



# 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.

JULY 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH 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)

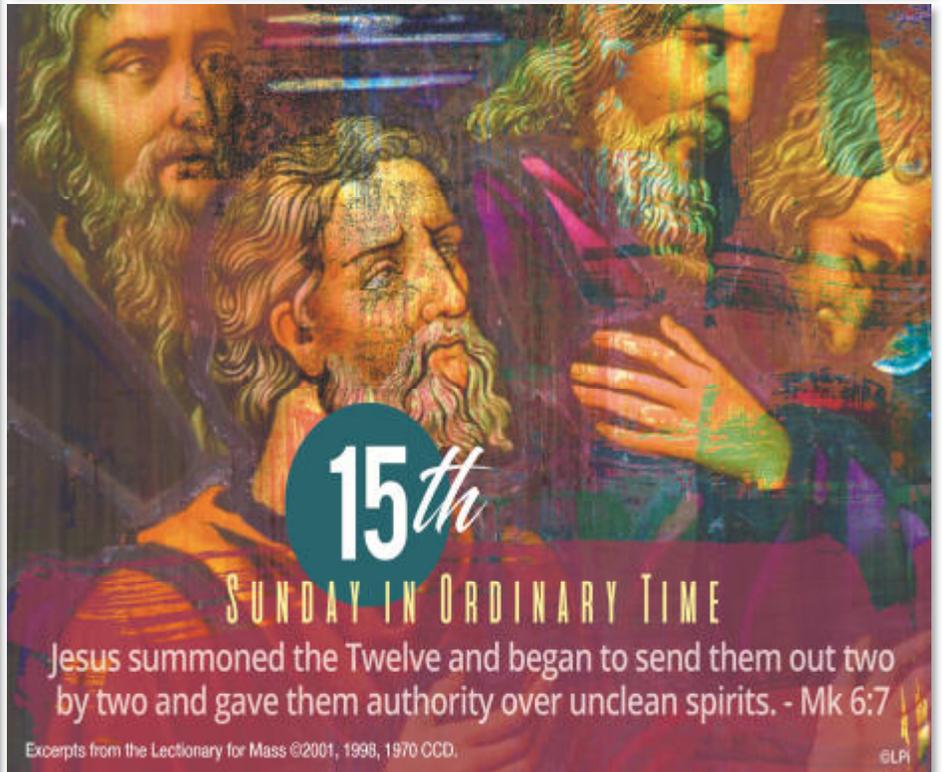
**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 3 pm

**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.



St. John the Baptist School: 2028 Sandridge Road • Alden, New York 14004  
School Phone: 716-937-9483 • School Fax: 716-937-9794

Faith Formation: 716-937-6959  
Faith Formation Email: [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

In today's gospel, Jesus send out the disciples for ministry. Not all ministry looks like this, but there's some good lessons to be learned.

He does not send them out alone. Most priests fail at this. There's a movement now to make sure that priests can share a rectory, prayer together, support each other. There's a lot of wisdom in that.

As they head out, they "take nothing for the journey" a line that famously inspired St Francis of Assisi. They don't rely on their possessions, but instead on the hospitality of others (and likely God's blessings and the effectiveness of their preaching and miracles). They couldn't simply hole up in an inn and live off what they had, they had to make contact with lots of people! And these people needed help. They had sick, they had demons. And they needed to change something in their own lives. That's not an easy message to deliver, but Jesus puts the disciples in a position where they must sink or swim. And ultimately, it works! Sometimes in reaching out to help or heal, we are too timid, too worried about failure. Sometimes we must simply make a bold fresh start, and trust God to keep us where his grace has led us.

### FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 11

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



### A Word from Today's Scriptures

*The Mission of the Twelve:* Jesus summoned the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Mark 6:7, 12-13

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

*Prayer starter: Lord Jesus, just as you preached with authority, so were your disciples to do likewise. Help me to tell others about you. Is my lifestyle a witness to you*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-3

### Liturgical Corner By Deacon Marc Leaderstorf

Reflecting on the readings for this weekend, the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, I'm struck by the theme of being "chosen." I'm especially drawn to the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians and the premise of being chosen, and the correlation with our baptism. There are compelling references to baptism in today's second reading, "In love he destined us to himself through Jesus Christ," "we have redemption by his blood," and we "were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." In addition, we "have heard the word of truth, the gospel of (our) salvation, and have believed in him." I invite you to reflect on this letter from St. Paul to the Ephesians this week, Eph. 1:3-14, reflect on gifts and talents only you have been given, and why you feel you were "chosen." Imagine how special it is to be "chosen" for something, or someone! Yet even bigger and most important, we have been chosen by God the Father, "as he chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before Him." By our own baptism we have been blessed, but there is a great responsibility that goes with that.

