



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 21 - St. Aloysius
Gonzaga

8:00 Michael Sullivan - 24th
Anniversary

Tuesday, June 22 - St. Paulinus of
Nola/St. John Fisher/St.
Thomas More

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, June 23

5:30 Edward Mattioli *by wife
and family*

Thursday, June 24 - The Nativity
of St. John the Baptist

8:00 Nettie Charles *by Donald
and Virginia Roehling*

Friday, June 25

8:00 Beroldo Family *by
Bernadette Connolly*

Saturday, June 26

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Walter Jurek *by family*

Sunday, June 27 - 13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 Henry and Ann Filipski *by
family*

10:15 2010 Graduates of St.
Teresa's Parish *by St.
Teresa's Women's Guild*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - 2 Kings 17:5-8,

13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday - 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-
21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-
14

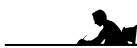
Wednesday - 2 Kings 22:8-13,
23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday - Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts of
the Apostles 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-
66, 80

Friday - 2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew
8:1-4

Saturday - Lamentations 2:2, 10-
14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17

Next Sunday - 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-
21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke
9:51-62



PASTORAL SHARINGS

If anyone wants to follow Jesus, he must deny himself, daily take up His cross, and follow in Jesus' footsteps. Whoever would save his life will lose it; whoever would lose his life for the sake of Jesus will save it.

It is easier to follow a winner, a victor, a person who always triumphs. We can bask in the glory of such a person. It is easy to be in the kingdom of such a one. But if we are asked to deny, to suffer, and to carry a cross, that is quite another matter!

It is easy to accept a Jesus Messiah who never asks anything of you. It is tough if he asked you to toe the line, to walk the straight path, to stand for what is true and moral, and to endure the consequences. It is easy to accept the good times of the Messiah, but what about the bad?

Jesus not only calls on us to give up something; He calls on us to give up ourselves, to make ourselves as nothing. The cross was the instrument of ultimate humiliation, degradation and torture. Yet He asks us to carry our cross each day and to follow after Him.

Not too many people want that kind of leader. Nowadays in the Church, people want a "feel good" faith, a Messiah who doesn't ask them anything, and a Messiah who always makes things please us. That is not religion; it is self-delusion and self-adulation.

We might remember here some of the incidents of the gospel: Recall the rich young man who had kept all the commandments; Jesus asked him to sell what he had and to give to the poor. He went away sad. Jesus had asked too much.

Another person said he would follow Jesus wherever He went; Jesus replied that He didn't even have a place to lay His head. Even the apostles followed Jesus right up to the point where the cross became a reality; then they scattered. To be a Christian is to take the words of Jesus to heart: To deny self; to take up the cross each day; to follow Him—even when we suffer greatly.

Msgr. William Carr

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That the Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers of our parish community will enjoy this day of recognition and also work to deserve the love we bestow on them; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Julie Carlo, Julie Conschafter, Pamela Rodgers, Rita Matynka, Dan Roland, Roxanne Gabbey, Kevin Bowerman, Ed Buekers, Fred Pask, Nancy Wittman, Edward O'Donnell, Lucy Kedzierski and for the happy repose of the soul of Daniel Lynch, Jr. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world, especially Kenneth Pask.

Attention Parishioners: We would be happy to include a sick or deceased member of your family in our prayers section of our bulletin each week. Please call the rectory to let us know and also to remove them when the prayer listing is no longer desired. Thank you!



Next Sunday's 10:15 am Mass will be for the 2010 Graduates of our Parish. Whether you are graduating from Akron, Alden, Oakfield, Clarence or Pembroke, we would appreciate your presence at this special Mass.



Last weekend we welcomed another baby into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. **Isabella Ann Mruk** is the daughter of Michelle (Figlewski) and James Mruk of Gabbey Road in Corfu. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family!



Last Sunday, a baby girl was baptized following the 10:15 am Mass. She was clothed in a white dress and surrounded by her family. In today's Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul writes, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Let us take a moment to recall the baptismal promise made at Baptism, to bring up our children in the Catholic faith. Let us ask God to help us to fulfill this promise with the help of His grace, with the power of the sacraments.

A Local March for Life - Saturday, June 26 at 8:00 am. Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Parkside and Parker Avenue, Buffalo. Mass is followed by praying the rosary quietly in a walking procession to a local abortion clinic. This event is prayerful, peaceful and open to all. The goal is to pray for an end to abortion.

Catholic Summer Camp for Boys and Girls - Camp Turner Open House is Saturday, July 3 from noon-4 pm. Meet the administration and staff, tour the facilities and have a free hotdog. Registration is open and operating this summer. Visit www.CampTurner.com to sign up. Camp Turner is a not-for-profit and is operated by the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.

Afflicted or affected by the disease of alcoholism? Calix is a gathering of individuals who want to improve their spiritual program, for people who are putting together a spiritual program which uses the 12-step approach. A journey which brings Step 11 into a deeper and fuller meaning. The Buffalo Unit of Calix Society meets the last Sunday of the month at 3 pm in the undercroft of St. Michael's Church Rectory, 651 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY 14203. For more information, contact Father Richard Hoar, SJ at 854-6726. International website is www.calixsociety.org.



Hank and Frank were baseball buddies. They were the biggest fans in the whole U.S. Both were stars on the Church team and coached the little league T-ball teams for the elementary school. The guys made an agreement between them that whoever died first would try to come back and report on whether or not there was baseball in heaven. Hank died first, and as he promised, came to Frank as in a dream. "Frank, Frank," Hank whispered into his buddy's ear, "I've got good news and I've got bad news. The good news is that there is baseball in heaven." "And the bad news?" Frank asked. "You're pitching tomorrow night!"



Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to Father Anand Isukala's Mission for his native land of India. \$1587 was raised from the 2nd collection last weekend. If you would still like to make a contribution, please put it in a plain envelope and mark it India Mission. Thank you!



Lord, Jesus, Son of Mary, You called the apostles to become "fishers of men." We pray that many faith-filled and courageous young men and women will follow Your call to religious life. Inspire them to dedicate their lives to building up Your kingdom on earth. Lord, we pray as well for all priests and religious. Help them to be joyful in service to Your people, and eager to bear witness to the power of Your love in the world. Lord, help them to remain steadfast in their commitment to You and Your people. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, and reward them with lasting peace and joy. Grant that they may work without ceasing in obedience to Your will and for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

A Father's Prayer

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care and constant protection. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need. Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family. Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen.

BOTTOM LINE:

The presence of God is
His present to us.