

February 14, 2021

# St. John the Baptist

A Respect Life Parish

1085 Englewood Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14223



**Shrine of St. John Neumann**  
Founding Pastor, 1836

**Parish Website**  
[www.stjohnskenmore.org](http://www.stjohnskenmore.org)

**Rectory**  
873-1122 · Fax 873-3305

**Outreach**  
873-2933

**School**  
877-6401

**Msgr. Charles A. Klauder**  
Parish Center  
873-1122

**Pastor**  
Rev. Michael J. Parker

**Pastoral Assistant**  
Sister Jolene Ellis, OSF

**School Principal**  
Mrs. Jenny Bainbridge

**School Website**  
[www.stjohnskenmore.com](http://www.stjohnskenmore.com)

**Faith Formation**  
873-1122  
[stjohnskenmorefaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnskenmorefaithformation@gmail.com)

**Director of Youth**  
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."*

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Living the Paschal Mystery

Jesus reaches out to touch the leper, one who had been rendered ritually impure or “unclean” due to his skin infection. There were many aspects to the ritual purity system in place at the time of Jesus. One effect of the system, was to “force a separation between the experience of encountering God’s sanctity and matters pertaining to death... Because “God is eternal, God does not die...by following the ritual purity regulations ancient Israelites separated themselves from what made them least God-like.” In Jesus we find a perfect marriage of the human and the divine. Jesus, Son of God, the source of all purity, touches the man, heals his leprosy, and restores him to health and to his place in the community. Again, Jesus reveals himself as the savior, sent by God not to condemn the world but to redeem it (John 3:17).

Mark 1:40-45

### Masses for the Week

#### Monday, February 15 - Weekday

- 8:00 Marj Byrne by McKeown family
- 12:00 Albert & Margaret Riess by family

#### Tuesday, February 16 - Weekday

- 8:00 Sarah Ronchetti by Tom & Mary Hennessy
- 12:00 James Fisch by family

#### Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

- 8:00 Ronald Ratajczak by John Baxter
- 12:00 Marc Connelly by family
- 7:00 Marilyn Malucci by Marie Scott

#### Thursday, February 18 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:00 Adam Michael Sierzchula by family
- 12:00 Lucille Hazlett by family

#### Friday, February 19 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:00 Edwin Gallagher by Robert & Deborah Sweeney
- 12:00 Deceased members of the Heysel & Grant families by MaryLou & Bob Mueller

#### Saturday, February 20 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:30 Margo Anne Belleman by Molly Regan

#### Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 Thomas J. Loveric Sr. by family
- 7:00 People of the Parish



#### Sunday, February 21- First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 Catherine Fronczak by John Baxter
- 10:00 Living & deceased members of the Wade family by John & Judy McFadden
- 12:00 Deceased members of the Grimaldi & Nebrich families by family

### 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.

## St. John the Baptist RC Church

### This Week at St. John's

#### Monday, February 15

- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm
- Carissime Women's Prayer, chapel, 7:30-9pm

#### Tuesday, February 16

- Confessions, church, 4-5pm
- Cub104 Den meeting, PR/26, 6:30-9pm

#### Wednesday, February 17

- Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30-8:30 pm

#### Thursday, February 18

#### Friday, February 19

#### Saturday, February 20

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

#### Sunday, February 21



### We Remember in our Prayers...

**Those who are ill, and those who have died,** Lucille Cusimano, Mary Acquisto, Frank R. Bartolotta. **May they rest in peace.**

**We welcome to the parish:** Christopher, Kara, Ryan, Lily, & Owen Englert; Joseph, Joette, Isabel, & Gianna DiPerna; Sean, Courtney, Ian, & Timothy Reynolds; John, Cheryl, Jack, & Nolan Ernst; Frank Calire.

**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 Social distancing is required  
 Communion only in the hand 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  
*Enter through the doors next to the RCR parking lot.*

### OUR OFFERING TO GOD Weekly Support Offering

1/31/2021

Regular Collection.....\$9789.82  
*(Online giving included)*

This week last year.....\$10,086.58

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL



“The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises” (*Ceremonial of Bishops, 249*).

