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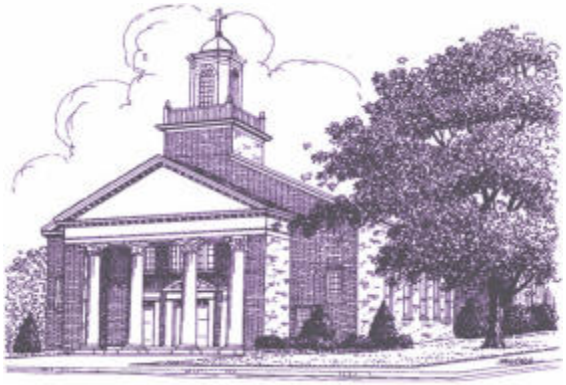

Shrine of St. John Neumann
Founding Pastor, 1836

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.

Parish Website
www.stjohnskenmore.org

Rectory
873-1122 · Fax 873-3305

Outreach
873-2933

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877-6401

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873-1122

Pastor
Rev. Michael J. Parker

Pastoral Assistant
Sister Jolene Ellis, OSF

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Mrs. Jenny Bainbridge

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www.stjohnskenmore.com

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873-1122
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Director of Youth
Nora Deakin

Director of Music
Ms. Cheryl Brinker

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 of Lent

Living the Paschal Mystery

In watching Jesus drive the money changers and the merchants from the temple, his disciples remember the verse from the book of Psalms: "Zeal for your house has consumed me" (69:10). In John's gospel, Jesus's cleansing of the temple is at the beginning of the gospel instead of the end, where the other gospel writers place it. We find within this account another revelation of who Jesus is as the true temple of the Lord – a temple that, even when destroyed, will be raised "in three days."

For us, who are living stones in the temple of Christ's Body, Lent is a time for cleansing the deep personal sanctuary of our hearts, for driving out of our lives whatever clutters our discipleship, blocks our ears to the word of God and the prophets, and distracts us from using justly and lovingly the gifts God has given us. Lenten time is a gift from the church to refocus and reimagine our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

John 2:13-25

Masses for the Week

Monday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 John Jumper by Eberz family
12:00 Bert Espersen (Anniv.) by Mary Porter

Tuesday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 Jeanne & James Toughey by family
12:00 DeWayne Laird by Eberz family

Wednesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 Elizabeth Pierce by family
12:00 Michael, Josephine & Carl LoCurto by Charles S. LoCurto family

Thursday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 Richard Yoder by John Baxter
12:00 Greg Fildes by Marilyn, John, & Eric Leffers

Friday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 Ethel Shanahan by family
12:00 William Gorman by wife

Saturday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 Sr. Ann of the Trinity, OCD by Jim & Sharon Murphy

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 Penny Limina by Carolyn & John Borczuch
7:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, March 14 - **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
8:00 Farrington Thomas by TreAnn Thom
10:00 Living & deceased members of Keating & Nienhaus families by Clare Nienhaus
12:00 Arthur Adler by Joanne, Marty & family

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, March 8
- Rel Ed Gr. 9, RCR, 6:15 -7:30pm
- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm
- Carissime Women's Prayer, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, March 9
- Rel Ed Gr. 2 & 8, School, 6:15 -7:30pm
- *Confessions, church, 4-5pm*
- Cub104 Den meeting, PR/26, 6:30-9pm

Wednesday, March 10

Thursday, March 11

Friday, March 12
- Stations of the Cross, Church, 7 pm

Saturday, March 13
- Altar Server Training, church, 12:30pm
- BS104 Troop Rec/basketball, gym, 2-4pm
- Teens of Our Lady, RCR, 6-10pm

Sunday, March 14

We Remember in our Prayers…

Those who are ill, Diana Nobleza ***and those who have died,*** Jeanne Schwartz, Richard Kirwan. ***May they rest in peace.***

Public Celebration of Masses

Weekday and weekend Masses are in the church
M-F: 8am & 12pm **Sat.:** 8:30am**,** 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-5pm Fri. 8am-2:30pm
Sat. 8am-8pm Sun. 8am-2pm

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.

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

In this Third Sunday of Lent the Church celebrates the first scrutiny in preparation of those catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. May we pray for those who are called to respond to their invitation as new Christians and may we support and encourage them in their journey of faith.

