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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 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

Temporary Administrator: Rev. Daniel J. Serbicki
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)

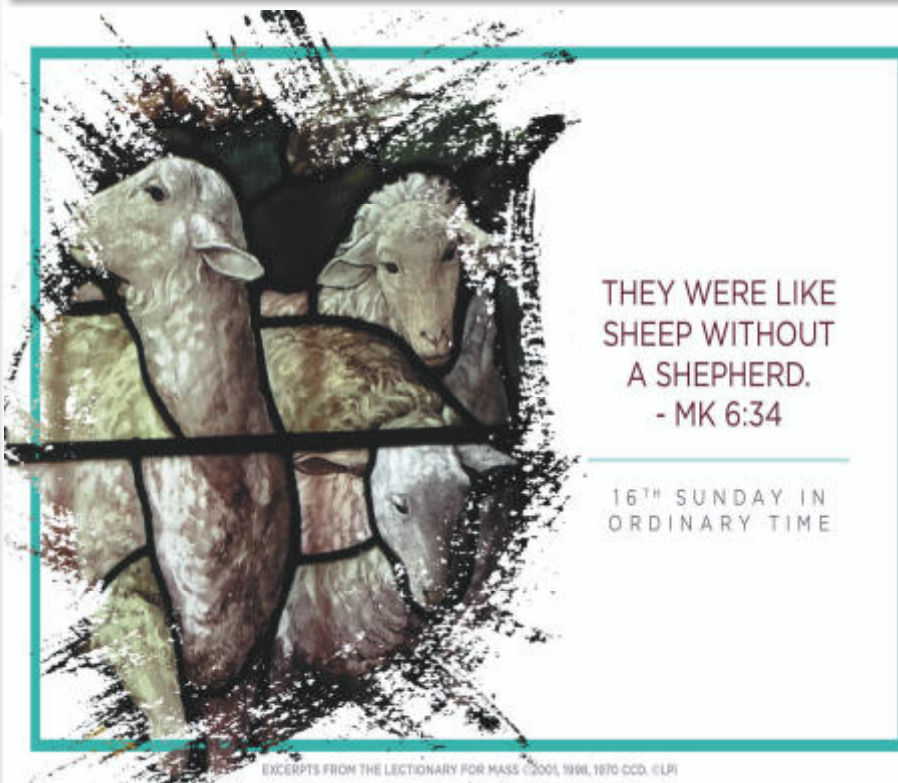
Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 3 pm

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.



EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS (©2001, 1998, 1970 C.C.D. ©LPI)



Worship Aid

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Faith Formation: 716-937-6959

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faith.formation@stjohnsalden.org

New Parishioners: Please contact the
rectory to register.

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



Liturgical Corner By Deacon Marc & Delphine Leaderstorf

The readings for this weekend, the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with a warning for the Shepherds – basically anyone serving in any ministerial role. We must follow God's ways in bringing others to The Shepherd. It clearly indicates that Our True Shepherd, will tend his flock. He is in charge; He will see that we are not lost. Following Jeremiah words, we are given the words of Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In the psalm, He shows his tender love and care for us. Yes, even in these unknown times we have fears and concerns – yet The Lord is tending to every detail of our lives. He wants us to be confident in His presence among us. He came and is still among us – reconciling us with the Father by His death on the cross. He conquered death, brings us peace and hope. We work tirelessly to continue bringing peace and hope to our world, our families our parishes. Working in this way, we all just like the Apostles in Mark's Gospel need to be refreshed as we do this extension of bringing Christ to others. We all need time to "get away" with Scripture to meditate and be sure of the path God is calling us to. In writing this, I came across this meditation from Pope Francis. I pray it speaks to you as it did to me.

Invited to "Come Away" with Him

Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. That is why Saint Paul could say: If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Alive, he can be present in your life at every moment, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised: I am with you always, to the end of the age. Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile. If this is the case, we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this is always possible. That is the certainty we have. Jesus is eternally alive. If we hold fast to him, we will have life, and be protected from the threats of death and violence that may assail us in life. Every other solution will prove inadequate and temporary. It may be helpful for a time, but once again we will find ourselves exposed and abandoned before the storms of life. With Jesus, on the other hand, our hearts experience a security that is firmly rooted and enduring. Saint Paul says that he wishes to be one with Christ in order to know him and the power of his Resurrection. That power will constantly be revealed in your lives too, for he came to give you life, and life in abundance. If in your heart you can learn to appreciate the beauty of this message, if you are willing to encounter the Lord, if you are willing to let him love you and save you, if you can make friends with him and start to talk to him, the living Christ, about the realities of your life, then you will have a profound experience capable of sustaining your entire Christian life.

