



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 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH 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)

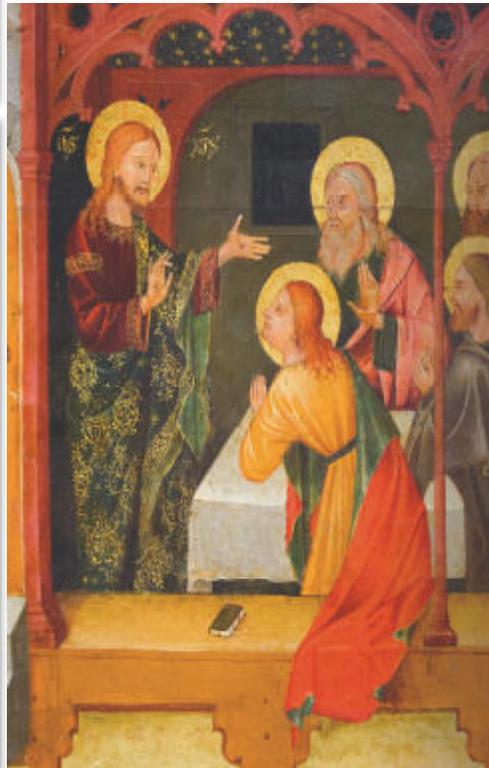
Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 3 pm

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

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.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep."
- Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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

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Faith Formation: 716-937-6959

Faith Formation Email:

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

Today's gospel is a long "two miracle" gospel, and reminds us that life never goes the way we plan. A desperate parent comes to Jesus asking for help in a hurry, before his daughter dies. It's the perfect setup. Who has more right to expect help from Jesus than a religious leader and his innocent little daughter? Jesus responds as we expect: normal story so far. But the story is interrupted. Someone is desperate. She also wants healing, albeit for herself. She has exhausted every other opportunity. She seems to be cutting in line, but she's also ritually impure due to the bleeding, and making Jesus "impure" without him knowing. Jesus doesn't care, and his power heals her physical ailment, but he also stops what he is doing to make a point. It's a reaching moment, a restorative moment, a moment for her to express gratitude. Yet it's also a moment that delays Jesus. He's on his way to help a little girl before she dies, remember? Then... she does die.

If you were the father, would you be angry at the woman? At Jesus? At God?

In the last few weeks, I have been stretched as a priest to be in more places in more ways than I ever have before. As I read this gospel today, I find it comforting to know that Jesus was pulled around a lot too. Yet somehow, God's will was still done, and even what seemed like a failure in death became an opportunity to show God's power. May you be encouraged as well when your own plans, no matter how important, are interrupted by someone in need.

Liturgical Corner By Deacon Marc Leaderstorf

This past Thursday June 24, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist, the patron of our Church, we celebrate 171 years this year of St. John the Baptist in Alden. John the Baptist is the only person other than Mary and Jesus where we celebrate their birth in the Church's liturgy. John the Baptist was the forerunner who's preaching and witness prepared the way for Christ. John is representative of the statement Jesus made to the synagogue official regarding the miracle healing of Jairus' daughter in today's gospel, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." A great example for us as we face life's challenges, to trust and have faith in Jesus always, as John the Baptist did - as unconventional and unpredictable as that might have been.

John is the last and greatest of all the prophets, he leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary, pregnant with Jesus came to visit revealing what God desires for all of us to be transformed by the presence of Jesus and Mary in our lives. CCC 523, John the Baptist "inaugurates the Gospel... from his mother's womb."

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan, in so doing, "With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of 'the divine likeness.'" CCC 720 The time of restoration and repentance was fulfilled, the reign of Jesus had begun. From the Collect of the day on the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist: "O God, who raised up St. John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people, we pray, the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace."

Let us conclude with prudent words from Pope Francis to remember as we journey through the trials we face each day, "Let us learn from the one who was the forerunner of Jesus the ability to bear witness to the Gospel with courage."

The First Epiclesis By: Dan Stachelski III

After we sing the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) we kneel while the priest remains standing. We kneel in adoration as a body, while the priest directs our prayer to the Father. We are now in the heavenly courts and anticipate "He who comes in the name of the Lord" in the bread and wine which will become the Body and Blood. We must be aware that even in kneeling, we are active participants. Participation in Mass does not only mean singing or responding; we actively participate in our actions and by following the prayers and readings of the Mass.

In this next part of the Eucharistic Prayer comes the First Epiclesis. The term *epiclesis* is a liturgical term meaning "to invoke" or "to call upon." The Catechism (#1105) states that the epiclesis "is the intercession in which the priest begs the Father to send the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, so that the offerings may become the body and blood of Christ and that the faithful, by receiving them, may themselves become a living offering to God."

