



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 30, 2022

FOURTH 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 (8:30 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.



4th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.
- Lk 4:28, 30

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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

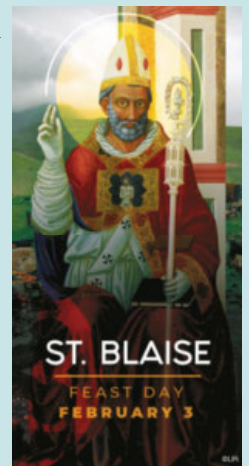
PARISH NEWS

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!

ST. BLAISE FEBRUARY 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.



Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

A Word from Today's Scriptures

And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. Lk. 4:22

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Prayer starter: Lord Jesus, you were praised by the people of Nazareth who quite shortly changed their minds and tried to kill you. They were looking for a different kind of salvation than what you offered. Let me never reject your message

MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **COME JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** This group is in session September through April. Being a member of the parish is not a requirement as we are non-denominational. We knit and crochet hats, mittens, scarves and lap robes. These items are donated for the needs of the parish, local charities (Alden food pantry and Neat Repeats), and nursing homes. We provide baby blankets for the parish baptismal gift baskets. We operate on monetary and yarn donations. We meet in the rectory on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. If you can't meet in-person, feel free to join the group anyway and work on your own time. Any and all ages can join! We're looking for nimble fingers and young eyes to join in the fun. Please adhere to COVID protocol, whatever that may be at the current time. It is not required to have a COVID vaccine. Contacts are: Diane Newman – 716-937-6119 or 716-912-7444 and Darlene Dahl - 716-937-4299
- ◆ **RESPECT LIFE NEWS:** Grateful thanks to the 14 hearty souls from St. John's who joined in with the local March For Life, Saturday, January 22, the 49th Anniversary of infamous Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand. The event was sponsored by St. Gregory the Great parish, Williamsville in place of the usual Diocesan 4 bus entourage to the March in DC, that was canceled due to Covid concerns. The local youth rally, outdoor March with Rosary, Mass and reception was well attended and lead by Bishop Mike Fisher, speakers from the ProLife office, a big screen zoom call from the Sisters of Life from NYC, and St. Greg's engaging Youth Ministry with hundreds of participants. We thank them for offering this local opportunity to stand up for Life! There was channel 2 news coverage and the release of a huge air balloon Rosary was a highlight of the event! We also thank the several St. John's students from our school and Faith Formation, ages 8-16, for volunteering to create the posters for the March. They did a great job, receiving positive accolades from all involved! "He came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" John 10:10 Note: The 49th Annual March for Life was also held in Washington, DC with again, hundreds of thousands participating as shown with great coverage by EWTN television. We recommend tuning into to EWTN for up-to-date pro-life news coverage. "Live truth-Live Catholic!"
- ◆ **200 CLUB WINNERS:**

Week	Winner	Ticket Number	Seller
December 5th	Kenneth Machelski	182	Conrad
December 12th	Barb Gallina	71	Bartram
December 19th	Val Kelchlin	135	Turton
December 26th	Rocky Kotas	73	Bartram

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 Monoco, Joanne Mueller, Marcia Kegler, Ken Warren, Catherine Boling, Gail Hans, Marie Boller, Diane Zymowski, Sharon Pfeiffer, Amy Bonamici, Robert Kalczynski, 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 Gabalski, Shirley Wheeler, Nicole M. Fudoli, Eileen & Martin Wirth, Dave Smith, Fr. Gabriel Scarfia, Christine Hausrath, Jeanie Graf, Jerry Starzynski, Ron Johnson, Maryann Krohl, Patti Ragan, Thaddeus Kolankowski and All Special Intentions.

