

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist is a faith-filled Catholic Christian community, centered on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Gospel, and His Church. We watch and pray as we respond in loving service to the needs of our greater community. We aspire to grow in holiness, dedicated to life, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in order to inspire faith and hope in all people.

JUNE 20, 2021

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## PARISH LIFE

**Temporary Administrator:** Rev. Daniel J. Serbicki  
**Pastoral Administrator:** .....Deborah A. Brown  
**Priest Moderator:** .....Rev. Msgr. Vincent Becker  
**Sacramental Minister:** .....Rev. James A. Walter  
**Sacramental Minister:** .....Rev. Richard DiGiulio  
**Permanent Deacon:** .....Marc Leaderstorf  
**Permanent Deacon:** .....Peter Donnelly  
**School Principal:** .....Jonna Johnson  
**Business Manager:** .....Kate Wypij  
**Director of Music & Liturgy:** .....Dan Stachelski  
**Catechetical Leader:** .....Jenny Golinski  
**Administrative Assistant:** .....Stephanie McCormick

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

WEEKEND MASSES AND SCHOOL MASSES ARE LIVE  
STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

**Saturday Mass** - 4:00 pm

**Sunday Masses** - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

**Weekdays (Monday-Friday)** - 8:30 am

**Vigil Mass** - As Announced in the bulletin

**Holy Day** - As Announced in the bulletin

**Eucharistic Adoration:** First Fridays ( 9 am - 7 pm)

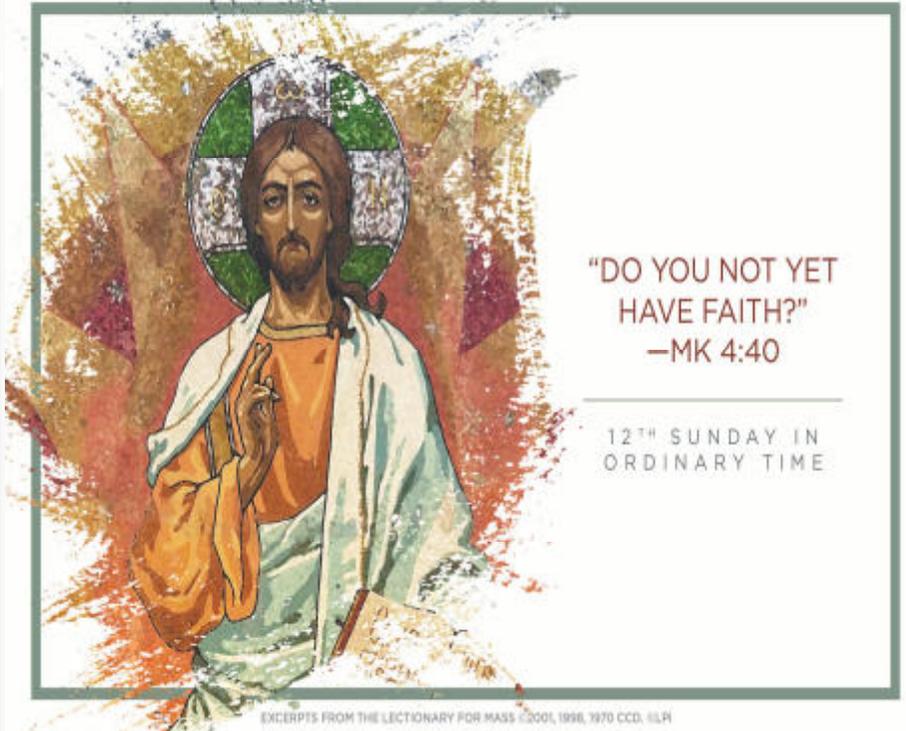
**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 3 pm

**Baptism:** Baptisms are being scheduled with the safety of all in mind. If you have any questions, please call the rectory or email [Baptism@stjohnsalden.org](mailto:Baptism@stjohnsalden.org)

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least 9 months ahead. A Marriage Preparation Program is required.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Given to those who attend Mass regularly, are registered at least a month in the parish, and are baptized and confirmed. Also, married parishioners must be married in the Catholic Church.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles and inserts are due 4:00 pm Friday, one week prior to publication.