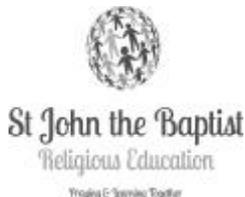
On Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, ashes will be blessed and imposed at all the Masses after the homily. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ashes will not be imposed on a person’s forehead in the usual manner. Instead, the custom of sprinkling ashes on the crown of a person’s head will be the form this year. Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance:

“Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth and with earth upon their heads.” (Neh 9:1)

During these Lenten days may we read, reflect, and put into practice more fully the call of the scriptures that touch our hearts and challenge our lives with renewal and conversion from sin.

May we journey as a faith community accompanying each other in prayer, support, and presence in Church or from home during our time of Lent.

**Religious Education  
Teacher of the Week**



We are very fortunate to have **Ms. Ashley Dikeman** teaching religion to our 6th grade students! Ashley is a teacher by profession and is currently in her seventh year as an educator. When she is not in the classroom she enjoys running, reading, as well as attending concerts and musicals. Ashley has a passion for teaching and loves to share her faith with her students. Thank you for your service Ms. Dikeman!

***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.**



***Vocations***

“Go, show yourself to the priest...for your cleansing.” We no longer have leprosy, but we do need priests to be purified of mortal sins. If God is calling you to take up this healing mission, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

***Consecration to St. Joseph***

***What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph?***

Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God.

The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

Check the diocesan website for the prayer, daily challenges and additional resources at <https://buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-joseph>.

***Holy Name Easter Raffle***



St. John’s Holy Name Society is holding their annual Easter raffle fundraiser with chances of winning \$75 in Dash’s gift cards and more!  
Tickets are a donation of \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5.  
Drawings will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Tickets are available in the parish office during regular business hours or from a HNS member.



# SCHOOL NEWS

**Register Now  
for  
Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Grades 1 to 8**



St. John the Baptist School is now registering for its various programs for September 2021. We offer both full and part-time 3-year-old Pre-Kindergarten Programs, as well as a full-day Pre-Kindergarten 4-year-old and Kindergarten program. We are also enrolling for Grades 1 to 8. With our on-site before and after-school programs, St. John's can meet all of your childcare needs.

St. John's is the premier place to educate your child. Our programs include music, art, technology, library, and physical education. Moreover, our foreign language program begins in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Our focus on STEM/STREAM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Religion and the Arts) is integrated into our daily curriculum as well as in after school enrichment academy courses.

We invite you to schedule a personal tour of our school by telephoning (716) 877-6401. Also, visit us on-line at [www.stjohnskenmore.com](http://www.stjohnskenmore.com) for additional information. Your child's future starts at St. John's!

### School Masks & Gaiters



St. John's face-masks and gaiters are still available for purchase.

**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 in the rectory office OR by calling the school office at 877-6401.

### Holy Honey!

Have you tried adding a bit of honey to your favorite peanut butter?! 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!

### St. John's Social Justice 34th Sleep Out for the Homeless



In conjunction with Jerry Starr and Ken-Ton Schools, the Sleep out took place on Friday, February 5th-6th from 6pm until 6am at the Kenmore -Town of Tonawanda Administration building.

The focus is to raise awareness about the struggles some folks in our community face, every day, but also to teach children the importance of giving back and helping others.

The event is organized each year by Educators Totally Committed, a group of staff and retired teachers whose goal is to instill in children the importance of giving and inspiring a life-long commitment to serving others.

Because of the pandemic, only a very small number of participants slept outside, and extensive safety measures were taken to ensure everyone's safety.

#### **You can donate to this worthy cause in one of four ways:**

- Drop your donation cash or **check payable to St. John the Baptist**, (clearly mark "Sleep-out") in the weekly collection basket.
- Drop your cash or check off at the rectory.
- Place your check in the mail, send to Deborah Finamore, 44 Belmont Ave., Buffalo, NY 14223.
- Help build a virtual house (in church as we have done in the past), purchase bricks for \$5, windows \$15, doors \$25, & roofs \$50.

