



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.

JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

Pastor:Rev. Daniel J. Serbicki
Parochial Vicar:Rev. Patryk G. Sobczyk
Permanent Deacon:Marc Leaderstorf
Permanent Deacon:Peter Donnelly
School Principal:Jonna Johnson
Business Manager:Kate Wypij
Director of Music & Liturgy:Dan Stachelski
Faith Formation Leader:Angela Behrend
Administrative Assistant:Stephanie McCormick

SACRAMENTAL LIFE: WEEKEND MASSES AND SCHOOL MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Sunday Masses - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Weekdays (Monday-Friday) - 8:30 am
Saturday-4:00 pm (8:00 am First Saturday Masses)
Vigil Mass - As Announced in the bulletin
Holy Day - As Announced in the bulletin
Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays (9:00 am - 7:00 pm)

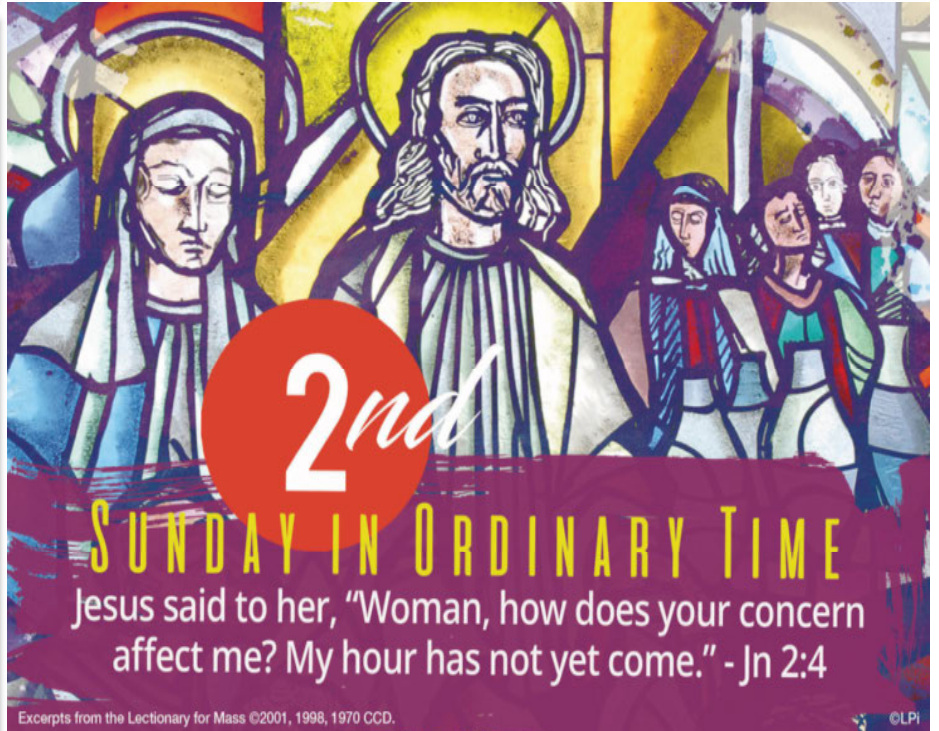
Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 3:00 pm

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.