Pope Francis

A Word from Today's Scriptures

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things: Mk. 6:34 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Prayer starter: Thank you, Lord, that Jesus himself laid the foundation for our faith when he said to Peter, the first Pope, "You are rock and upon this rock I will build my church." For over 2,000 years we have had an unbroken line of shepherds guiding the Catholic Church with love and truth. "Catholics Come Home

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 18

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



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-1



FUNDRAISING

Many Thanks going out to every single person who helped in any fashion to make Lawn Fete 2021 a big success! I'm not quite sure how we pulled it off but we did!! I could not have done it without the hard work, dedication and support from quite a few people. At this time I'd like to thank our very generous sponsors. Please be sure to support them back. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive the oversight and send me a gentle reminder. —Jennifer Boucher

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MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING SESSION** on Saturday, July 31 at 10 am at St. Mary (Parish Center Cafeteria), 6919 Transit Rd., East Amherst, in coordination with the Office of Worship. Please first discuss the possibility with our temporary parish administrator, Father Dan, and explain your motivation to seek this official, church ministry. Once he expresses approval, complete an application form available from the parish office or the Office of Worship. Present the completed application to the parish office for final approval, Father Dan's signature and parish seal. Forms should be returned to the Office of Worship, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203 no later than 7 days prior to the training. When you attend a formation session, you are expected to bring your personal Bible and, if you wish, a means of taking notes. Beverages will be provided, but you may wish to bring a snack or brown bag lunch. For more information, call 716-847-5545 or email worship@buffalodiocese.org.
- ◆ **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:** St. John's is looking to restart the Bereavement Committee. It is a much need part of our parish to be able to help those who have suffered or will soon suffer a loss of a loved one. If you would like to be a part of the healing process for many, and to help them please contact the rectory. Once the foundations are laid for a successful group, we will contact those who are interested.

Please pray for all who are in need: Ann G, Mackenzie Reformat, 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, Sr. Ellen, Dawn LaPage, Amy Bonamici, Robert Kalczynski, Roger Morphew, Fred & Helen Polyowicz, Sharon Fisher, Donna Hamm, Ron Soper, Madeleine Newman, Gilbert Fries, Michael McNally, Al Fromm and All Special Intentions.

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:

Summer Faith Formation office hours are Monday - Wednesday 9:00- 2:00. Registration is open! Please get your registration forms in early so we can order the right amount of materials needed for our program.

Several families have not dropped off their books. Please return those as soon as possible as we will begin distributing books at the beginning of August for those who would like to get an early start to the online piece of the program. Your books are needed for this year's program.

Volunteers are needed for this coming school year. Not all our volunteers will need to teach classes. If you can help, even a few times a year please call the office at 937-6959 for more information.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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 17

4:00 pm 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

Monday, July 19

8:30 am Theresa Kocher - Family

Tuesday, July 20

8:30 am Walter & Loretta Diedrich - Estate

Wednesday, July 21

8:30 am Larry Kocher - Widows & Orphans Association

Thursday, July 22

8:30 am Genevieve J. Kaczmarek - Estate

Friday, July 23

8:30 am Rita Spencer

Saturday, July 24

4:00pm Patrick Nevin - Paddy Burn & Children

Sunday, July 25 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Diana Schlicht - Roger & Gale Martin

9:30 am Larry Kocher - A friend

11:00 am All Souls

FINANCE

WEEKEND OF 6/27/2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....\$8,580.00

WESHARE

6/5-6/26.....\$4,791.00

FUEL

Total.....\$535.00

WEEKEND OF 7/4/2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....\$7,806.00

PETER'S PENCE

Total.....\$619.00

WEEKEND OF 7/11/2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....\$6,502.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

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

.....\$397,690.12

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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