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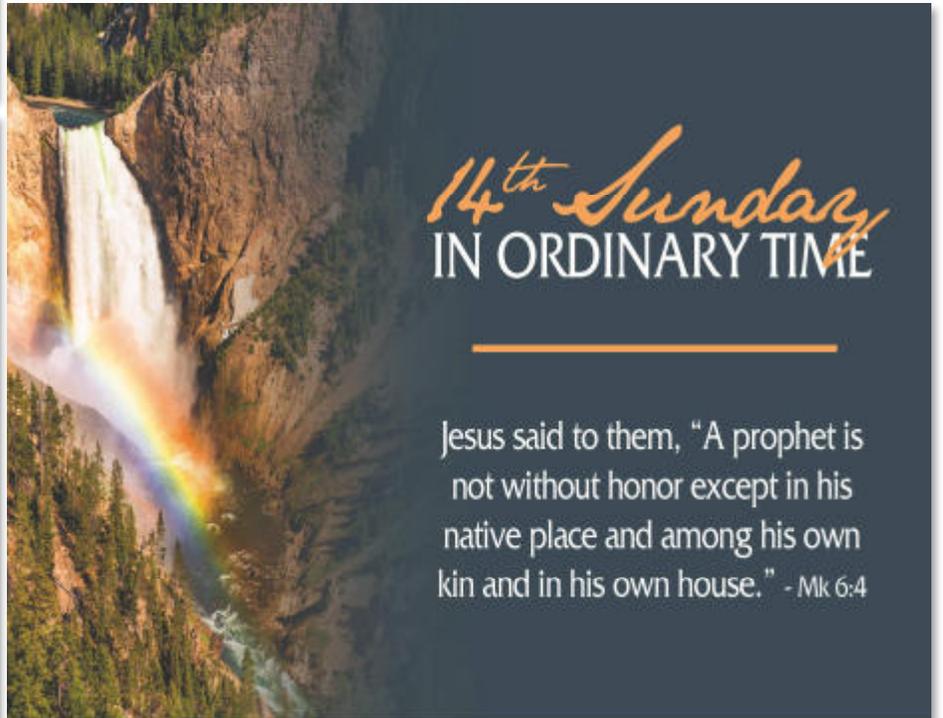
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



14th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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PARISH LIFE

Temporary Administrator: Rev. Daniel J. Serbicki
Pastoral Administrator:Deborah A. Brown
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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.



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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

Happy fourth of July! It's a common time for vacations, and I'm no exception. I'll be vacationing with family in the Adirondaks for the next week, and plan on spending most of my time in the lake.

Family is at the heart of the gospel today as well. Jesus has two kinds of family. He has his biological family, including quite a few brothers who we hear about today. We don't get to pick our bio family! He also has a family of friends that he has formed, who love God and care for each other. It's the second group that he chooses to spend most of his time with. (Mary is an interesting bridge as she is in both groups.)

Remember that Jesus's earthly father only adopted him, he never marries, and he has no children of his own. Unlike his peers, he puts very little stock in the traditional family. His focus instead is on this second "family," one that welcomes in widows and orphans, or anyone really that is lost.

His biological family, it seems, feels entitled to what he has, while also taking him for granted. It's a toxic situation. What's particularly interesting is that Jesus "was not ABLE to perform any mighty deed" for them. This means that healing is more than a magic wand that someone can wave at us, even Jesus. Healing takes place when we are in right relationship: right with Jesus, yes, but right with others. When we take family for granted, things break. When we take Jesus for granted, things break. When we take church for granted, things break. If we want to follow Jesus, we have to focus on mending this new kind of family that we have formed.

Liturgical Corner By Deacon Peter Donnelly

When someone brings good news, you'd think that people would be happy and excited to hear it. But that's not always the case. Sometimes people are caught up in their own issues or distracted - they're not really paying attention to recognize this wonderful thing that another person is doing for them. Other times, what might seem like good news to one person might not be to another. For example, if someone were to come to me and say, "Peter, I'd like to give you a new car with no strings attached," if I'm not in the right frame of mind, I might start to worry about the maintenance costs, the gas mileage, that it's not my favorite exterior color and the different features I would have liked to have ... so much so that I forget the beautiful gesture and the loving act by another for my benefit.

Sometimes the same thing happens with the gospel message. What should be a joyous, exciting message isn't always taken that way by the ones we share it with, and we might get unexpected reactions like indifference, skepticism and even anger. As disciples, we need to be ready for these types of reactions. While we've had time to digest the good news of the gospel message and the salvation that it brings for me - others might not be in the same place.

This is one of the core messages being shared in the readings today. Sometimes others won't appreciate the gift we offer. Making it more painful, these people might be the ones we love most. It can be heartbreaking for us.

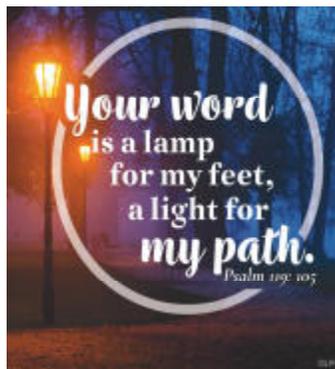
What do we do? Saint Paul sums it up pretty well in the second reading, saying that we basically need to accept these setbacks knowing that we are doing what Christ has asked of us. We need to remember that while the hardships and persecutions might have to be endured, proclaiming the Good News is our most important role as Christians and that Christ is with us through these difficulties. As Paul says, "for when I am weak, then I am strong," reminding us that in these difficult times we can see Christ most clearly. God's grace is sufficient for us - if we have that, it's all we need to keep moving forward.

