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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.

OCTOBER 3, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

Pastor:Rev. Daniel J. Serbicki
Parochial Vicar:Rev. Patryk G. Sobczyk
Priest Moderator:Rev. Msgr. Vincent Becker
Permanent Deacon:Marc Leaderstorf
Permanent Deacon:Peter Donnelly
School Principal:Jonna Johnson
Business Manager:Kate Wypij
Director of Music & Liturgy:Dan Stachelski
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.



27th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*
"From the beginning of creation, God made them
male and female." - Mk 10:6

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New Parishioners: Please contact the rectory to register.
Office Hours are Mon-Fri 9:00 am until 2:00 pm



Week 5: Season of Creation 2021

As we enter the final days of this year's Season of Creation, our readings invite us to reflect on creation and the sacredness of the bonds that unite us all. The reading from the second creation myth in Genesis focuses upon God's sensitive attention to Adam's loneliness and the special gift of human attraction and bonding that unites human persons for companionship, new life, and attentive care for Earth. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that what God has thus joined together, no human being must separate.

This warning takes on a new, more profound and challenging meaning as we become aware through contemporary science that every creature is actually "joined together" with every other in complex and evolving webs of interdependence. God has, we are coming to realize, joined together everything with which we share Earth and the Universe beyond in one great web of interdependent life.

As we begin, let's enter into the quiet of our spirits ... asking to be more conscious of the webs of interconnected life within which we live ... upon which we depend ... which invite our care ... asking for gratitude and awe ... asking to be part of birthing the New Creation in our times. (Source: seasonofcreation.org, author James E. Hug, SJ)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The Cleansing of the Vessels and Prayer After Communion

By: Dan Stachelski III

When the distribution of communion is complete, the remaining consecrated hosts are taken to the tabernacle and the vessels are cleansed. First the patten is wiped into the chalice so that any remaining particles from the host may fall into the wine. The chalice is then cleansed using water or a wine/water mixture, is then consumed by the priest or deacon, and dried with a purificator. While doing this, the priest or deacon says a silent prayer: *What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.* The cleansing of the vessels is an expression of the reverence for Holy Communion and for Christ who is present in it.

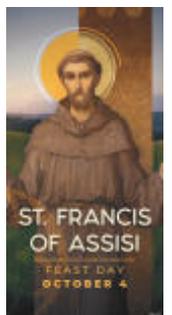
There may then be a period of silence. Just as in the Liturgy of the Word, there are moments of silence to reflect on the Word - struck with the awe of God speaking to us. We now pause to reflect on the awe and mystery of Christ sharing himself with us in Holy Communion. A hymn or a psalm may also be sung after communion.

"To bring to completion the prayer of the People of God, and also to conclude the whole Communion Rite, the Priest pronounces the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated" (GIRM, 89). All of our individual prayers are pulled into one, using an image from the day's theme or readings, and we reply "Amen." This reply concludes the Communion Rite, which began with the Lord's Prayer.

Reflection: A Prayer after Receiving Communion. My Jesus, I love and adore you. You have come to me; I am one with You. I want You to remain with me forever, in this life and in the next. Thank You for allowing me to share Your divine life. May I become more like You through this sacred Food. Let me never take You for granted, but always pray for those whose lives are dark with sin and ignorance and selfishness. Let me remember, in the words of Saint Paul, that "there, but for the grace of God, go I." Each day, I can become more like You, O Lord. And each day I can pray for those who have never heard the Gospel, or who have heard it and rejected it. Amen.

A Word from Today's Scriptures

But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh so they are no longer two but one flesh. Mk. 10:6-8 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. *Prayer starter: Heavenly Father, your design for marriage is beautiful. Show us how to love especially when love is hard*



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

PARISH LIFE/EVANGELIZATION

THE SEARCH CONTINUES:

WHEN: 7 Consecutive Thursday evenings September 23-November 4, 2021

WHAT: A video series entitled **The Search**

WHERE: St. Johns' School cafeteria 6:30-8 PM

WHY: to help us enkindle wonder as we journey through life's enduring questions.