God of all creation,
keep your servants joyful in hope
and faithful in your service.
Lead them, Lord, to the waters of baptism
that give new life.
May the eternal joy you promise
be the reward
of all who spend their lives in good works.
Amen.

ELEVATOR REPAIR

The elevator in the rectory is in need of repair. If anyone has some background, expertise or knowledge in an older elevator system and would like to volunteer, your assistance would be welcomed. Call the rectory office 716-873-1122 and/or speak with Father Michael.

COVID-19 VACCINES

For moral concerns related to the creation of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Pro-Life Activities have addressed the issues.

Information can be found at https://www.usccb.org/news/2020/us-bishop-chairmen-pro-life-and-doctrine-address-ethical-concerns-new-covid-19-vaccines.
Or stop by the rectory and a copy can be provided for your study.

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 28th, 2021. Tickets are available in the parish office during regular business hours or from a HNS member.

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Current needs:
Mac & cheese, mashed potatoes

Thank you!

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.

UPON THIS ROCK NOTICE

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to donor.info@frcdb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled *Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc.*, Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

SCHOOL NEWS

Why St. John's?

Dear Prospective Families,

Thank you for taking the time to consider St. John's for your child's education.

We have been members of the St. John's family for over 40 years. We are parishioners of St. John's Parish, Roseann was a 1988 graduate of St. John's School, and our 3 daughters have attended St. John's School since Pre-K. We currently have a sixth and eighth grader, and a graduate who attends Mount Saint Mary Academy.

St. John's has provided our children with an education rooted in Catholic faith and traditions. Our daughters have received sacraments, have celebrated mass with their classmates, and have had the faith and teachings that began at home, reinforced at school.

St. John's has provided our children with an excellent education. Both our oldest daughter, and more recently, our eighth grader, were accepted into the Honors Program at their first choice high school, and have both received extremely generous scholarships for their academic achievements.

The aspect that has kept us at St. John's for all of these years is the sense of community we have always felt. There is a great sense of family between the parents, teachers, staff and students. Whether it's the teachers, HSA, volunteers or coaches, everyone is working to provide the best atmosphere for the students.

This year, our children are fortunate to be able to receive 5 days of in-person instruction. As both parents and educators, we are grateful that our children are able to receive consistent, high quality instruction, while at the same time adhering to strict safety measures and protocols. The level of detail that went into preparing the reopening plan was unparalleled, and we feel confident that the health and safety of our children is paramount.

Earlier this year, our family had to quickly make the transition to remote learning. We are forever grateful for how seamlessly the teachers and staff were able to facilitate this change. Our children did not miss a beat, and were integrated into the daily classes immediately. During a very stressful time for our family, knowing that our children's needs, both academically and socially, were being met, eased our minds.

We know that once you visit St. John's, you will feel the same sense of community and family that we felt. Please consider visiting, and joining the family that is St. John's. We cannot wait to welcome you!

Warm Regards,
Chuck and Roseann Cook

Year of St. Joseph

In this year of St. Joseph we pray and entrust to him the cause of life. "St. Joseph, who saved Jesus from the cruelty of Herod, is shown to us in this moment as a great supporter of the cause of the defense of human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. In this place, therefore, we wish to commend human life to Divine Providence and to St. Joseph, especially the life of children not yet born, in our homeland and throughout the world."

(St. John Paul II)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2021 APPEAL

When you are hungry, we are hope. Catholic Charities maintains nine food pantry and outreach centers in Western New York. Seven sites are in Erie County (Central, East and South Buffalo, Getzville and Lackawanna) and one each in Allegany County in Wellsville and in Cattaraugus County in Franklinville. Each location has emergency food pantry service and offers information and referrals to other needed services to those who are food insecure, free of charge. Show your support of our food pantries by donating to **Appeal 2021.** Call 716-218-1419 or visit www.ccwny.org/donation. For more information on our pantries, go to https://www.ccwny.org/services/food-pantries. With your support, we can continue to be **HOPE for all seasons**.