The ancient Jews pleaded that God send them a Messiah, now the priest asks that the Messiah be made present once again, this time in bread and wine. Oftentimes this is highlighted by the ringing of altar bells: "Make holy, therefore these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

Reflection. What is the importance of the epiclesis? How does it prepare us to be living offerings to God?

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 27

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

A Word from Today's Scriptures

Healing of Jairus' Daughter: Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."
Mark. 5:36

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Prayer starter: Jesus you came to bring me life just as surely as you brought life to the daughter of Jairus. You invite me to turn to you in faith even when my problems might at times seem hopeless

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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For More Info: Call Michella Zaleski 716-870-1035 or Maria LaVarnway 716-510-3187

FUNDRAISING

- ◆ We need help! If you would like to sponsor a tent for the Lawn Fete, contact Jennifer at 716-698-1697 or lawnfete.director@stjohnsalden.org. Basket Raffle donations are needed for Lawn Fete. Please contact Cathie at 585-300-3262 if you would like to help! Volunteers are greatly needed. Please contact Jennifer or go to <https://tinyurl.com/LAWNFETE>
- ◆ Picnic time is BBQ and pie time at St. John's!! And we are only 2 weeks out before our doors open for our Annual Picnic. We have ordered 700 plus dinners and we need a total of 100 pies to serve with those dinners. At this time we have 16 pies. Please call me if you can help, and we do need help! Thank you, Pat

MINISTRY NEWS

THE PRO-LIFE CONTEST ENTRIES were amazing again this year! We are showcasing the number 1 winner in front of the altar and the others may be seen in our church vestibule.

Winners:

1. "Stronger Together"-Iron artwork with written explanation, Brandon Beal, \$100.00
 2. "One Life Can Make A Difference" - Booklet, Cole Welsted, \$50.00
 3. "Strong Together" - Artwork with story, Emma Fontaine, \$50.
 4. Group winners, "Unity" - artwork, Alexandria, Braden & Cole Ertel, \$75.00
 5. "Band Together"- artwork, Alexandria Ertel, \$25.00
 6. "Mirror Me"- artwork, Elisabeth Lauer, \$25.00
 7. "Adoption the Better Option"- facts on Adoption, Casey Hoy, \$25.00
 8. "Together Strong - Life Unites" - collage, Richard Glenna, \$25.00
 9. "Speak for the Weak!" - artwork, Treyson Grover, \$25.00
 10. "All Lives Matter" - artwork, Joel Fontaine, \$25.00
 11. "Pro-Life, Speak for those Without a Voice" - artwork, Jonah LaVarnway, \$25.00
 12. "All About Adoption" - collage, Jayde Leroy, \$25.00
 13. "United Again" - Jesus/world drawing, Lucas Nagel, \$25.00
- Congratulations to all our winners and to all our participants and their teachers! All received \$5.00 gift certificates to the Pink Cow Ice cream shop.

Thank you to all our 200 Club Collectors/Members with Youth Fund for supporting our Youth in our parish pro-life mission!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS: St. John's Pro-Life T-Shirts were purchased for all our parish Graduating Seniors who made their Confirmation last year as Juniors and for the Sophomores (now Juniors) who also made Confirmation last year as we wish to recognize our wonderful young Catholics as they continue their Faith journey in the love of Our Lord. Our hope is to distribute the T-shirts at an up coming Mass - please stay tuned for further information!

Note - This recent Confirmation class received spiritual and practical, 3 minute Rosary Key Chains.

All of these gifts are from the St. John's Youth Fund with hands on help from our St. John's Works of Mercy Ministry with great parish assistance.

We are extremely grateful for you all! : "Together Strong- Life Unites!!!"

Please be aware and educated regarding what's happening in our Country (and around the world) with current legislation that looks to dismantle our Religious freedoms especially concerning the Right to Life! There are numerous Pro-life websites that share all that's happening in these tumultuous times. May we always- "Speak for the Weak!"

"He came that we might have life, and have it abundantly!" John 10:10

Final Note: Invitation - Several parishioners pray the Rosary at Women's Services clinic on Main St. Buffalo and also Planned Parenthood in W. Seneca. Please contact Pam @ 716 785-7195 if interested/available for this important prayer ministry. Unified prayer from home is also very powerful. Amen!