WHO: for **ALL high school, young adult and adult ages**

Episode 3 Thursday, October 7, 2021

WHY A GOD? Today, it seems we've moved beyond the idea of God; yet this view is somewhat new and unusual idea to humanity. Humans throughout history have looked outside of themselves for the answers to life. So why have some given up on God? It is not only reasonable but essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator and we will never be truly happy unless we seek.

Plenty of space is available - it's not too late to join us.

Sponsored by Parish life/Evangelization
Email stjohnsalden@parishlife.org for more information and/or questions.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

- ◆ **Sweepstakes tickets are in!** The bi-annual cash-raffle sweepstakes are back for the fall. Tickets are a \$20.00 donation and you can win up to \$4,000.00. If you are interested in being a part of the drawing on October 23rd, tickets are available at either entry of the church, or at the rectory.

PARISH NEWS

- ◆ Our last outdoor Mass will be on Saturday, October 9 at 4 PM. Please bring a chair and join us in our church backyard between the church and the rectory.
- ◆ We have Mass intentions and Sanctuary Light availability in 2021. Both the Sanctuary Light and Mass Intentions can be for the living, for healing prayers, and for the deceased. If you would like to request either, please contact the rectory. We now have cards for healing intentions available to send to families as well as the Mass cards previously available.
- ◆ Hymnals have been removed from the pews to allow for cleaning between Masses, but they are available at the entrances of the church. Please pick one up as you enter the church and return it when you leave. You are also welcome to use your phone or tablet to follow along by using the worship aids that are available by scanning the QR code on the front of the bulletin or by visiting www.stjohnalden.com/worship-aids.
- ◆ If you would like to meet with Fr. Dan and Fr. Patryk throughout the week, please contact the rectory to make an appointment.
- ◆ The rectory would like a second refrigerator. If any one is getting ride of theirs and would like to donate it to the church, please contact the rectory.

MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **Attention Singers and Musicians:** Sunday Music Ministry rehearsals began on Wednesday, September 29th. After a long hiatus due to COVID regulations, we are excited to begin again. The 9:30 am choir will meet from 6-7 pm, and the 11 am group will meet from 7-8 pm. If you sing or play an instrument, please consider sharing your talents with us. Contact our Music Director, Dan for more information at daniel.stachelski@stjohnsalden.org. If you are interested in singing on Saturdays at 4 pm, please see Folk Group director, Tracy Martin.
- ◆ **Respect Life News:** Take a stand for life, now is the time! St. John's will participate in the annual Life Chain this Sunday, October 3, from 2:00-3:00 pm at the Corners of Broadway and Sandridge Rd. We're social distancing and signs are provided. There is parking near the Alden Bowling Center and bring a lawn chair. Please join us for this prayerful and peaceful event, all are welcome. "He came that we might have life and have it abundantly!" John 10:10
- ◆ **200 Club Winners for August:**

| Week | Winner | Ticket Number | Seller |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| August 1st | David Wrest | 132 | Turton |
| August 8th | Paul Reimer | 37 | C. Ley |
| August 15th | Dan Shields | 52 | Turton |
| August 22nd | Tracy Golding | 180 | Conrad |
| August 29th | Ryan LaVarnway | 25 | LaVarnway |

- ◆ **Holy Name News:** The winner of the September 2021 St John Holy Name Drawing was Kim Snyder with ticket # 43 and winning \$69. The total tickets sold were 137.
- ◆ **Buildings and Grounds:** The Buildings and Grounds committee met on Tuesday, September 21st. Several items regarding the church, rectory, and school were discussed as this committee works to ensure that our entire campus is well maintained and cared for throughout the year. Of note were the current minor repairs and updates happening in the rectory in order to accommodate the two priests moving in this month. The most pressing needs came from the repair of the chimney and replacement of several windows. The group also selected a permanent place for the Blessing Box. A cement base will be created that will allow the Blessing Box to be affixed to the ground. The box will be positioned by the sign to the left of the church. This will ensure that it is monitored via cameras, well-lit at night, and out of the way for snow removal. The Buildings and Ground group meets monthly and is always looking for new members. If you are interested in being part of this group, or if you have an issue or concern that you feel needs to be discussed, please contact the rectory.

