

Fields of Grace Family of Parishes

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November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAMILY OF PARISHES

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

18 West Main Street • Corfu, NY 14036
Parish Office: 585-599-4833
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Corfu site: 18 West Main Street • Corfu

E. Pembroke Site: 8656 Church St • E Pembroke

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3854 Main Street • Strykersville, NY 14145
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1230 Clinton Street • Bennington Center, NY 14011
Parish Office: (585) 591-0176 or (585) 547-3547
Email: mblack@rochester.rr.com

Bennington Site: 1230 Clinton Street • Bennington

Darien Center Site: 10675 Alleghany Road • Darien

Fields of Grace Family Business Manager:
Tom Liebler (716) 937-6959 ext. 104

**New Parishioners are invited to please contact
the parish office of their worship site to register.**



GENERAL INFORMATION

Home/Hospital Visits/Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the parish office if you wish the Blessed Sacrament be brought to the homebound. If someone is seriously ill or in need of a priest for anointing, please contact Fr. Dan at (716) 937-6959.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. John the Baptist and Immaculate Heart of Mary, (Bennington): 3:15pm - 3:45pm Saturdays and **St. John Neumann (Strykersville):** 4:45-5:25 Saturdays

**Following every 7:00pm Weekday Mass and First Friday Mass
or at any location by appointment**

Marriage: Parishioners are asked to notify the parish office at least six months prior to the planned wedding to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest. A pre-cana class is required for all couples.

Baptism: Baptisms are by appointment and are held after Mass, unless other arrangements are made. First time parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Contact the parish office to schedule. Godparents need a letter of recommendation from their parish.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church are invited to call for information on our RCIA and Adult Sacrament program.

Letter of Recommendation: A letter to act as sponsor will be issued to registered parishioners who have been confirmed, attend Mass and receive Communion regularly. Please call the parish office to request a letter.

FIELDS OF GRACE FAMILY OF PARISHES

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH LIFE

School Principal:Jonna Johnson
Director of Music & Liturgy:Dan Stachelski
Bookkeeper:Patty Bochicchio
Administrative Assistant:Sue Drozdiel
Faith Formation Leader:Angela Behrend

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

WEEKEND/SCHOOL MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Parish Office Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri 9-4pm

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am & 11:00am

Weekdays:

Monday 7:00pm & Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:30am

First Saturday: 8:30am

First Fridays: Mass 8:30am followed by Adoration until 5pm

First Saturdays: Mass 8:30am (subject to clergy availability)

SS. JOACHIM & ANNE PARISH LIFE

Music Ministry:Jeffrey Fischer, Carin Krawczyk
Bookkeeper:Debbie Landowski
Administrative Assistant:Sharon Thompson
Faith Formation Coordinator:Marlene Lamparelli

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

Sunday Masses: 9:00am Varysburg & 11:00am Attica

Weekdays:

Tues 8:30am Varysburg

Wed 8:30am & Thurs 7:00pm Attica

First Fridays: Mass at 8:30am followed by Adoration, Attica

ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH LIFE

Faith Formation Director:Melissa Weisenburg
Asst Faith Formation Director:Michele Schubert

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Strykersville

Sunday Mass: 10:00am Sheldon

Weekdays:

Tues 7:00pm Sheldon & Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30am Strykersville

First Fridays: Mass at 8:30am followed by Adoration until 7:00pm, Strykersville

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH LIFE

Administrative Assistant:Sue Drozdiel
Music Ministry: Helen Smith, Mike Teeling, Joan Miner
Faith Formation:Sr. Barbara Ann Bogden, OSF
Faith Formation High School:Joey Neth

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

Parish Office Hours: Mon & Wed 9-4pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Corfu

Sunday Mass: 9:00am EP

Weekdays:

Tuesdays 8:30am EP & Wed 7:00pm Corfu

First Fridays: Mass at 10:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Noon, EP

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Administrative Assistant:Millie Black

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm Bennington

Sunday Mass: 7:30am Darien

† Confessions and Adoration will follow every 7:00pm Mass

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12

A Word from Today's Scriptures

Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. Matt. 23:3

Lord Jesus, please don't let religion become a matter of show for me. I want to live a way of life in imitation of you, a way that reflects the love and mercy of the Father. Lord, make me a better disciple today.

FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS/NEWS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:

- ◆ TUESDAYS, LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS, 9AM, RECTORY
- ◆ TUESDAYS, PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING, 9AM, RECTORY
- ◆ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, SCHOOL MEAT RAFFLE, 6PM
- ◆ ST. JOHN 200 CLUB MEETING, NOON, SJS FACULTY ROOM

SS. JOACHIM AND ANNE:

- ◆ SUN, Nov. 5, FAMILY FAITH FORMATION, 9:30-10:45AM AUD
- ◆ WED. Nov. 8, BOOK CLUB, 9:30AM, ATTICA BASEMENT
- ◆ WED, Nov 8, K OF C MEETING, 7:30PM, ATTICA BASEMENT
- ◆ FRI, Nov 10, YOUNG ADULT MEETING (YAM), 6:30PM, ATTICA BASEMENT

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE:

- ◆ TUESDAYS, LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS, 9:15AM
- ◆ Tues. after 8:30am Mass, Litany to the Holy Face of Jesus
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS, BIBLE STUDY, 9:30-11:15AM, EP PARISH CTR
- ◆ TUESDAYS, THE CHOSEN, SEASON 3, 6:30PM, EP PARISH CTR
- ◆ SAT, NOVEMBER 4, ST. MAX NIGHT OUT, 6:30PM, EP HALL
- ◆ NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 3, OPERATION ST. NICHOLAS COLLECTIONS

ST. JOHN NEUMANN:

- ◆ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH.
- ◆ TUES, NOVEMBER 7, ELECTION DAY CHICKEN BBQ, 3-6PM OR SOLD OUT, ST. CECILIA'S

Around Town

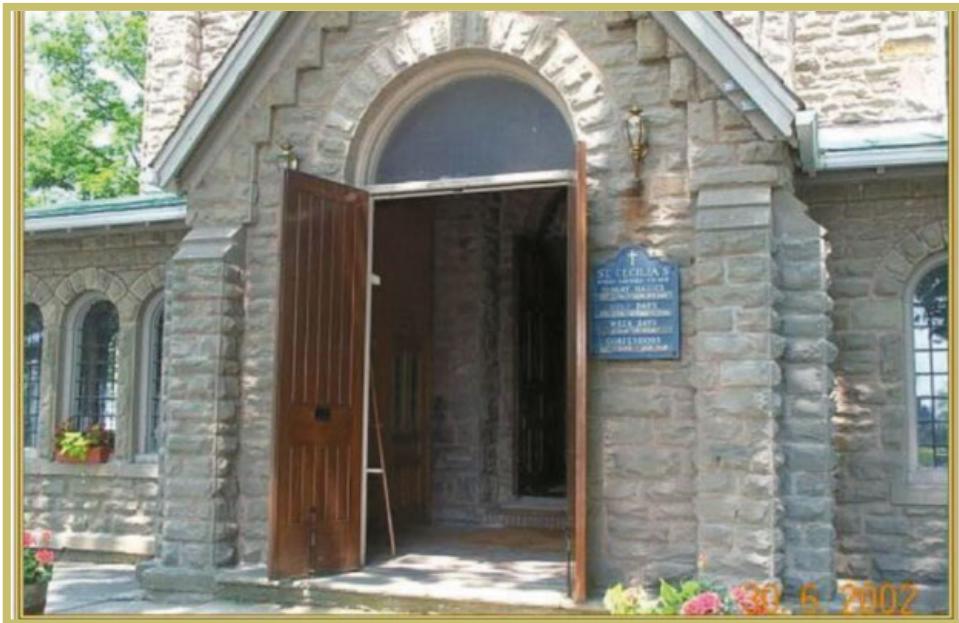
Corfu Fire Department Pre-Holiday Craft and Vendor Show, November 18th, 10am - 3pm, Corfu Fire Department, 116 E. Main Street, Corfu.

