

*"St. Josaphat, Martyr for the unity  
of the Church, pray for us."*

*Parish founded 1906*



# St. Josaphat Parish

20 Peoria Avenue

Cheektowaga, New York 14206-2695

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Parish belonging to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo. We are under the authority of the Most Rev. Edward U. Kmiec, Bishop of Buffalo, and His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Our purpose is to preach and hear the Word of God as it is contained in the Holy Scriptures and Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Faith and its practice is handed on to our children by Religious Instruction (Catechesis) and formation in the ways of the Faith. We prepare our members to receive God's Divine Life through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Matrimony. We are to lead to God those seeking Him and help those who do not know or Love Him to find Him (Evangelization). We gladly use the power and authority Christ has given to the Catholic Church to make people holy by the Administration of Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Matrimony. We also work toward helping those in need. The deepening of bonds of friendship and fellowship are built through parish groups and social events that strengthen and promote our friendship and union in Christ.*

## PARISH STAFF:

**Pastor:** Rev. Richard M. Poblocki

**Trustees:** Lawrence Zamojski & Diane Marek

### Parish Finance Team:

Larry Zamojski, Diane Marek,  
Richard "Chip" Andrzejewski,  
Jerry Bauer, Larry Bracikowski,  
Val Derenda, Pat Widzinski

## PHONE NUMBERS:

Rectory 893-1086  
Rectory Fax 893-1099  
Religious Education 896-5007  
(Saturday 9-10 a.m. - Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.)  
Outreach 894-7956

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** St-Josaphat.com

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

## DAILY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m., Saturday: 12 noon

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES:

Vigil of Holy Day: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Day: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday: 8:10-8:25 a.m.

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

20 Peoria Ave.  
Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
and 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
NO OFFICE HOURS on Saturday, Sunday, Holy  
Days and Legal Holidays. Sick calls anytime.

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism is celebrated for your convenience on almost every Sunday of the year at 12:30 p.m. Church Law requires that children be baptized in the first few weeks after being born. Generally, parents should be parishioners for at least 6 months and must be going to Mass weekly and on all Holy Days of Obligation. New parents can call the Rectory to get everything arranged!

**MARRIAGE:** God wills that Marriage is a love that endures until death. This takes His help and the Wisdom of the Church. To be married at St. Josaphat's Church, at least one member of the couple must be registered with the Parish for at least one year; and the couple must be going to Mass every Sunday and all required Holy Days. So that your love remains strong, true, and forever, we get you ready by meetings with the Pastor, Marriage Preparation Instructions, and (since the use of any form of "birth control/contraception" is a mortal sin), Natural Family Planning Classes are required.

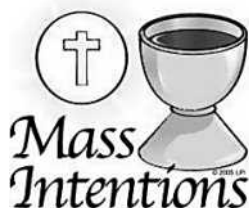
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome new people to our congregation. Please register at the rectory as soon as possible. We hope you will find a helpful family of faith with us. If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

## WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? DO YOU NEED SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED BEFORE YOU CAN JOIN?

We are the place for you! We welcome all persons unbaptized, Christians from other Church communities who want to enter the Church, and all Catholics who need to "catch up" on their Sacraments! We get you ready for baptism, entrance into "Full Communion," and getting "caught up" on your Sacraments! We'll also answer all your questions and help you decide if this is what you should be doing. Preparation is handled by the Pastor himself, so that you will receive instruction directly from a priest. Call us at any time of the year! If you're interested and eager, you'll find we match your eagerness and enthusiasm! Call the Rectory and ask for Father Rick!

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Like you, we think being a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation is a huge honor! With the Letter, we verify for another priest and parish that you fulfill all these requirements to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation: (1) you must be 16 years of age or older; (2) you must be baptized Catholic, confirmed, and made your First Holy Communion; (3) married persons must be married in a Catholic ceremony, or one sanctioned by the Church; (4) you must be living a life in line with the Catholic Faith e.g., "living with" someone outside of marriage, being divorced and then remarried outside the Church, "leaving" the Catholic Faith, missing Mass, getting excommunicated, would all be examples of things disqualifying someone from receiving a Letter of Recommendation. The Church is "firm" on these requirements. Any problems can be taken directly to Fr. Rick for a fair hearing.