Make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Church & memo "Sleep-out", our Social Justice Committee determines the local agencies to receive the funds.

---

### A New Parish Ministry

Poor Widows of Saint Mary Ministry

#### **Mission Statement:**

*With the graces of Saint Mary our patroness, we seek to assist in the growth of personal holiness while embracing the widowed state of life in service to the Church.*

No meetings

A private prayerful ministry

A monthly Letter of Reflection will be sent

Those widows interested in this ministry, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket, or drop off at the parish office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

---

**Black & Indian Missions**  
**February 20-21**

Next weekend we will take up a collection for The Black and Indian Mission. This collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

- Enlivening parish life & catechesis
- Helping educators reach kids
- Empowering evangelizers
- Encouraging vocations

Please give generously to this mission. For more information visit [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org)

**OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY**

Our thanks to everyone who so generously donate food and grocery gift cards. They allow us to continue to feed all who come to us. However, due to COVID-19, please do not give us perishable items.

This week, we could use:  
Crushed tomatoes  
Crackers



So grateful for your support!



**SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE!**

A heartfelt *THANK YOU* to 22 donors (1 first time donor) who gave their blood during this global pandemic to potentially save 63 lives!

Much gratitude is felt by all for your selfless act of kindness. If you missed out on this blood drive, keep checking the bulletin for future scheduled ones!

**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.

**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.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS**



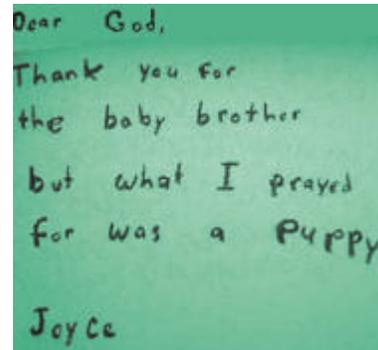
Ash Wednesday is February 17th and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. We now have available the 2021 Daily Reflection Lenten booklets "Not by Bread Alone". These booklets are placed at the altar of the Blessed Mother.

**Adoration in the Chapel**



This Lent why not devote quiet time with Jesus? The Saint John Neumann Shrine is open for Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday from 2 to 4 pm.

**Need a Good Laugh?**



**AREA NEWS**



Queen of Heaven LENTEN FISH DINNERS: February 17, March 5, March 19 from 4-7 PM. \$12 includes beer battered fish, macaroni salad, coleslaw, rye bread & butter.

DRIVE THRU Dinners by Andrews BBQ, Pick up only at Queen of Heaven Parish, enter on 4256 Seneca Street to Rear parking lot-exit to Mill Road. PREORDER AT [www.qofhcarnival.com/fishfry](http://www.qofhcarnival.com/fishfry)

LENTEN FISH FRYS TAKE-OUT ONLY: February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26 at **St. Greg's Ministry Center**. 4:00 -7:00pm Menu: Fried Fish, Fresh Baked Fish or Breaded Shrimp served with French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Roll

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$11.00 online or at the Parish Office, Store or Café Walk-in at the Door: \$12.00

Bocce's Pizza available \$2.00 per slice

Prepared in-house by St. Greg's Knights of Columbus



**C. Mertz  
and Son**  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Family Owned and Operated Since 1948  
"Personal Service at prices you can afford"  
Licensed Funeral Directors: James K. Mertz, Patricia M. Mertz & Jason E. Mertz, Parishioners  
Fully Renovated and Increased Parking • Pre-Need & Medicaid Trust Specialists

**\$795**  
Direct Cremation  
(Funeral Home Charge)  
**\$3895**  
Traditional Funerals Starting at

911 Englewood Ave., Kenmore, NY 14223 • 836-2935 • www.mertzfh.com

**Busch Floor Company**  
"First Class Service and Quality Since 1923"  
Commercial • Residential  
Wall to Wall Carpeting • Tile • Linoleum  
Ceramic • Hardwood • Laminate • Blinds  
2727 Elmwood Avenue • Kenmore, NY 14217  
**875-2602**