Worship Aid

St. John the Baptist School: 2028 Sandridge Road • Alden, New York 14004

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Faith Formation: 716-937-6959

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[faith.formation@stjohnsalden.org](mailto:faith.formation@stjohnsalden.org)

**New Parishioners:** Please contact the rectory to register.

**Office Hours are Mon-Fri 9:00 am until 2:00 pm**



### A Word From Father Dan

Historically, the Jewish people were not great sailors. They didn't tend to build ships, or travel great distances (diaspora/exile excepted). The sea was mysterious and unknown, and came to represent chaos. Good things were at home in the promised land, why would you leave?

One sign of God's power is his control even over these forces of chaos. Even to the edges of the map, where "there be dragons" God is in charge.

Interestingly, he chooses disciples from fishermen. They are the few who were bold enough to venture out into chaos, and try to find something worthwhile, ducking out between storms. They were the ones who had the courage to try something new. Yet there are limits! We hear in our gospel today that their gamble has not paid off, and they're in over their heads. The common sense of the day would say "of course this happened! Never take risks! Stay on the land!" Perhaps they themselves doubt their choices. Where will they find shelter now? Even though they are upset at Jesus, they still turn to him in desperation.

This story for me is about the courage to try something new in ministry. To take risks that may not pay off, but may play off in a big way. Only then is our faith in God truly tested. Only then will we know we are relying on Him

### Liturgical Corner By Deacon Peter Donnelly

In some ways, fear is a reaction to a loss of control. If something is outside our understanding, we often fear it. This is the type of fear that we see in the gospel reading this week. On the surface, the story is about a boat ride that becomes unexpectedly perilous. But it's so much more. In reality, the apostles are being confronted by the reality that this Jesus person has arrived to bring dramatic change to their lives.

The apostles are being confronted by a radical call to conversion - to put aside everything they think they know, everything they have been taught and everything they believe and then put their trust completely in Jesus. This is the storm that's about to rock their world.

When asked to put our trust in someone, it sometimes requires a re-evaluation of our priorities and opening ourselves to the possibility that we are able and worthy to be transformed into something more complete. This is what Jesus asks of us in the gospel. He is leading us to something greater, and it requires that we put our complete trust in him. Do we believe that he is the real thing? Do we trust that the path that he is leading us on is the one of true salvation? There's no hedging our bets. The only choice is that we go 'all in'.

This is the challenge of the gospel this weekend. Can we overcome our fear, let go of what we want and instead put our trust in Jesus? Do we have faith in him, or are we just going to let the world toss us about like a boat in a storm?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-4

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

By: Dan Stachelski III

Echoing Isaiah and Revelation (St. John), the hymn that we sing at the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer lifts us to heaven to help us see with the eyes of angels. In the book of Isaiah, Chapter 6, the prophet describes a vision of the King of heaven in a divine throne room with angels adoring him. He explains that six-winged seraphim ("burning ones") stood in awe before the throne and cried out: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" They were in such awe that they covered their faces.

In the New Testament, John had a similar experience. He was caught up in the Spirit on the Lord's day (Rev. 1:10) and received a vision of the heavenly liturgy. When he saw Jesus in his full glory, he "fell at his feet as though dead" (Rev 1:17). He then describes seeing the six-winged angelic creatures before the throne of God singing something similar: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come."

The second half of the Sanctus (Holy), uses the words that the crowd greeted Jesus with on his way into Jerusalem. "Hosanna" (Hebrew for "save us") and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." It is fitting that we use these words here - we are welcoming Jesus again to become present in the Eucharist on our altar.

We join our voices with those of the angels and saints in heaven in their hymn of praise. At this moment, we become "caught up" in the heavenly liturgy - we enter the heavenly throne room as described by the prophet Isaiah and the apostle John. We become like Isaiah and John - preparing to encounter the King of Kings, singing praise to God, and then literally falling to our knees after the hymn is sung.

**Reflection.** When you sing the *Holy* this week, sing it with all of the angels and saints that are singing it in heaven. Let our voices combine with theirs!

### FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 20

The Sanctuary light is lit to the Glory of God & for

*Lyle Fix*

### A Word from Today's Scriptures

*The Calming of a Storm at Sea:* Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith? They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey." Mark 4:40-41

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

*Prayer starter: Lord Jesus, help me to have faith and trust in your power in the midst of the storms in my life. Help me to believe that you are present and working in my life even when I do not recognize you*

### FUNDRAISING

- ◆ Lawn Fete Committee is looking for volunteers and sponsors. Please reach out to Jennifer Boucher: 716-698-1697 or [lawnfete.director@stjohnsalden.org](mailto:lawnfete.director@stjohnsalden.org).
- ◆ Three weeks to go to the Chicken and Rib BBQ!! We still need well not 100 pies but 97 pies! Please, if you are able to help us ,call Pat at 937-9293 . Thank you! Pat Heslin
- ◆ Cow Plop squares will be for sale after all Masses leading up to this years Lawn Fete. Each square is \$5. There will be two \$300 winners/board and each square touching the winning receives \$25 in winnings. Winners will be “plopped” on July 11th.

# SAVE the DATE

## LAWN FETE 2021

**July 9** - Car Show - Live Music from West of the Mark (country)

**July 10** - Polish Dinner with Polish Band during dinner. Live Music from Flipside (classic pop rock)

**July 11** - Chicken & Rib Dinner. Basket Raffle Drawing  
\*\*\*Cow Plop Squares will be available throughout the weekend!



### PARISH NEWS

- ◆ **EARLY BULLETIN:** If you have a submission for the July 4th bulletin, please submit it to the Rectory before Tuesday, June 22nd. Submissions for the July 11th bulletin are needed before Wednesday, June 23rd. If you request a flyer for July 4th, please be sure to supply volunteers to insert them into the bulletins because Stephanie will be out of the office the week of June 27th, when the stuffing will need to be done.
- ◆ **INDEPENDENCE DAY:** The Rectory Office will be closed in observance of The Fourth of July. May everyone have a safe and fun weekend
- ◆ **Welcome Back:** To all our parishioners who have returned to church. If you are on our bulletin mailing list and no longer wish to receive the bulletin in the mail, please contact the rectory. Thank you!

### MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **WORKS OF MERCY:** A new addition to our St. John's Works of Mercy Ministry is our Lasagna Love 4 Life (LL4L). Our team is making and delivering delicious lasagna to those in need. Several pans of LL4L have already been distributed to families who have lost a loved one, who may be returning from a hospital stay, or who may be going through a difficult time of any sort. If you or someone you know from our parish would appreciate a pan of lasagna, please email, [worksofmercy@stjohnsalden.org](mailto:worksofmercy@stjohnsalden.org) or contact Pam @ 716 785-7195
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We would like to hold Vacation Bible School this summer August 2-6th. In order to do this we need a team of volunteers to help plan and facilitate this fun event. If you are interested in helping please contact the Rectory at 937-6959.
- ◆ **BIBLE STUDY:** Would you be interested in a summer Bible Study? We had a great group studying Ephesians during lent this year. Those participants want to study more so I'm trying to get an idea of what might work best and what kind of space we might need. Would a daytime Bible study be more appealing to you than evenings? Please call Jenny at 937-6959 and let her know what you might be interested in.
- ◆ **NEWS FROM WORSHIP COMMITTEE: UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS!**
  - **Vigil of the Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist (June 23):** Vespers at 7 PM.
  - **Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Will be an outdoor Mass! Bring a picnic dinner for your family and we will all “tailgate” in the parking lot following Mass. There will also be a Ministry Fair in the parking lot (all church ministries invited to set up a table), and a family movie shown on the BIG SCREEN beginning at dusk (Rain Date will be July 3.) This event is an all-parish event under the guidance of the Parish Council. For information, contact Scott Dobe, Parish Council President, or Kathy Sutter, Worship Committee Chairperson.



