choral groups will perform. Admission is free.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING FertilityCare

As the only form of family planning in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church, NFP allows couples to conceive or avoid pregnancy by working with, rather than against, the designs of nature. Find out more about the benefits to your health and to your marriage. Introductory Sessions to the FertilityCare System of NFP will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Buffalo Mercy Hospital (828-2493) or at Sisters Hospital (862-1944) on Saturday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

"Fertility Care in Harmony with Nature"

THE FRANCISCAN CENTER

Runaway? Homeless? Trouble at home? On the streets? Need to cool off? Time to focus? A refuge for a while? Youth Shelter – Adolescent Males ages 16 thru 20 – Transitional Independent Living Program (up to eighteen months)...1910 Seneca Street near Mineral Springs, Buffalo, 822-8017. www.franciscancenterinc.org.

AL-ANON/ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS

For families and friends of problem drinkers...If your home is unhappy because someone drinks too much...We can help you, 856-2520. www.al-anon.alateen.org.

ST. COLUMBAN CENTER

...the Retreat Center for the Diocese of Buffalo, which is located beside Lake Erie at 6892 Lakeshore Rd. in Derby, will host the following programs.

Watercolor Painting Course for Seniors, May 15, 22 & 29, with Sr. Joselle Orlando, OSF.

Contemplative Prayer Meeting, May 15, presented by Fr. John Mergenhagen

Sabbath Time, May 28, an opportunity for prayer, rest and reflection facilitated by Sr. M. Elizabeth Mackowiak, CSSF and Sr. Joselle Orlando, OSF.

For further information/registration, call 947-4708, fax 947-5759 or e-mail at Columban@buffnet.net or check the Center's web site www.stcolumbancenter.org.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

To act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, letters can only be issued to registered members of St. Josaphat Parish (for at least 6 months), who regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments. Regular use of envelopes (even if empty) indicates attendance at Mass. Sponsors must be Baptized, Confirmed, and, if married, married within the laws of the Church. Adult children must be registered on their own; out-of-town college students need letters from their campus minister.