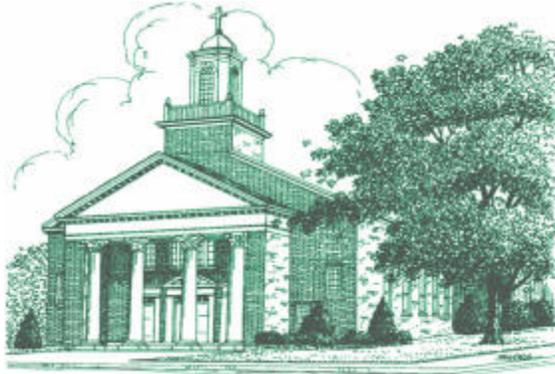


St. John the Baptist

January 24, 2021

A Respect Life Parish

1085 Englewood Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14223



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Nora Deakin

Director of Music
Ms. Cheryl Brinker

Masses

Saturdays: 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days: Schedule inside Bulletin.

Confessions

Tuesdays: 4:00 p.m. Any time by appointment.

Novena

To Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. John Neumann, after 12:00 noon Mass, Wednesdays, Church.

Holy Hour for Life

Friday, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Chapel.

Parish Office Hours

Available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Evening: By appointment only.

New Parishioners

We warmly welcome you to our Parish Community. Please contact the Rectory as soon as possible.

Baptisms

Sunday at 1:15 p.m. Parents must attend the Baptism Preparation Program held each month, in advance of scheduling the Baptism. Please call the Rectory office for schedule and further information.

Weddings

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Hearing Impaired

This church has the latest in hearing assistance. Small, portable devices are available in the sacristy for individual use.

All are encouraged to sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure.

Please remember the parish in your will.



MISSION STATEMENT

"St. John the Baptist is a Roman Catholic parish founded by St. John Neumann where God is loved and present in the liturgy, the sacraments and the community, faith is enriched, faith grows through our teaching and experiencing the gospel, all are welcomed in the spirit of openness and generosity, and charity is extended through our ministry to all."

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Paschal Mystery

Jesus approaches his first disciples, Simon, and Andrew, with an interesting proposition; leave your fishing nets and lives by the seas and turn your attention toward catching people in the net of God's love. In some ways, calling fishermen to his work seems like an odd choice and yet the skills needed for catching fish (patience, perseverance, hard work, ability to weather storms) would likely come in handy when fishing for people. Within the gospel, Jesus chooses ordinary people with everyday occupations to be his closest collaborators. Though they were not the obvious choices for founding his church, in following Jesus the disciples gained the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding to carry forth Jesus' mission after his death and resurrection. Today, Jesus continues to call ordinary, everyday people to be "fishers of men." How will we respond? Mark 1:14-20

Masses for the Week

Monday, January 25 - Conversion of Saint Paul

8:00 Joe Starck by wife

12:00 Marjorie Devine by husband

Tuesday, January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus

8:00 Richard M. Hunt by Frank & Mary Ann Klepp

12:00 Nicolette Horan by Natalie Bialy

Wednesday, January 27 - Weekday

8:00 Rosalie Panek by family

12:00 Living & deceased members of the Kamman & Sheehan families by family

Thursday, January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00 James Fronczak by John Baker

12:00 William Billings by J.V.

Friday, January 29 - Weekday

8:00 Msgr. Kenneth Menge by Don Winkle family

12:00 Ellen Fischer by Lori Seewagen

Saturday, January 30 - Weekday

8:30 Marilyn Malucci by Joan LaDuca

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Ellen Fischer by Grace Blenk

7:00 People of the Parish



Sunday, January 31- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Edward Bremer by Florence Cybart

10:00 Susan Burghardt (Anniv.) by Jim & Carol Lajewski

12:00 Jeanne Vilardo by Sinatra family

Baptismal Preparation

We welcome families who wish to have their child baptized here at St. John's.

Please call the rectory office at 873.1122 to find out details of preparation.



St. John's Welcomes New Parishioners

If you are looking for a parish to make your own, we would love to have you join our faith community here at St. John's. Daily Masses are 8am & 12pm. Weekend liturgies are Sat. 4 & 7pm/Sun. 8, 10am & 12pm.

Call the rectory at 716-873-1122 for more information.

St. John the Baptist RC Church

This Week at St. John's

Monday, January 25

- Rel Ed - Mr. Mical, RCR, 6:15-7:30pm

- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm

- Carissime Women's Prayer, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, January 26

- Confessions, church, 4-5pm

- Rel Ed Grades 5 & 6, school, 6:15-7:30pm

- Cub104 Pack mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm

Wednesday, January 27

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, RCR, 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, January 28

- BS104 Leaders mtg., 26, 7-9pm

Friday, January 29

- Red Cross Blood Drive, RCR, 1-6pm

Saturday, January 30

- BS104 Rec/basketball, gym, 2-4pm

Sunday, January 31

- SJS Open House



We Remember in our Prayers...

Those who are ill, and those who have died, Rose Roaldi. May they rest in peace.