St. John's Lawn Fete
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Friday, 5:00 PM
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West of the Mark
8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Cruz Night
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Registration 4:00 PM
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SATURDAY

The Buffalo Touch
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Flipside
8:30 PM - 12:30 AM

Polish Platter Meal
Saturday, 5:00 PM by Marie's Diner
Eat in or Take Out
Available until sold out

SUNDAY

Sing it St. John's
Karaoke - Singing Competition
CASH PRIZES
Amateur Singers 16+
Must register by 11:30 AM

Chicken or Rib Dinners
By RW BBQ
Sunday, 11:30am
Eat in or Take Out
Available until sold out

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 Monaco, 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 McNally 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.

MINISTRY NEWS CONTINUED

- ◆ There will be a Lector Meeting on Monday, June 28th at 6:30 in the church. This will be a 2 hour training for all who wish to proclaim the word of God. Please contact the rectory or Judy Bowman at 716-523-9287 if you would like to participate. Each lector usually is only asked to serve once a month.
- ◆ Congratulations to our two St. John's 8th grade graduates earning the 2021 Pro-Life award. Brandon Beal and Alexandria Ertel have demonstrated great pro-life spirit through their artwork and service. We're very happy and proud to present each with \$100.00 to pursue their education and continued concern for all life issues. Great job Brandon and Alexandria - keep up the excellent work!!!

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. John Parish,

We are grateful for the continued support of the parish and the community. This year on Thursday, June 10th we were able to hold our annual awards ceremony. In addition to the scholarship awards presented on this day, we were able to offer tuition assistance to almost 40 students through the Friends of St. John Tuition Fund, and another 20 students through the Bison Children's Tuition Fund. A new scholarship will be presented to a veteran or military family through Sean's Hero's for Life, and an additional two students will receive assistance from the Starwalt/Bielet Foundation after their committee meets. It is wonderful to know that there is so much support for our Catholic School children.

The following individuals were presented with scholarship awards on June 10th:

Emily M (6th) - The Mark & Agnes Weisbeck Scholarship

The Rhodes Family. (6th & 7th)- The Mark & Agnes Weisbeck Scholarship

Michael K (5th) - The "I am St. Johns" Carol Buczak Scholarship

The Fontaine Family (1st & 6th) - The " Guardian Angel" Carol Buczak Scholarship

Eriq W (3rd) - The Strong Catholic Award - Sponsored by the Blinds.

Emma C. (6th) - The Strong Catholic Award - Sponsored by the Blinds

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: Beginning on June 28th and continuing through mid August the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9am until 2pm. It is recommended that you call 716-937-9483 prior to arriving to ensure that someone will be there to assist you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 26

4:00 pm 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

Monday, June 28

8:30 am All Souls

Tuesday, June 29

8:30 am Msgr. David Slubecky - Family & Estate

Wednesday, June 30

8:30 am Genevieve J. Kaczmarek - Estate

Thursday, July 1

8:30 am Albert & Estelle Palistrant - Estate

Friday, July 2

8:30 am All Souls

Saturday, July 3

4:00pm Robert & Dorothy Pautler - Don Pautler

Sunday, July 4 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Greg Hoelscher - Jamie & Sharon Hoelscher

9:30 am Norbert Hopcia - Rosemary Hopcia

11:00 am Gretl Karnoski - Family



FINANCE

WEEKEND OF 6/20/2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....\$6,574.00

WESHARE

6/5-6/11.....\$1,832.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

(9/1/2020-8/31/2021).....
.....\$365,032.12

FUEL

Total.....\$2,035.00

PARISH NEWS

- ◆ **INDEPENDENCE DAY:** The Rectory Office will be closed in observance of The Fourth of July on Monday July 5th. May everyone have a safe and fun weekend.

RECENT MASS AND LITURGICAL CHANGES: Due to the most recent guidance from the diocese, the following changes are in effect as of 6/18:

- All ropes have been removed from the pews.
- Wearing masks inside church is now optional, except for those distributing Communion during the Communion procession.
- Our Mass live-streams are now limited to two weekend Masses per week - the 4 pm Mass and one Sunday Mass.
- All Masses will continue to be broadcast to FM 88.9 in the parking lot and a minister will come out to distribute communion.
- Future outdoor Masses are to be determined. Please give us your feedback about Outdoor Masses so that an informed decision can be made.

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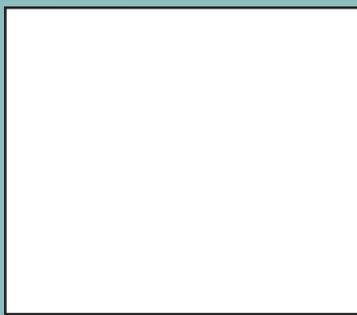
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