

St. John the Baptist

April 4, 2021

A Respect Life Parish

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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."

Easter Sunday

Living the Paschal Mystery

The early Christians knew that “[t]hey put him to death by hanging him on a tree” and they knew where Jesus’s dead body was laid. When Mary Magdalene and the other disciples encountered the empty tomb, it became the first piece of evidence that “[t]his man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance.” Later, these witnesses would eat and drink “with him after he rose from the dead.” Only one last task remained to bear witness that the empty tomb, the end of Jesus’ story, was just the beginning.

John 20:19

Masses for the Week

Monday, April 5 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Juan Verastigui by John & Laurie Barrick

12:00 Thomas Sheehan by Sharon & family

Tuesday, April 6 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Patricia Howells by John & Sandy Zabel

12:00 Martin Schoemick by son

Wednesday, April 7 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Elizabeth Pierce by Meckalavage family

12:00 Living & deceased members of the James Granite family by Lois Ringle

Thursday, April 8 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Rita Caughill by Fred Caughill

12:00 John Tarantino, Sr. by Louise & family

Friday, April 9 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Charles Milazzo by family

12:00 James J. Baxter by John Baxter

Saturday, April 10 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 Greg Brill by the card group

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 Lucas McQuillan by Rod & Catherine McQuillan

7:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 Christopher Bollen by Lois Ringle

10:00 Sam & Florence Lesh by family

12:00 Gary Stott by Sinatra 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, April 5

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

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

Tuesday, April 6

- Ladies of Charity, RCR, 10-11am

- Confessions, church, 4-5pm

- Cubs104 Den mtg., PR/26, 6:30-9pm

Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, April 8

-HN Board mtg., 26, 7:30-8:30

Friday, April 9

Saturday, April 10

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

Sunday, April 11



We Remember in our Prayers...

Those who are ill, and those who have died; Lucille Moore.
May they rest in peace.

We welcome newly baptized, Charlotte Grace Yahn.

We welcome to the parish, Louis, Sabrina, Gabriella, & Louis Bystrak; Donna Book; Lenore Thompson.

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

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.



OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Weekly Support Offering

3/21/2021

Regular Collection.....\$14,077.60

(Online giving included)

This week last year\$10,748.92

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

Easter Greetings



As Christians Easter reminds us once again of our hope in the new life God continues to offer us as people of faith. Our journey in faith is strengthened over and over as we unite ourselves in the death and rising of Jesus.

An entire year confronting and living in the grips of the pandemic surely called us to unite oneself with Christ. In all we encounter, experience and live out in our daily lives, we have seen the darkness of the challenging times as well as the light of hope in the Risen Christ.

This Easter we are once again able to gather around the Eucharistic table celebrating the death and rising of Christ. Christ transformed the tomb from a place of death and despair to a channel of new life and grace. As Easter people, we continue to receive the grace the Spirit offers us and are charged with the work of bringing hope and healing to our world. Not an easy call but one that we give witness to by our lived example of faith.

St. Paul reminds us, “we seek the things that are above to strive to fulfill the duty entrusted to us who believe.” May the Spirit of the Risen Jesus charge us with zeal and faith in the victory of redemption we celebrate.

Easter blessings to all! Alleluia! Alleluia!



May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

May God, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven. May God bless us during this Easter season. Amen.



Jesus Christ is Risen today, Alleluia!

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

Easter Greetings from the Principal



Wishing you joyous Easter blessings from our St. John the Baptist School Community! The Season of Easter is a time to remember God's abundant love for us and to reflect on how we can foster God's love for us in others. When I think about what makes for a strong, Catholic school like St. John's, I believe in large part it is due to the dedication of so many who make up the school community.

First, **our teachers**, who have displayed a level of commitment and dedication this school year far beyond anything I have seen in the past. Teaching in the midst of a global pandemic, while modeling for our students what it means to be a Christian, takes true love and grace. St. John's would not be the place that it is today without our hardworking teachers and I thank God every day for the opportunity to lead this group of individuals.

Second, **our alumni, parishioners, and friends**, for their steadfast loyalty to St. John's. I am humbled by the response to date of our school's Annual Appeal that is currently taking place. This appeal is instrumental in creating experiences that will ready our students for their futures—your support means the world to us! The confidence & trust of all who support us in countless ways is sincerely appreciated!

Finally, **our students and their families**. These children have shown us time and time again, this school year especially, that we can learn and grow together even in these trying times. You can share a smile and a warm word from behind a mask. The gratitude our children have displayed just for being able to be here in school in person gives me hope for Catholic education here at St. John's! God has blessed our lives with these little children and we thank Him each day for their presence in our school.

We have much to be proud of at St. John's and we are truly a blessed community! I wish you and your family a joyful Easter! And, may you be abundantly blessed throughout the Easter season by our Risen Lord!

Most sincerely,
Mrs. Jenny Bainbridge
Principal

Adoration in the Chapel

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! The Saint John Neumann Shrine is open for Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday from 2 to 4 pm.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2021 APPEAL

In the Christian faith, Jesus is the epitome of **HOPE for All Seasons**. His death and Resurrection showed us that after a definitive amount of time, ultimate good can be dispersed to all. Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Ignatius Loyola who called us to respond in faith, and to find God in all things. We thank you for being attuned to God's presence in everyday circumstances as he taught us, and responding in faith with a gift to the Appeal. With your help, we give **HOPE for All Seasons**. Thank you for your continued support of **Appeal 2021!**

Vocations

The Lord is truly risen! Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. You must now decide how you are going to live that new life. Will you answer His call? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our Grief Support program will resume meetings beginning on Tuesday, May 4th at 7pm in the Reina Community Room. Going forward the group will meet the first Tuesday evening of each month. If interested, please contact Marianne Hubert at 716-873-6500 ext. 110

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)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are made available for our parish members who await surgery, are ill, homebound, or in crisis. Due to current virus restrictions, shawls are available for parishioners to pick up only at the rectory.

New meeting schedule: Apr. 28, May 26
Meetings will be in the Reina Community Room, 6:30-8:30pm.

We will wear masks, social distance, and limit attendance.

Interested in becoming a member? We can teach you.

Share your heart thru your handwork.

Please remember prayer shawl recipients in your prayers.

Call Betty at 877-3447 or the rectory for more information.

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available in the rectory for your needs. They are blessed by Fr. Parker, steamed, and bagged for your safety.

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.

Poor Widows of Saint Mary

Deacon James Waggoner died suddenly in the fall of 2020 in Kenmore. His wife Elizabeth recently started the Poor Widows of Saint Mary Prayer Ministry to assist widows and widowers in their widowed state of life. The mission statement is: 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.

Here's how the ministry works:

When you join this ministry, you will be sent unique monthly prayer reflections on a beautifully calligraphed parchment paper, which you will pray on your own and enjoy a private healing and reflection time. There are no group meetings to attend; you will participate in the privacy of your own home and at your convenience.

All you holy virgins and widows, Pray for us!

If you are interested in receiving the ministry reflections, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the parish office.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Need a Good Laugh?



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus.'

HA HA HA!

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.

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/diocesefofbuffalo> 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.

AREA NEWS

SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence presents Rev. Frederick A. Gelsey, Sr., Media Madness: Providing Youth Alternatives to Violence. **Sunday April 18, 2021 at 3pm.** Online Zoom and Facebook, go to sisterkaren-center.org for Zoom information. Free will donations accepted, 716-893-0808.



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