Please pray for all who are in need: Ann G, Mackenzie Refemat, 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 Kegl, Ken Warren, Catherine & Maurice Boling, Mitchell, Gail Hans, Marie Boller, Diane Zymowski, Sharon Pfeiffer, Dawn LaPage, Amy Bonamici, Robert Kalczyński, Fred & Helen Polyowicz, Sharon Fisher, Donna Hamm, Ron Soper, Madeleine Newman, Gilbert Fries, Michael McNally, Dolores Kuciel, Theodore Langner, Tom Czechowski, Michael Volk, Beverly & David Pellitteri, Dolores Kuciel, Bruce Hoffman, Joe Adams, Gretchen Smith, Sharon Kruzawski, Dan Labuzzetta, Darlene Dahl and All Special Intentions.

FAITH FORMATION:

We will have a Families of Faith gathering session for grades k-8 on October 2nd & 3rd. The session will be about 45 minutes long not including Mass. If you do not remember what session you signed up for, or can't make it this weekend, please contact the rectory at 716-937-6959 or at st.johnsaldenparish@gmail.com.

The next class for high-school/Confirmation students is October 4th from 7-8:30. If you missed the first class and you have a Confirmation student, please contact the rectory and we will happily make sure you have the materials.



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. John Parish,

Last week we had a chance to host our first in person "Meet the Teacher Night" since 2019. We had a wonderful turn out and it is a beautiful thing to see how committed our families and our teachers are to the educational success of our students.

I also had the honor of sharing the fantastic news that we will now have two priests living in the rectory. Father Dan has already been visiting the school and getting to know our students and teachers. This school year is off to a great start and I look forward to sharing weekly highlights with our parish community. I also encourage you to visit our school website or friend us on Facebook. We have a lot of amazing things happening each and every day!

Many Blessings,
Jonna M. Johnson, Principal

School News: Our Gertrude Hawke candy sale is well underway. You may purchase candy bars from any St. John the Baptist student or at the rectory.

Save the Date - Our annual Wine Night is back. It may look a little different but we are very excited for Saturday, October 23rd! Please see the school webpage for more information on purchasing tickets.

Office Hours: We will resume our normal office hours of Monday - Thursday, 8am to 3pm and Friday, 8am to 2pm. **Please note that we will not be admitting visitors** to the school during regular school hours. If you need assistance, please contact 716-937-9483.

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, October 2

4:00 pm All Souls

Sunday, October 3 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Diana Schlicht - Mary-Ann Heulousch

9:30 am Michael J. Hopcia - Jerry & Carol Sentz

11:00 am All Souls

Monday, October 4

8:30 am Patricia Ann Schalberg - Larry Shalberg

Tuesday, October 5

8:30 am Peter Petrakis - Bill & Fran Lina

Wednesday, October 6

8:30 am Debbie Brown - St. John's Works of Mercy Ministry

Thursday, October 7

8:30 am Janice Morrissey - Frank & Judy Downhower

Friday, October 8

8:30 am Richard Kolbas - Susan Patanella

Saturday, October 9

4:00pm Alberta & Chester Fouli - Family

Sunday, October 10 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

9:30 am Jonathan Kasprzyk - Judy & Larry Luderman

11:00 am Debbie Wysocki - Cindy, Lee, Steph, Emily & Stan

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

Our Parishioners

FINANCE

WEEKEND OF 9/26/2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....\$6,144.30

WESHARE

9/4-9/24.....\$4,281.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

(9/1/2021-8/31/2022).....
.....\$17,922.30

**SEMINARIAN & DIACONATE
FORMATION**

Total.....\$951.00

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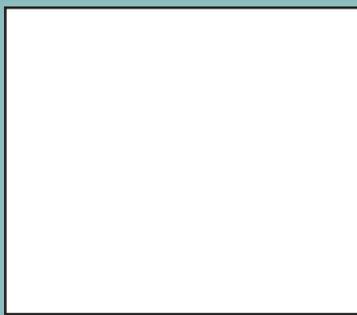
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