We welcome newly baptized; Elloise Joy Grobe, Elyse Anne Piper

We pray in thanksgiving for the covid-19 vaccine and for all who have been impacted by this pandemic.

Public Celebration of Masses

Weekday and weekend Masses are in the church

M-F: 8am & 12pm **Sat.:** 4pm & 7pm **Sun.:** 8, 10am & noon

Dispensation from Mass attendance is still in effect.

For your safety and the safety of all who are present:

Face covering/mask is required

Communion only in the hand

Social distancing is required

Ushers/escorts will seat you

Church is open for private prayer daily

Mon. - Thurs. 8am-4pm

Fri. 8am-2:30pm

Sat. 8am-8pm

Sun. 8am-2pm

2020 Contribution Statements

2020 donor substantiation reports are available by dropping a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the mail, in the collection at church or at the rectory. Reports are prepared by request only.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD Weekly Support Offering

1/10/2021

Regular Collection.....\$14,470.84

(Online giving included)

This week last year.....\$13,438.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
January 30-31

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help **Jesus in disguise**.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY



Our thanks to everyone who helps us feed our families. We can use the following items:

Crackers, puddings, brownie mix, jelly, crushed tomatoes, canned fruit, canned chicken breast

Holy Name News

Holy Name Society Donut Sunday Socials are cancelled as well as general meetings, until further notice. Be Safe!

Vocations

St. Paul shakes up our world view in the second reading from 1st Corinthians 7. Let us tune out the world's noise and listen to the still, small voice of God. If you are being called to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Religious Education
Teacher of the Week



Mrs. Michelle Morgan has been a parishioner at St John's her entire life. She started teaching religious education 15 years ago when her children were attending classes. Michelle teaches our 4th graders. She loves being in the classroom... you could say it is her whole life! She teaches French and Spanish at North Tonawanda Middle School and when she is not teaching, she is at home with her husband and three children. Thank you Michelle for your commitment to share your faith with our youth, we appreciate you!

Ongoing Need for Blood Donations

Blood Drive on Friday, January 29th
1:00PM - 6:00PM



The American Red Cross will be at St. John's in the Reina Community Room on January 29th. To schedule an appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: STJOHNSKENMORE or call 1-800 RED CROSS. Health emergencies do not pause for a pandemic. The American Red Cross needs the help of blood donors to ensure patients continue to have access to lifesaving blood. All completed donations are being tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

There is no deferral time if you receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. If you've received a COVID-19 vaccine, you'll need to provide the manufacturer name when you come to donate. Upon vaccination, you should receive a card or printout indicating what COVID-19 vaccine was received, and we encourage you to bring that card with you to your next donation.

Regardless of the type of vaccine an individual receives, all donors must be symptom free and feeling well at the time of donation. If an individual is experiencing any symptoms from the COVID-19 vaccine, the Red Cross asks that they postpone their donation until they are feeling better.

Adoration in the Chapel



The Chapel is open for Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday from 2 to 4 pm. For 2021 plan to spend more quiet time with Jesus. O Come let us adore Him.

Annual Novena for Life

Diaper Drive for St. Gianna Outreach



The Respect Life Committee will hold a diaper drive during the month of January for the St. Gianna pregnancy outreach center. They have helped over 1500 mothers and their babies and are so thankful for your past generosity. The items needed: Diapers—newborn to size 3. Baby clothes newborn to size 3 year, also baby toiletries, blankets, bottles, and gently used clothing is welcome. There will be a bin outside of the Community Room to place your donation. If you are in a difficult pregnancy please call St. Gianna outreach—(716) 842-BABY (2229) or 847-2205.



SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date for Open House!



St. John's School will host an Open House on Sunday, January 31st and Wednesday, February 3rd for new families.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a reservation is required to attend Open House. Please call the school office at 877-6401 for more information and to reserve a spot.

Whether your child is just starting school in one of our Pre-K/Kindergarten programs (full day and half day Pre-K three-year-old, full day Pre-K four-year-old, and full day Kindergarten) or you're considering transferring into one of the elementary or middle school grades, the Open House provides the perfect opportunity to learn more about how St. John's can meet your family's educational needs.

Spread the word – tell your neighbors & friends. Your recommendation & encouragement is the best testimony to promote our parish school. Thank you for your help in being a St. John's ambassador!

Virtual Wine Seminar: Blind Wine Tasting Event

St. John's School will sponsor a virtual wine tasting event on Saturday, February 13th at 7:00 pm. Bundles are \$50 and include: three 750ml bottles of wine; sommelier-led seminar (via Zoom); blind tasting with bottle reveal and a special gift from our host, Addy's Wine & Spirits.

In addition, St. John's 90th Anniversary glasses are also available for purchase and can be shipped throughout the United States.

To learn more about this special event and to RSVP please contact: Michelle Salemi at (716) 877-6401 or msalemi@stjohnskenmore.com

PLEASE NOTE: Out of town participants must register by January 29th. All others must register no later than February 5th.