**Please pray for all who are in need:** Ann G, Mackenzie Refermat, Theresa Kwiatkowski, Joe & Susan Hoiden, Nicholas Oddo, Tom Pasek, Susan Abramo, David Nowak, Dorothy Czechowski, Dawn Duncan, Kathy & Leonard Wagner, Nicole Lindner, Terry Moore, Marlene Smith, Jackie Budnik, TSI Group, Marian Butler, James Creighton, Scott Meidenbauer, David Borden, Gary Powers, Christine Mayer, Bill Chapman, Jim Nowinski, Ed Monoco, Joanne Mueller, Marcia Keglar, Ken Warren, Kathrin Boling, Mitchell, Gail Hans, Marie Boller, Diane Zymowski, Sharon Pfeiffer, Steve Kotlowski, Sr. Ellen, Dawn LaPage, Amy Bonamici, Robert Kalczynski, Roger Morphew, Fred & Helen Polyowicz, Sharon Fisher, Donna Hamm, Debbie Brown, Ron Soper, Madeleine Newman, Gilbert Fries, Michael McNancy and All Special Intentions.

### FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation registration is now open for children grades K-10. If you need a registration form, they can be found on the parish website along with a copy of the letter explaining next year's plans.

If your teen will be in a Catholic High school, in 10th grade this fall, and has not been contacted about Confirmation prep for next year, please call the office at 937-6959.

Volunteers will be needed during the next school year for our monthly family faith formation gatherings. If you are interested in helping out, even just for a time or two, please call the office at 937-6959.

### SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. John Parish,

This past week was our last full week of instruction for our students. It has been a unique year and we consider ourselves to be truly blessed to have been in person, 5 days a week, for the entire school year. Next week we will begin our graduations for our PreK, Kindergarten, and 8th graders.

This year would not have been possible without the tremendous support of our school families and parish. A huge thank you goes to the hard work and dedication of our teachers. They were able to create the most normal learning environment possible for each student and did this with love, compassion, and an outstanding level of professionalism. I am grateful to each and every member of the staff, both as an administrator and as a parent. I truly believe that no other school could offer the level of education that my children received this year.

As a school community we would like to wish all of the fathers, grandfathers, and those that provide a father figure role, a happy and relaxing Father's Day!

Many Blessings,  
Jonna M. Johnson, Principal

We are still holding open registration for the 2021-2022 school year. We have a few classes that are full, but lots of openings in our 5th - 8th grade classes. Give the office a call to schedule a personal tour and find out how St. John the Baptist school can be the right fit for your child!

**School Office Hours:** Please note that the school office is closed to all visitors during our regular school hours. No one will be permitted into the building during school hours. If you need to contact us, please call 937-9483 or email us at [school.office@stjohnsalden.org](mailto:school.office@stjohnsalden.org).

**You can like us on Facebook (St. John the Baptist School Home Page or Principal Jonna Johnson Home Page) to see more exciting events and school news.**

[www.stjohnsalden.com](http://www.stjohnsalden.com)



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, June 19**

4:00 pm Helene Houck - Her Family

*Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to John & Barb Ertel*

**Sunday, June 20 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00 am Leonard Zymowski - Wife & Daughter Diane

9:30 am Larry Kocher - Judy & Frank Downhower

11:00 am Joseph & Ruth DeCarolis - Children

**Monday, June 21**

8:30 am All Souls

**Tuesday, June 22**

8:30 am Fr. Hessler - Lori Gryzbek

**Wednesday, June 23**

8:30 am Genevieve J. Kaczmarek - Estate

**Thursday, June 24**

8:30 am All Souls

**Friday, June 25**

8:30 am Msgr David Slubecky - Estate & Family

**Saturday, June 26**

4:00pm Marion Szadek - Ken & Kathy Rueter

**Sunday, June 27 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00 am Tricia Hoelscher - Jamie & Sharon Hoelscher

9:30 am Larry Kocher - Irene Belzile Family

11:00 am Steve Kotlowski - Marilynn Camp

**FINANCE**

**WEEKEND OF 6/13/2021**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Total.....\$7,721.00

**WESHARE**

5/29-6/5.....\$2,032.00

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

(9/1/2020-8/31/2021).....

.....\$356,617.12

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Total.....\$422.00

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