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



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

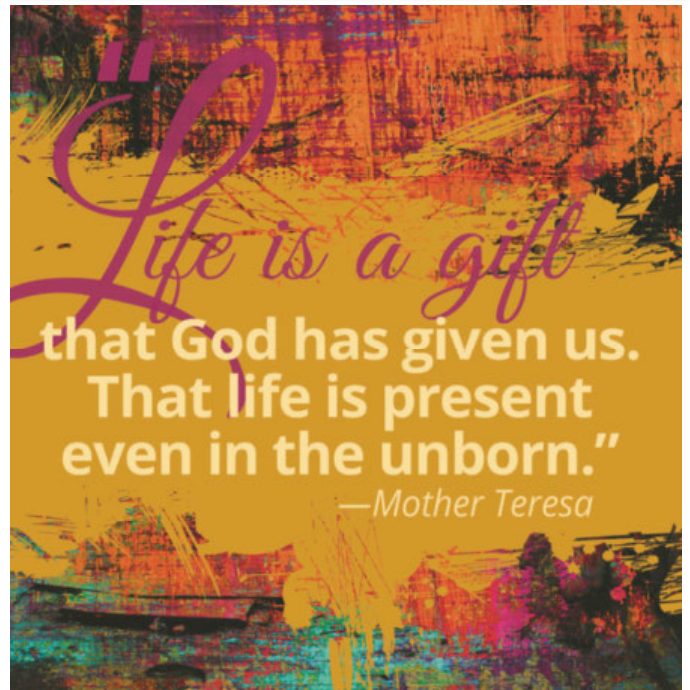
RECTORY NEWS

- ◆ **WEEKEND MASSES & THE BULLETIN:** If you notice that bulletins are missing, please let an usher know or the priest so that the situation can be fixed immediately.
- ◆ **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY:** The rectory office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day Monday, January 17th.

MINISTRY NEWS

THE ST. JOHN'S WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY

would like to offer assistance to families and individuals in need. Their work is supported by private donations of time, talent and treasure. If you know of someone who needs assistance, or you would like to support the Ministry, please call the rectory at 716-937-6959; or email: worksofmercy@stjohnsalden.org



A Word from Today's Scriptures

The Wedding at Cana: Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11

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

Prayer starter: Lord Jesus, your first public miracle done in response to Mary's intercession revealed your glory enabling your disciples to begin to recognize who you are and to come to faith in you. Give me the faith I need to always be obedient to you.

PARISH NEWS

- ◆ **Activity Closings:** Reminder, if Alden and St. John's school are closed, all parish activities are cancelled.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Prayer List:** We will be going through the prayer list and removing people. If you or a loved one are still in need of some extra prayers, please contact the rectory by February 7, 2022 to keep the name on this list. Thank you!



YOUTH RALLY, MARCH & MASS FOR LIFE

WHEN: Saturday, January 22, 2022

WHERE: St. Gregory the Great Parish 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221 3:30 – 4:15 pm Youth Rally in Ministry Center

4:15 – 5:15 pm: March for Life & Rosary on Maple Avenue

5:30 pm: Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher Celebrating Reception to follow in the Ministry Center

All are welcome to attend. We ask for parental oversight to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. Please dress appropriately as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Groups are encouraged to make appropriate signs for the event.



Please pray for all who are in need: Ann G, Mackenzie Reformat, Theresa Kwiatkowski, Joe & Susan Hoiden, Nicholas Oddo, Tom Pasek, Dorothy Czechowski, Dawn Duncan, Leonard Wagner, Nicole Lindner, Terry Moore, Marlene Smith, Jackie Budnik, Marian Butler, James Creighton, David Borden, Gary Powers, Christine Mayer, Bill Chapman, Jim Nowinski, Ed Monaco, Joanne Mueller, Marcia Keglar, Ken Warren, Catherine Boling, Mitchell, Gail Hans, Marie Boller, Diane Zymowski, Sharon Pfeiffer, Amy Bonamici, Robert Kalczyński, Fred & Helen Poltowicz, Sharon Fisher, Donna Hamm, Ron Soper, Gilbert Fries, Michael McNally, Theodore Langner, Tom Czechowski, Michael Volk, Beverly & David Pellitteri, Dolores Kuciel, Bruce Hoffman, Joe Adams, Gretchen Smith, Sharon Kruzawski, Dan Labuzzetta, Darlene Dahl, Jen Monroe, Walter Gablaski, Shirley Wheeler, Nicole M. Fudoli, Eileen & Martin Wirth, Fr. Roy Herberger, Dave Smith, Fr. Gabriel Scarfia, Christine Hausrath, Jeanie Graf, Jerry Starzynski, Missy Colosanti, Ron Johnson, Phyllis Webb and All Special Intentions.