Christmas Bazaar, Immaculate Conception School, 510 Oakwood Ave, East Aurora, December 3rd, 9am to 2pm. Featuring: Vendor market, raffles, pancake breakfast 8:30am to noon. Free photos with Santa, 10 am to noon.

Come join the Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY for a morning of Advent Reflection, Saturday, December 9th at St. Jude the Apostle Church on 800 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda 14120. We will begin with Mass at 8:30AM and then move to the Community Room where we will enjoy a presentation on "St. Joseph, The Silent Evangelist". All are welcome.

St. John Neumann Parish

175th Anniversary of St. Cecilia's Church



Join us as we come together to honor our rich heritage, embrace the present, and look forward to a vibrant future. Over the past 175 years, our church has been a sanctuary of faith, love, and community spirit. This momentous milestone is a testament to the unwavering devotion and support of each and every one of our cherished parishioners.

You are invited to be a part of this historic event!

November 5, 2023

175th Anniversary Schedule of Events

- 12:30 PM - Church tours and history (for any who wish to attend)
- 1:30 PM - Dedication of Historic Marker on North Sheldon Rd side of St. Cecilia's Historic Society and local officials
- 1:50 PM (weather permitting) Procession from Church Hall to Church singing the Litany of Saints.
- 2:00 PM - Blessing of the St. Padre Pio Statue - just prior to start of Mass
- 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM - 175 Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop Michael W. Fisher
- 3:30 -4:00 - Gather for dinner and dance in Weber Hall - Pictorial and History displays and a video presentation available.
- 4:00 PM Dinner starts - followed by dance and festivities.

Thank you for being an integral part of St. Cecilia's Church's incredible journey. We look forward to seeing you at the Anniversary celebrations!

St. John Neumann
Election Day Chicken BBQ
November 7th • 3pm - 6pm or sold out
Weber Hall/St. Cecilia's Site
\$15/dinner ~ Take out only
Includes 1/2 chicken, two sides, roll and dessert.

Mass Intentions

There are still Mass Intentions available for 2023 at many of our parishes. Masses are offered for many reasons, not only for those who have died, but for those who are here with us as well, for health, birthday or anniversary blessings. If you are looking for a specific date or Mass, the earlier you call, the better chance that it will be available. Contact the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are in need of God's comfort and healing, including: Mackenzie Refermat, Theresa Kwiatkowski, Joe & Susan Hoiden, Nicholas Oddo, Tom Pasek, Dawn Duncan, Nicole Lindner, Terry Moore, Marlene Smith, Marian Butler, Gary Powers, Christine Mayer, Bill Chapman, Jim Nowinski, Marcia Kegler, Ken Warren, Catherine Boling, Marie Boller, Sharon Pfeiffer, Helen Poltowicz, Ron Soper, Gilbert Fries, Michael McNally, Theodore Langner, Beverly & David Pellittieri, Joe Adams, Sharon Kruzawski, Dan Labuzzetta, Jen Monroe, Walter Gabalski, Shirley Wheeler, Nicole M. Fudoli, Eileen & Martin Wirth, Dave Smith, Ron Johnson, Maryann Krohl, Erica Schramma, Sue Meyers, Nancy Metz, Kevin Nuwer, Jamie and Sharon Hoelscher, Geri Pilat, Sheila Hoglund, Jennifer May, Lynn Wysocki, Sanford Swan, Donald Crist, Linda Manzella, Maureen Bergum, Joe Blind, Judy Krieger, Carol Smith, Joshua Byrne, John Ertel, Michael Houck, Christopher Walczak, Anthony Sommer, Diane Newman, Lynn Bartels, John Neidhart, Laurie Coccionitti, Bridget Olson, Jean Hojnowski, Marty Galczynski, Brandon Walker, Al and Noreen Platten, Suzanne Zbrzezny, Bill and Dianna Loveric, Joe Wolf, Millie Mruczek, Karen Ryan, Mary Kay Borkowski, Julie D'Amico, Gail M., Agnes and Don Nelson, David Fino, Mike Misterantino, Tony Kutter, Jim Java, Pappert Family, Daniel Bogden, David Bogden, Isabella Oberlander, Benjamin Foster, Robby Bruce, Stephen Barrow, Kathy T., Diane and Robert Brohman, Letty, Dick Kutter, Sydney Richardson, Nick Baes, Gloria Sanders, Bill Lawrence, Kelly Jensen Marble, Shelly Edmonds, Suzanne Noonan, Tanya Trauscht, Greyson Sanders, Irene Smith, Jodi Lynne, Jeff Bunk, Peggy Maluaso, Patricia Scott, John Shaffer, Chuck Sutter, Gwen Panting, Jason Fetterman, Baby Said, Oliver Daniel Blankenberg, Jacob Mest, Catherine Mest, Donna Fauth and Jim Hogan.