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN MATERIAL: MONDAYS AT 11:00 A.M.**



Saint  
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## SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 4, 2012

## FIRST SATURDAY/BVM/VIGIL OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:00PM + Josephine Capese by Jeff and Jane Kney  
4:00PM + Phyllis Musial by Alice Mleczeko

## SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 5, 2012

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM + Mary Bartkowski by Mrs. Sophie Hajduk  
9:30AM + Pearl Peplinski by Irene Curkowski  
11:15AM Missa Pro Populo by Pastor

## MONDAY/FEBRUARY 6, 2012

## ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS (MEMORIAL)

8:30AM + Stephen and Stella Lubecki by Walter Lubecki

## TUESDAY/FEBRUARY 7, 2012

## WEEKDAY

8:30AM + In Thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of St. Josaphat by Mary Lou Flumerfeldt

## WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 8, 2012

## ST. JEROME EMILIANI/ST. JOSAPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

8:30AM + Frank Brzana by Leonard Dzimian

## THURSDAY/FEBRUARY 9, 2012

## WEEKDAY

8:30AM + Leopold Kolis by Chet and Carol Maguda

## FRIDAY/FEBRUARY 10, 2012

## ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN (MEMORIAL)

8:30AM + Donald and Edwina Denz by Jeff and Jane Kney

## SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 11, 2012

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES/VIGIL OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:00PM + All Souls - 2011 by Parishioners  
4:00PM + Joseph Pawlak by Family

## SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 12, 2012

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM + Missa Pro Populo by Pastor  
9:30AM + Carol Mekarski by Eugene and Florence Mruk  
11:15AM + I. Edward Michalski by Wife Esther and Daughters

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Verna Chmura, Jeannette Greentaner, Melvin Greentaner, Leo Guz, Alice Wachowiak, Joseph Wachowiak, Joseph Kubek, Dorothy Suszka, Mary Ann Kasinski, Leslie Chiocchio, Theresa Slachciak, Boleslaus Skonecki, and Nancy Dyl.

*Names requested for sick list will run two weeks. Call to renew. If no renewal takes place, names are dropped.*

## Church Contributions: Jan 28/29

Sunday, Regular	\$6,250.30
Monthly	\$111.00
Fuel/Utilities	\$123.00
Pew Rent	\$167.00
Votives	\$251.81
Mailed Contributions	\$1,045.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$607.00
Eastern and Central Europe	\$7.00
Total	\$8,562.11

## Mass Attendance: Jan 28/29

4:00pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:15am	TOTAL
206	106	159	226	697

## PARENTS OF FIRST PENANCE &amp; COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Please do not forget the Parents' Meeting with Father Rick and Sr. Anthonille to be held on Thursday, February 9th. **Attendance is mandatory** because we will use this time to relay important information to you concerning the reception of the Sacraments. For your convenience, there will be **two sessions**: one at 10:30am and the other at 7:00pm. Both meetings will be held in the School.

## RAFFLE AND FUNDRAISING RULES

Every parish organization or group meeting on the Church property must adhere strictly to the Diocesan regulations governing fundraising, as well as the laws of New York State. Any group proceeding with a fundraising venture must inform the Pastor so that the proper diocesan guidelines may be shared with you. To avoid any suspicion of or appearance of financial irregularity, **the names of the winners and their prizes MUST be printed in the parish bulletin** for all parish members to see who won. Appropriate and necessary paperwork for the Diocese, Parish, and the State must always be carefully prepared and filed with the Pastor. Any group choosing to ignore this warning will not only lose its privilege to raise funds, but may even have their permission to meet on the parish grounds withdrawn. Why so tough a stand? The accountability demanded by state laws gets stricter by the year. Ignoring this, along with any charge of financial irregularity affects not only the group or individuals involved, but also jeopardizes the Parish. All groups are bound by this!

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**WITH YOUR HELP, I AM PROTECTED**

By contributing to Catholic Charities' 2012 Appeal, you provide support to some of Western New York's most vulnerable youth. Help Catholic Charities continue to link loving families with a child in need through our foster care and adoption programs, with counseling services through our children's mental health clinics, and ease the transition for children struggling to deal with their parents' separation. Trina was a frustrated parent in the midst of a custody battle with her children's father. She was referred to Catholic Charities Our Kids: Parent Education and Awareness Program, which helps parents to avoid conflict during a time of divorce or separation. Trina is now able to communicate effectively with her ex-husband and her two sons are excelling in school. With your contribution, be the link that bonds families together. **Protect. Strengthen. Empower. Please give to the 2012 Catholic Charities Appeal.** Find out more at [www.ccnw.org](http://www.ccnw.org) or call (716)-218-1400.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Parish Finance Committee meeting will be held on February 16, 2012 at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the School.