PARISH LIFE/EVANGELIZATION

THE LONG AWAITED SHOWING OF SEASON 1 OF THE CHOSEN IS BEGINNING this Thursday, January 20th @ 6:30 PM in the Church. Please social distance and bring your masks. Thank you

JANUARY 20 2022 EPISODE 1: *I Have Called You By Name*

JANUARY 27, 2022 EPISODE 2 & 3: *Shabbat AND Jesus Loves the Little Children*

NO MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3RD

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 EPISODE 4: *The Rock on Which it is Built*

FEBRUARY 17, 2022 EPISODE 5: *The Wedding Gift*

FEBRUARY 24, 2022 EPISODE 6: *Indescribable Compassion*

EPISODE 7 & 8 - DATE TBD

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- ◆ **Annulment Workshop** on Saturday, February 5 from 9-11 am at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skiddersville Rd., Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional information, contact Barbara at 716-633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.
- ◆ **“God’s Son, My Son”:** **St. Joseph, a one-man play** on Monday, February 7 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster; presented by Michael Sacilowski, Director of Religious Education of Queen of Martyrs Parish, Cheektowaga. Through this theatrical presentation, accompany St. Joseph as he fulfills his call to be a human father to Jesus and how he strived to protect Mary and Jesus. Listen to the Patron Saint of Workers who taught our Lord the carpenter’s trade and how work can be a path to holiness.

St. John's Parish Family:

With heartfelt gratitude for the people of St. John's I wish to express my appreciation for the lovely Christmas cards sent to me, and for the many cards and condolences sent to the family on the death of my sister, Kathy (Kathleen) Wagner. I am also grateful for the many who attended Kathy's (Kathleen's) Funeral Mass. She grew up in the parish and was a graduate of St. John's School, had been married 72 years to Leonard Wagner and was an active parishioner of St. John's Parish. I was pleased to see pastor Fr. Daniel Serbicki on the altar and former pastor, Fr. James Ciupek with Kathy's grandson, Fr. Eric Gilhooly as the celebrant. Thank you ever so much. With a prayer on my lips and a song in my heart, *Sister Ellen*

Love your neighbor ...

**Effective immediately:
Please wear a mask at all times while
inside the church.**



Effective November 23, 2021

Please visit www.buffalodiocese.org/coronavirus/
for the most recent diocesan guidelines.

SCHOOL NEWS

Open Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year will begin in February. Please check our school website and Facebook page for updated information.

Office Hours: Normal office hours are 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.

www.stjohnsalden.com



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm Diana Schlicht - St. John's W.O.M. Ministry

Sunday, January 16(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Dave Fox - Daughter, Kimberly

9:30 am Kathy Wagner - Shirly Kocher

11:00 am Gerry Caci - Joe & Charleen Geraci

Monday, January 17

8:30 am Lisa Schulten - The Volk Family

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 am Our Parishioners

Wednesday, January 19

8:30 am All Souls

Thursday, January 20

8:30 am Connie Weisbeck - Nancy Weisbeck

Friday, January 21

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, January 22

4:00 pm Robert Fix - The Fix Family

Sunday, January 23(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Grandma Janice & Grandpa Dave - Grandson, Logan

9:30 am Richard Urbanek - Theresa Kwiatkowski

11:00 am Antoinette Wrest - Ruth & Paul Dersam & family

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

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

Our Parishioners



FINANCE

WEEKEND OF 1/9/2022

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....\$7,227.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

(9/1/2021-8/31/2022).....

.....\$146,695.41

*Tax letters will be automatically sent in the mail for all those who donated \$1,000 or more this past year. If you would like a letter and it doesn't get sent out automatically, please contact the rectory. Thank you all so much for contributing!

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