**FREDDIE'S PLUMBING  
SERVICE INC.**  
Residential Installations and Repairs  
Back Up Sump Pump Specialist  
Serving WNY Since 1909  
FRED CLABO 631-5513 or 895-3614  
freddiesplumbing.com

**ADAMS  
DOOR COMPANY INC.**  
Garage Doors • Service & Repair • Free Estimates  
232 Sawyer Ave. • Tonawanda  
895-9245  
www.adamsdoorcompany.com

**KAREN MANG**  
Real Estate Salesperson  
716.208.9673 mobile  
716.881.1043 fax  
kmangrealtor@gmail.com  
RoncroftRealty.com  
2770 Delaware Avenue Kenmore, NY 14217  
RONCROFT REALTY | 716.881.1200

**D. LAWRENCE  
GINNANE**  
FUNERAL HOME  
3215 Delaware Ave.,  
Kenmore, N.Y.  
873-4774  
Thoughtful, Personalized  
Service Since 1977  
Complete Funeral,  
Cremation & Preneed  
Arrangements.

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE  
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM  
**\$29.95/MO** PLUS SPECIAL OFFER  
BILLED QUARTERLY  
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772  
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

**K B M**  
KELLER BROS. & MILLER  
Committed to Servicing Your Print & Mail Needs  
716.854.2374  
johnjr@kbmprinting.com

THIS SPACE IS  
**AVAILABLE**

**Lombardo  
Funeral Home**  
Our Family Serving Your Family Since 1907  
Don't overpay for one of life's necessities.  
• Traditional Funerals Starting at \$3,995  
Includes 2 day viewing, 20 gauge metal casket  
(Concrete grave liner optional - not required by NYS; may be required by cemetery)  
• Direct Cremation \$899  
Serving The Northtowns  
885 Niagara Falls Blvd. • (Near Eggert Rd. & Sheridan Dr.)  
**837-7100**  
"The End of High Cost Funerals"

**Kenmore  
Housing Authority**  
Senior Citizen Housing  
657 Colvin Blvd. 874-6000

**Sheridan Family  
Dentistry**  
• Robert J. LaCarrubba, DDS • John P. Eberz, DDS  
• Lawrence P. Whelan, DDS • Arlette T. Kirk, DDS  
• Daniel M. O'Connell, DDS • Mark T. Donahue, DDS  
• Michael N. Casese, DDS  
1895 Sheridan Dr • Buffalo, NY 14223  
(716) 831-9200

SERVING WNY SINCE 1979  
**JP HEATING  
COOLING LLC**  
**832-8200**

Ask me about the  
100% Money Back  
Guarantee!  
**Therese Melchiorre**  
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson  
GRI SFR • Parishioner  
Cell: 716.239.8672  
Office: 716.837.7500  
ThereseMelchiorre@howardhanna.com  
2427 Sheridan Drive • Tonawanda, NY 14150

**AL'S TREE SERVICE**  
Trimming ~ Removal  
FULLY INSURED  
FREE ESTIMATES  
Serving Kenmore and the Tonawandas  
**692-7041**

**NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !**  
Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin  
emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**DENGLER, ROBERTS, PERNA  
FUNERAL HOME**  
Honoring Memories, Celebrating Lives  
3070 Delaware Ave., Kenmore NY  
873.7825 | [DenglerRobertsPernaFuneral.com](http://DenglerRobertsPernaFuneral.com)

**4LPi WE'RE HIRING  
AD SALES EXECUTIVES**

Join our team

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT  
[careers@4LPi.com](mailto:careers@4LPi.com)  
[www.4LPi.com/careers](http://www.4LPi.com/careers)

**Too Sick for Mass?**  
SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!  
Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered  
right to your inbox!  
[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide

Authorized Provider **SafeStreets**  
1-855-225-4251

**SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS  
THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**