A Word from Today's Scriptures

The Rejection at Nazareth: And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter the son of Mary?"
Mark. 6:2-3a

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Prayer starter: Lord Jesus, rather than believing in you, they rejected you. Over and over again you stand before me as you once stood before the people of Nazareth, asking me to accept you and your word. I want to live for you.



FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 4

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

Debbie Brown
from Legion of Mary



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

The Institutional Narrative By: Dan Stachelski III

The next part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is about two very specific events that happened at the Last Supper. One moment involves bread, and the other involves wine. The priest uses both words and gestures to recount the story. He is addressing himself to God the Father - not so much for us to see, but for God to hear and see. He performs this before God at an altar in heaven.

The words used at the beginning of this part are in the past tense - Jesus *took* the bread, *blessed it, broke it, gave it, and said* - to recall and remember. But a shift happens, when the priest says Christ's very words: "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you." Altar bells may be rung at this point because Christ is now here in the present - by remembering the past, he is made present in the here and now. At this moment, our prayers have been answered. The Spirit has come and transformed these gifts into the Real Presence of Christ.

The recounting of this story is called *anamnesis* (Greek for "memorial"). The Catechism (#1363) instructs that: "In the sense of Sacred Scripture, the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events, but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real."

We often use the phrase "the sacrifice of the Mass" in thinking that somehow the sacrifice on Calvary is present in the Mass, but more important to note is that the Institutional Narrative is a memorial (anamnesis) of the Last Supper on the night before Jesus died. We do not enact the scenes on Calvary, rather this Supper points us to the Paschal Mystery - it points to the meaning of the Cross which is revealed in the Resurrection. This is what Jesus instructs when he says "*Do this in memory of me.*" He instructed his apostles to celebrate the Last Supper as a liturgical memorial and that the sacrificial offering of His Body and Blood would be made present to all present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Reflection. Meditate on this passage from the CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1364, 1366) "In the New Testament, the memorial [Passover] takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. ... And this sacrifice is made present for a salvific [leading to salvation] purpose: so that it may be applied to our lives for the daily sins we commit and so that we can unite ourselves more deeply to Christ in his act of total self-giving love."

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.

MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **TREASURED:** Coming to St John's August 2-6, Treasured VBS! Discover why you are priceless to God! All kids of all faiths entering PreK through 6th grade are welcome to join us for a week for fun from 9am-12pm. Prices are \$10/child, \$25 family max and the presale CD is \$7.
To Register, or for more information, contact Michelle Zaleski at [716-870-1035](tel:716-870-1035), or Maria LaVarnway at mlavarnway@dsareps.com or [716-510-3187](tel:716-510-3187). Those returning to help this summer, or anyone new feeling called to share God's word, please contact Michelle or Maria at the numbers above. Can't wait to see you there!
- ◆ **CEMETERY COMMITTEE:** St. John's Cemetery Committee has risen again as of spring 2021. Although we won't be having another meeting until September 15th, we are actively encouraging new members to join this lively group. We discuss subjects such as maintenance and beautification projects. We have already planted flowers from Easter (and to our shock, some of the lilies are already coming back) as well as the flowers that graced our altar for First Communion. More plans are in motion and if you would like to join us, please don't hesitate to contact Stephanie at the rectory.

FUNDRAISING

- ◆ We need help! If you would like to sponsor a tent for the Lawn Fete, contact Jennifer at [716-698-1697](tel:716-698-1697) or lawnfete.director@stjohnsalden.org. Basket Raffle donations are needed for Lawn Fete. Please contact Cathie at [585-300-3262](tel: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 1 week out before our doors open for our Annual Picnic. We have ordered 700 plus dinners and we need 82 pies still to serve with those dinners. Please call me if you can help, and **we do need help!** Thank you, Pat
- ◆ Cow Plop squares will be for sale after all Masses leading up to this year's 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.

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 Kalczyński, 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. John Parish,

Happy 4th of July! In observance of the holiday the school office will be closed on Friday, July 2nd and Monday, July 5th. Please note that our summer hours began on June 28th.

Even though school is out for the Summer there are still lots of great learning opportunities taking place in the building. There is still time to register for our Math Summer Camp which starts on July 19th. You may call the school office to register.

We are so excited that Vacation Bible School is back! The first week of August will be a perfect way to celebrate our faith with fun activities and shared fellowship. Don't forget to register in the rectory office.

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.

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.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 3

4:00 pm 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

Monday, July 5

8:30 am All Souls

Tuesday, July 6

8:30 am Jean Ann Miller - Nancy Weisbeck

Wednesday, July 7

8:30 am All Souls

Thursday, July 8

8:30 am All Souls

Friday, July 9

8:30 am Ed & Ellen Fox - Everett & Sandy Boone

Saturday, July 10

4:00pm Larry Kocher - Jeanie Graf & Linda Hahn

Sunday, July 11 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Larry Kocher - Carol Hacker & Sue Robinson

9:30 am Stephen Kotlowski - Bill & Janet Lieder

11:00 am Jay Czerniak - John & Barb Ertel



FINANCE

WEEKEND OF 6/27/2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....Not Available

WESHARE

6/5-6/11.....Not Available

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

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

.....\$365,032.12

***Up to date totals will be available in the July 18th Bulletin

A Special Thanks goes out to Funke Electric for donating BACK their sweepstakes winnings of \$500.00. St. John's appreciates your generosity greatly!

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.

Charles Meyer

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