Catholic Schools Week is Coming Up!

The week of January 31st to February 6th will be our annual Catholic Schools Week!

While we may not be able to gather as a whole school, we still look forward to celebrating many of our Catholic Schools Week traditions together.

We also plan to introduce some new activities this year! Look for more information to come home in the next week regarding Catholic Schools Week!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.

Jesus you're the one I love;
you're the one I know.
You're the one who makes me strong,
Spirit in my soul.

Symbol of your love from the grain so tall.
Bread, blessed and broken for us all,
bread of life you give to us,
bread of life for all. Amen.



SJS Masks for Your Family

St. John's face-masks and gaiters are still available for purchase and make great gifts!

MASKS: are adjustable to fit youth or adults and are \$5.00 each.

GAITERS: are youth size and are also \$5.00 each.
Both items are available by contacting: Michelle Salemi at: msalemi@stjohnskenmore.com or 877-6401.



Loser Ticket Winners

10 non-winner tickets
(Payout is \$50 each)

Thank you for supporting St. John's!

Code #	Ticket #
BJ?	688
GO%	2545
ATV	430
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YZ?	4945
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REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Recycling has many benefits. If we can reuse and recycle materials, it helps conserve them and is beneficial to Mother Earth. Plastic manufacturing requires the use of fossil fuels like petroleum and paper is made from our trees.

Using 100% recycled paper products saves trees and water and generates less waste than using virgin wood pulp. Look for these products such as napkins, toilet tissue and paper towels. Try using cloth napkins instead of paper. Buy food in bulk to avoid excessive packaging. Use products packaged in glass rather than plastic.

A plastic bottle in a landfill will take 100 years to break down. Plastic bags can harm or kill animals that try to eat them. They can harm fish when they find their way into our streams, lakes and oceans. We are awash in plastic pollution! Many stores ie TOPS, Rite Aid, Wegmans, etc. recycle plastic bags. Remember to recycle yours.

The US plastic bottle recycling is less than 25%!!! Always RECYCLE plastic; but by REDUCING the use of plastics, especially single use items (straws, bottles, plates, cutlery,) we can make a difference.

Use refillable water bottles, carry an insulated mug for beverages on the go. Bring reusable grocery bags when shopping. And even try bringing reusable containers to restaurants to bring home any leftovers.

WE CAN preserve our environment with a little effort.



Holy Honey!

Want to add a bit of natural sweetness to your life? Check out Fr. Ryszard's 100% Natural Holy honey.

There are 2 size jars available in the rectory, 1 lb. jars (Light or Dark) \$8. Also 1/2 lb. bear jars for \$4.50.

Fr. Ryszard thanks you!

Prayer Basket

St. John's gives its parishioners the opportunity to offer prayers and intentions to God through the prayer basket located to the left of Blessed Mother's altar. We invite you to write your intention/s on the form found in church and place it in the basket - intentions are remembered at every Eucharist.

The basket is emptied once a month, the prayers continue.

Need a Good Laugh?



There are a few advantages to getting older.

For example,
you can't hold a grudge
that you can't remember!

AREA NEWS

Our Adoration Chapel at **St Gregory the Great** is now reopened. Please note that seating will be limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. Additional information regarding the protocols to follow and will be shared in our Bulletin and on our website.

St Gregory the Great Parish would like to invite you to, "FIAT", a monthly Eucharistic Conference. Please join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, faith-filled presentations, powerful music and prayer ministry. (Check out stgregs.org/fiat). Our topic for February is the Holy Spirit Fruit of Love. Come with an open heart to meet our Lord. Just as Mary said 'Yes' to the will of God in her life, this is an opportunity for you to also say, 'Yes' to the Lord in your life! FIAT is open to everyone, young and old alike. Our next night will be Saturday, February 13 at 7 pm, in the church. In case of COVID restrictions, we still plan to stream FIAT through our stgregs.org/fiat address that night.

St. Gregory the Great Polish Dinner To-Go

Take out Traditional Polish Dinner to support our Youth Ministry. Dinner includes: 1 golumbki, 1 smoked kielbasa link, 2 Babcia's farmer's cheese pierogi, Sweet & sour red cabbage, and Rye bread & butter. Pre-sale Price \$12.00. Day of Price \$14.00. Drive-Thru Pick-Up 4:00 pm up 7:00 pm. Pick up at the St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center (100 St. Gregory Court). Purchase tickets: At the Parish Office, Catholic Store or contact Youth Ministry 688-5678 or online at <https://givebutter.com/Stgregspolishdinner>

Alcoholics Anonymous District 6 CPC

In AA each shares his/her own experience; explains what life was like, what happened and what life is like in recovery.

Alcoholics Anonymous is accessible. Anyone seeking more info. about alcoholism or A.A. may visit our homepage at www.buffaloany.org, which also provides several links to info. about AA as well as meetings (now available thru virtual technology).

Alcoholics Anonymous is effective. Members have shared their stories of sobriety.

For more info. contact firesideammeeting@gmail.com

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