Our gospel reading today tells us the Apostles were chosen to go on mission to proclaim the coming reign of God in words and deeds—specifically in today's gospel, to teach and to heal. In the first reading Amos, "a shepherd and dresser of sycamores" was chosen to proclaim God's message to the people of Israel. What have we been chosen for? To put it simply, we have been chosen so that "(we might) have life in (Jesus') name," the last words of John 20. It's what we were made for, and why were chosen "before the foundation of the world." We each were made for greatness, we were made to be saints! By the very fact of being baptized we were made to be holy, and during our lifetime we grow in holiness with the help of those around us, but especially with the help of God. Because we were sealed with the Holy Spirit we are far more capable of more than we can imagine in our efforts, to have more courage, more patience, and perseverance in our life journey to be more holy. This striving in holiness is an undeserved gift from God, we did nothing to warrant this gift, in humility we accept this gift to be chosen as a child of God, there is nothing more we could want or need!



**We welcome the following children baptized into the family of God. Congratulations to all!**

**June 13, 2021:** Quinn Rae Brown, daughter of Ryan Brown & Rachel (Dulski) Brown

**June 20, 2021:** Anna Lorraine Mosier, daughter of David & Jessica (Bala) Mosier  
Maximillian Frederick Bala, son of Christophe & Kathryn (Gateley) Bala

**June 27, 2021:** Everleigh Mary Krieger, daughter of James Krieger & Marissa (Henning) Krieger

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Volunteers Needed!

Welcomes you to..

## SUMMER VBS 2021!!



Location: St. John The Baptist, 2028 Sandridge Rd., Alden NY 14004

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

### MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** We are in need of individuals to join our Buildings and Grounds group. This is a perfect opportunity for any individuals that are handy with a paintbrush and tools. This group is a model of " St. Joseph the Worker." If you are interested in joining, please contact the rectory office for more details.
- ◆ **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.



**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 Kegljar, 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.

### PARISH NEWS

- ◆ **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!

### FUNDRAISING

- ◆ Picnic time is BBQ and pie time at St. John's!! For all those who donated a pie, please bring them to the food tent after any of the Sunday Masses.
- ◆ Cow Plop squares will be for sale until Sunday, July 11th. 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

**ST. JOHN'S LOVES ITS TEENS! PARISH YOUTH MASS - SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 11 AM. SPECIAL INVITE TO ALL CONFIRMED IN 2020!** That's this years 2021 graduating Seniors and some Juniors. Our 2020 Confirmation Class was challenged by Covid, but it's never too late to recognize our young Catholics! The 2021 Confirmed did receive practical and spiritual gifts, 3 minute Rosary Key Chain! All Welcome! The 2020 Confirmed will be called forth to receive a St. John's ProLife T-shirt. AND All Youth will receive Scapulars with pamphlet. Our great hope is for our Youth to realize St. John's parish cares about them and wishes them a deeper understanding of their Catholic Faith and teachings as they continue their spiritual life's journey in today's world! **Youth volunteers needed: Lector's, Gift bearers, ushers. Please call 785-7195**



### 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,

On Thursday, June 24th we were able to graduate eleven outstanding young men and women. Our graduates are:

**Brandon B** - Perfect Attendance ( PreK - 8th Grade) & ProLife Contest Winner

**Alexandria E.** - Salutatorian and School Board Essay winner

**Braden E.**

**Cole E.**

**Emma F.** - Valedictorian and Holy Name Essay winner

**Treyson G.**

**Richard G.**

**Elisabeth L.** - Holy Name Essay winner

**Adrianna M.**

**Lucas N.**

**Cole W.**

We wish each one of them a wonderful summer and all the best as they venture out into the world.

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.**

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



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, July 10**

4:00 pm 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

**Monday, July 12**

8:30 am All Souls

**Tuesday, July 13**

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

**Wednesday, July 14**

8:30 am All Souls

**Thursday, July 15**

8:30 am Arthur Nuwer - Estate

**Friday, July 16**

8:30 am All Souls

**Saturday, July 17**

4:00pm Patrick Nevin - Nancy Weisbeck

**Sunday, July 18 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00 am Pat & Jim Zasadil - Jamie & Sharon Hoelscher

9:30 am Victor Milani - Daughter, Alvina

11:00 am All Souls

**FINANCE**

**WEEKEND OF 7/4/2021**

**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



**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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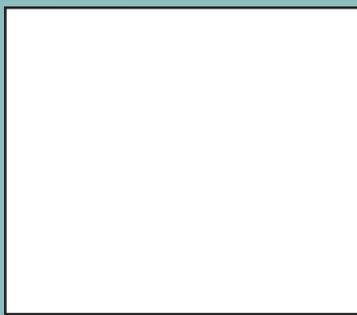
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