Vocations

Who will preach the Commandments of God to the next generation? If you feel called to this ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Religious Education Teacher of the Week

St John the Baptist
Religious Education
Praying & Learning Together

Mrs. Cookie Camardo or "Mrs. C", (as the children affectionally call her) is a wife, mother, and a grandmother. She and her husband have been at St John's parish for 21 years and this is her 13th year of teaching Religion classes! Cookie enjoys being around and working with the students in her class. She loves teaching them about Jesus, the love he has for us, and about the Sacrament of Reconciliation that the second graders will be studying this year. We appreciate your dedication Mrs. C!

Miss Emily Mical is excited to be helping with the First Reconciliation class this year. She attended St John's school for her elementary years and is currently a sophomore at Kenmore East High School. Emily is very active at school and around the parish. The lesson that she has learned throughout her life so far is to focus on being a good person and to help out where needed. Thanks Emily!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday of Lent at 7 pm in the Church for Stations of the Cross led by St. John's Holy Name Society. Masks and social distancing required. All are welcome.

LADIES OF CHARITY UPDATE

Beginning Tuesday, April 6th and the first Tuesday of months succeeding, the Ladies of Charity will resume meeting at 10am in the Reina Community Room. Any questions or if you are interested in joining, please contact Margaret Kolber at 716-833-6233.

St. John's Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to act as a channel through which the insights, suggestions, and concerns of individual parishioners can be presented to the Pastor and to the Parish community at large. The Pastoral Council also advises and assists the Pastor in developing and carrying out programs and activities for the spiritual and material welfare of the parish and its parishioners.

Parishioners are invited to bring matters before the Pastoral Council by appearing at a Council meeting or by contacting any member of the Council. Meetings of the Pastoral Council are held at 6:30 p.m. by Microsoft Teams meeting during the pandemic and are open to all parishioners. Pastoral Council meeting dates and the names of the Pastoral Council members are listed below.

Council Members

Mark Clift – President, Lori Racle – Vice President,
Kathy Dunford – Co Secretary, Marie Scott – Co Secretary
Raymond Belter, Michelle Bertrand, Mary Agnes Biesinger,
Matt Dewitt, James Kelly, Grace Lucas, John Logel,
Canio Marasco, Rod McQuillan, Therese Melchiorre,
Ed Reilly

Meeting Dates

March 17th 2021, April 21th 2021,
May 19th 2021, June 16th 2021
(Pastoral Council meeting dates and venue are subject to change).

The Pastoral Council invites parishioners to join us as a council member. Perhaps you have been looking for a way to be more involved in parish life or actively participate in building up our community of faith. The council is a tremendous way to contribute by offering your time and talents at least once a month. If you are interested please let us know by filling out the form below, speak to one of the current council members, call the parish office or speak with Father Michael.

Name _____

Email address _____

Phone number_____

Bible Study Update

In keeping with the continuing protocols from public health officials regarding the COVID virus, there will not be a Little Rock Scripture Study held this spring at St. John's. Planning is underway to offer some form of Bible Study in the Fall of 2021. The precise format and duration will be based on the relevant public health guidance in effect at that time. More details will be announced in early September. Watch the Bulletin for updates.

Need a Good Laugh?

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it.

The seven year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."
"Good morning, Pastor," replied Alex, still focused on the plaque he asked, "Pastor Phillips, what is this?"
"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."
Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:00 or 10:30 service?"

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.
Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020 The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 pm. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofbuffalo or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

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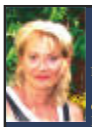
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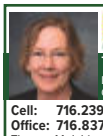
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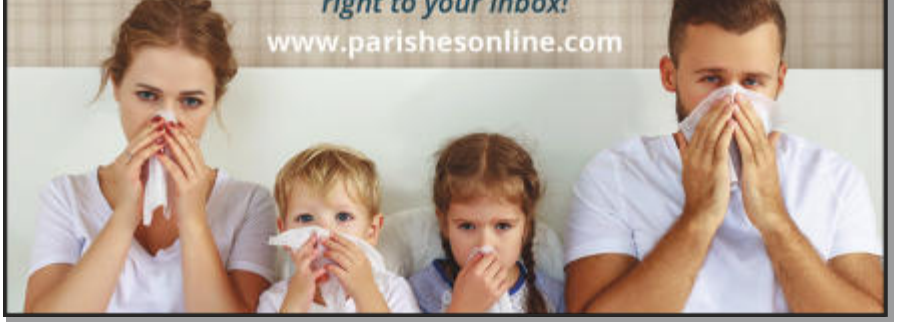

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