**HOLY NAME LEADERSHIP**

Our Parish Holy Name Society has announced the appointment of its Officers and Board of Directors for the Year 2012. They are: Lawrence Marek, President; Gary Gawronski, Vice-President; Richard "Chip" Andrzejewski, Financial Secretary; Jerome Bauer, Treasurer; Edward Gawron, Marshall; and Lawrence Bracikowski, Recording Secretary. The HNS Board of Directors is made up of: Edward Nowak, Edward Osika, Henry Przepiora, Jr., Gary Wazny, and Greg Wazny. Fr. Rick encourages these men to live up to the noble pledge they make at every meeting. It is expected that as men of the HNS, your work to promote the Holy Name of Jesus will begin with your presence and active participation at Mass.

**COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES!**

Get yourself ready for the Superbowl with some good coffee, treats, and great company. Our parish coffee social will be held in the gym area of the School. If you are a visitor to our parish, you are very welcome to join us for coffee and to meet us!

**NOTES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Our choir has begun rehearsing for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Our next rehearsal is this **Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm** in the church. It is not too late to join us. If you would still like to sing, contact Steve Quebral by stopping by the choir loft after Sunday Mass or leaving a message at the rectory.

**PARISH TO HIRE A NEW BOOK-KEEPER**

After 18 months of service to our parish, our book-keeper, Ms. Janet Black, has announced her retirement, effective February 29, 2012. St. Josaphat Parish is currently accepting applications for the position of parish book-keeper. The job will involve 20 hours weekly and involves payment of bills, logging of payroll, oversight of the parish "Virtus®" program, and the handling of basic human resources issues. If you or any interested party would like further information, please contact Fr. Rick at 893-1086.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSAPHAT PARISH**

For the Week of: **FEBRUARY 5—FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

**Sunday/February 5, 2012**

**9:00am:** Visitation of Sick by EMHC

**Coffee Social after all Sunday Masses!**

**Monday/February 6, 2012**

**12:00pm:** St. Josaphat's Senior Citizens Organization (Annex)

**Tuesday/February 7, 2012**

**4:00-5:00pm:** Fr. Rick hosts Calling All Catholics Live on WLOF (101.7 FM)

**6:30-7:30pm:** Religious Education Classes, Grades 6-9 (School)

**7:45-9:00pm:** R.C.I.A. Class (School)

**Wednesday/February 8, 2012**

**12:00pm:** Maybells Sunshine Club (Annex)

**Thursday/February 9, 2012**

**10:30am:** Parents' First Communion/First Penance Class (School)

**4:00-5:00pm:** Fr. Rick hosts Calling All Catholics Live on WLOF (101.7 FM)

**7:00pm:** Parents' First Communion/First Penance Class (School)

**7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**7:00-9:00pm:** Youth Group Meeting (School Gym)

**Friday/February 10, 2012**

**7:00pm:** Holy Name Society Meeting (Annex)

**Saturday/February 11, 2012**

**9:00-10:00am:** Religious Education Classes, Grades 1-5 (School)

**LOOKING INTO A PARISH FOOD PANTRY**

For years our parish provided a valuable service to the people of our area with its Food Pantry. Fr. Rick and a few parishioners are now investigating the possibility of re-opening a pantry that will serve the *people of our parish and those living within our zip code*. If you would be interested in helping out, please call the Rectory. Once we get a group of people together, we can see if such a venture is possible.

**WNY CATHOLIC AVAILABLE THIS WEEK**

The WNY Catholic, our official Diocesan Newspaper, is available this week. Please take as many copies as you wish!

**YOUR COOPERATION IS AWESOME!**

Thank you so very much for moving the hymnals, missalettes, and Mass Cards to the edge of the pews! The Church not only looked great for the people coming in for the next Mass, but it also looked more presentable after the last Mass of the day! Thanks so much!

**IN GOD'S ETERNAL REST**

We offer our fervent prayers for the repose of the soul of:

**Stephanie Swiatek**

May she come to share Our Lord's glory in heaven. We wish to convey our prayers and sympathies to her family and friends.

May she rest in peace!

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