Let us also pray for our priests and those studying for the priesthood, diaconate and religious life including Michael Liebler and Kristen Leaderstorf from our Family of Parishes.

Please let us know when your loved one can be removed from the sick list.

A reminder regarding flags placed in the Cemetery:

According to the [federal flag code](#), American flags that have been irreversibly damaged or otherwise soiled must always be retired in a dignified manner. Please do not throw the soiled flags in the garbage.

Local Veterans organization and scout troops often have flag burning ceremonies to respectfully disposed of tattered flags. If you are unsure of where to take your flag, please bring it to the parish office and we will make sure it is properly cared for.

With Veterans Day coming up, you may want to place a flag on your loved ones grave. When the time comes, please keep in mind that you must properly dispose of the flag. *Thank you.*

September 200 Club Winners ~ Congratulations!

- 17-September 3rd, #56, Helen Creighton (Martin)
- 18-September 10th, #44, Roger & Gale Martin (Martin)
- 19-September 17th, #22, Debi Conrad (Conrad)
- 20-September 24th, #161, Carissa Malecki (Ertel)

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society is on November 12th at St. John the Baptist Church. We will say the Rosary before the 8AM Mass and have a meeting after Mass in the School Cafeteria. All men in our Family of Parishes are invited to attend.

50/50 Raffle tickets are available at St. John the Baptist church or the Parish Office for \$1.00

Attention all Extraordinary Ministers and those who would like to be Extraordinary Ministers

We are developing a dedicated spirit-filled ministry of individuals who would like to provide the important sacrament of communion to the home bound. If you are interested in helping with this very important ministry, please contact your parish office (St. John the Baptist: Contact Rita Radder at 716-937-6689 or 716-507-2659.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is the red candle next to the Tabernacle, which signifies the real presence of Christ within it. Parishioners can dedicate the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one, each week; the name is published in the bulletin so that your intention can be prayed for by everyone during that time. Please call the parish office to schedule a week, check availability and donation amount.



FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

The Sanctuary light is lit for St. John the Baptist *Fields of Grace* Parishioners St. Max Kolbe *Judy Balonek (EP) and Dec. Members of the June and Gervasi Families (C)*

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023	
Weekend Collection	\$ 6,162.44
WeShare Donations	\$ 1,457.00
Total Collection	\$ 7,619.44
Weekly amount needed to meet budgeted expenses	\$9,308.00