PARISH LIFE/EVANGELIZATION

THE SHOWING OF SEASON 1 OF THE CHOSEN CONTINUES
 Thursday, February 10 @ 6:30 PM in the Church. Please social distance and bring your masks. Thank you

NO MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3RD

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 EPISODE

4: *The Rock on Which it is Built*

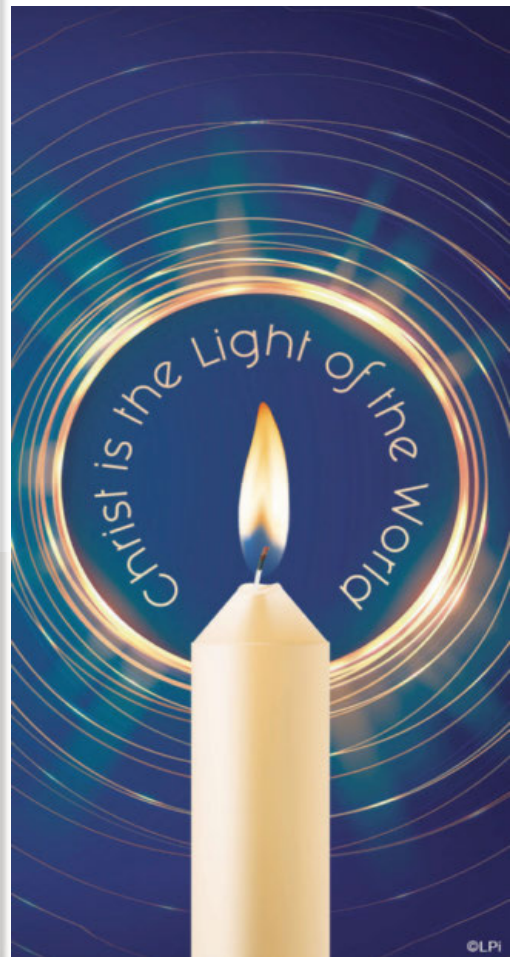
FEBRUARY 17, 2022 EPISODE

5: *The Wedding Gift*

FEBRUARY 24, 2022 EPISODE

6: *Indescribable Compassion*

EPISODE 7 & 8 - DATE TBD





As Catholic Schools Week 2022 approaches, let us remember where our Catholic schools were, and where they are going.

Let us pray...

God of knowledge and faith,
thank you for the opportunity
to go to a Catholic school.
When I go to Mass, I hear that
knowledge is so important.

Thank you for my parents and grandparents
who have built our school and supported it throughout the
years.

Help me to be a good student
and to become a good supporter of
my parish, city, and country.
Please bless all those men and women
who have spent their lives
teaching in our Catholic schools.

Please bless my friends and teachers
I learn with every day.
I ask for all these blessings in the name of
God's Son, Jesus. Amen.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. John Parish,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Today marks the start of a fun filled week for our staff and students. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to highlight some of the wonderful things that make our Catholic School so special. Each day we will have a theme for the day and a student activity. We have a wonderful mix of faith, service, community, and fun activities planned for the week. These are all the ways that we provide an outstanding educational experience for our students.

We would not be able to do any of this without the tremendous support from the parish. We have added the parish community in our morning prayers each day, and we would like to offer each family a handmade travel rosary.

Many Blessings,
Jonna M. Johnson, Principal

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 29

4:00 pm Gretl Karlowski - St. John's W.O.M. Ministry

Sunday, January 30(4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Gerald Matthies - Audrey Senrcal

9:30 am Kathy Wagner - Kathy & Jim Esack

11:00 am Our Parishioners

Monday, January 31

8:30 am Susan Nazurowski - The Volk Family

Tuesday, February 1

8:30 am All Souls

Wednesday, February 2

8:30 am Genevieve J. Kaczmarek - Estate

Thursday, February 3

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

Friday, February 4

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, February 6

4:00 pm Anthony & Rosemarie Agone - Family

Sunday, February 7(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am David Fox - Carl & Ann Matthies

9:30 am Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family - Family

11:00 am Kathy Wagner - The Suchan Family

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

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

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.

FINANCE

WEEKEND OF 1/23/2022

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total.....\$5,992.00

WESHARE

1/1-1/14.....\$3,324.00

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