Date	Mass	Location	Intention	From
November 4	8:30 AM	SJB	Dave Fox	Grandson, Logan Fox
	4:00 PM	St. John the Baptist	Agnes Burzynski	Family
	4:00 PM	Immac. Heart of Mary, Benn	Albert & Florence Joller / Charlie Fix	Paul & Diann Joller / Patty
	5:30 PM	St. Maximilian Kolbe/C	Edward & Anna Sobolewski / Mary Ann Schnaufer	Dan & Sandra Slubecky / Gary & Jean Marsick
November 5	5:30 PM	St. John Neumann, SM	Marian Kibler	Charles Kibler & Family
	7:30 AM	Immac. Heart of Mary, Darien	Lorraine Rutkowski	Zielonka Family
	8:00 AM	St. John the Baptist	Walter Czechowski	Carol Hacker
	9:00 AM	St. Maximilian Kolbe/EP	John Davis / Olga Fava Dean	Patty / Doc & Donna Mruczek
	9:00 AM	Ss. Joachim & Anne, Varysburg	Deceased Members of the Kibler & Librock Families	John and Janet
	10:00 AM	St. John Neumann, SC	Barbara Perry	Mike & Elaine Almeter
	11:00 AM	St. John the Baptist	Bob Gerlach	Anthony and Joan Sommer
	11:00 AM	Ss. Joachim & Anne, Attica	Levi Zielonka	Prouix Family
	2:00 PM	St. John Neumann, SC	All deceased parishioners of St. John Neumann Parish, especially Jean Dominesey	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirsch
	8:30 AM	SJN, SM	Dawn White	John & Theresa Zielinski &
November 6	7:00 PM	SJB	Walter Czechowski	Ron & Karen Norton
	8:30 AM	SJB	Leon Czarniak	Gerry Volk
	8:30 AM	SMK, EP	Elizabeth Oberlander / Marcia Kohorst	Paul Oberlander / David & Linda Yohn
November 7	8:30 AM	SJ&A, Varysburg	Chuck Newcomb	Lisa & Dave Simons
	7:00 PM	SJN, SC	Marie Huller	PJ & Jean Almeter
	8:30 AM	SJB	William Thomas	Mark & Angela Behrend
	8:30 AM	SJN, SM	Teresa Kinney	Betty Reisdorf
November 8	8:30 AM	SJ&A, Attica	Ray & Pat Becker	Family
	7:00 PM	SMK, C	Mary Ann Schnaufer	Ken & Michelle C.
	8:30 AM	SJB	William & Grace Kron	Grandchildren
	8:30 AM	SJN, SM	Sally Schabloski	Gerry & Shirley Fugle
November 9	7:00 PM	SJ&A, Attica	Don Kirsch	Family
	8:30 AM	SJN, SM	Nancy Markovitz	John & Theresa Zielinski &
	8:30 AM	SJB	Thomas Czechowski	Walt & Mary Czechowski
November 10	4:00 PM	St. John the Baptist	Sharon Jastrzab	Walter
	4:00 PM	Immac. Heart of Mary, Benn	John Mack / Caroline Pomana	Deena / Veronica
	5:30 PM	St. Maximilian Kolbe/C	All Veterans / Jo Clair Surman	Carol & Jerry Pogorzala
	5:30 PM	St. John Neumann, SM	Mary Lou Kibler	Dave & Carol Comstock
November 11	7:30 AM	Immac. Heart of Mary, Darien	Eugene Ludwig / Joseph Wagner	Linda Ludwig / Marcia Wagner
	8:00 AM	St. John the Baptist	Holy Name Society Members	HNS
	9:00 AM	St. Maximilian Kolbe/EP	Cindy Lea Thomas / Bernard Ronan	John & Tina Molnar / Family
	9:00 AM	Ss. Joachim & Anne, V	Lisa Boxler	John & Joan Knab & Family
	10:00 AM	St. John Neumann, SC	Burt & Barb Farrant	Mark & Michelle George
	11:00 AM	St. John the Baptist	Helen & Paul Schmitt	Sue & Jim Hergenroder
November 12	11:00 AM	Ss. Joachim & Anne, Attica	Dec Members of the Murphy & Reynolds Families	Family

Charles Meyer

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