May 9, 2021

St. John the Baptist

A Respect Life Parish

1085 Englewood Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14223

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.
Sunday Holy Hour, 3:00pm, 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
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School
877-6401

Msgr. Charles A. Klauder
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873-1122

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Rev. Michael J. Parker

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Sister Jolene Ellis, OSF

School Principal
Mrs. Jenny Bainbridge

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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."

Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. John the Baptist RC Church

Living the Paschal Mystery

The heartbeat of today's gospel and of the second reading from 1 John is "love." As disciples, we are called to feel this pulse and make our lives beat in rhythm with it. The love commandment that Jesus gives to his disciples depends on God's limitless love for the world (John 3:16). This love is made incarnate and dwells among us in Jesus, the one who is "close to the Father's heart" (John 1:18), and so Jesus's own relationship with his Father, his own life and death, become the norm of the love he asks of his disciples. This must not be a cramped or grudging love, but joyful and expansive, encompassing the world for the fulfillment of love that is divine.

John 15:9-17

Masses for the Week

Monday, May 10 - Easter Weekday
8:00 Judy Gorman by Respect Life Committee
12:00 Marjorie Devine by husband

Tuesday, May 11 - Easter Weekday
8:00 Jim Wells by wife, Rita
12:00 Marilyn Malucci by Gloria Gracz

Wednesday, May 12 - Easter Weekday
8:00 Richard Leous by Clare Nienhaus
12:00 Peter Jaoude by family

Thursday, May 13 - The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 Adam Michael Sierzchula by family
12:00 Mary Jane Hicks by Chuck & Judy Wilson

Friday, May 14 - Saint Matthias
8:00 Florence Chapin by Phyllis
12:00 Katherine Cappara by family

Saturday, May 15 - Easter Weekday
8:30 Diana Nobleza by family

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00 Marcella Kanaley by children
7:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, May 16 - **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:00 Leo Sullivan (anniv.) by son Peter Sullivan
10:00 Virginia Lanza by Cookie & Ed Camardo
12:00 Joan 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.

This Week at St. John's

Monday, May 10
- BS104 Troop mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm
- Carissime Women's Prayer group, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, May 11
- *Confessions, church, 4-5pm*
- Cubs104 Den mtg., PR/26, 6:30-9pm

Wednesday, May 12

Thursday, May 13

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16

We Remember in our Prayers…

Those who are ill, and those who have died; Peggy Rawleigh, ann Bucheker***. May they rest in peace.***

We welcome newly baptized; Kyla Maureen Massimi

We welcome new parishioners; Joseph, Carmella, Joseph, & Michael Cordova.

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.**

Church is open for private prayer daily
Mon. - Thurs. 8am-6pm Fri. 8am-2:30pm
Sat. 8am-8pm Sun. 8am-2pm
Enter through the doors next to the RCR parking lot.

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
4/25/2021

Regular Collection……..……..$9,951.60
(Online giving included)
This week last year ……$11,237.48

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

Mothers' Day Prayer

Mary, Mother of Jesus, we come before you on this
Mothers' Day to pray for our own special mothers.
May they, like you, be especially blessed by God.
May they be gifted with goodness and grace,
peace and contentment, wisdom and patience
and abundant love and joy.

Bless, too, all of our mothers who now rest
with you in the heart of God.
May the memory of their love and care
enrich and sustain us always.

Gracious and loving Mary, Mother of Jesus,
pray for all mothers the world over
on this their special day.

Loving God, bless our mothers that they may be
strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always with a spirit of respect.

Amen.

Happy Mothers' Day
to all of our mothers today!

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.

Church in Latin America
This weekend

Share Your Faith
Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit *www.usccb.org/latin-america*.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2021

HOPE Day – May 14. Imagine the good that can be accomplished in one day. That's what we do each year during **HOPE Day**, the annual Appeal's one-day "above and beyond" fundraising effort, which takes place on Friday, May 14. Last year donors contributed nearly $359,000 in 24 hours and this year we are striving for that same success. Follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for details on how you can make a contribution this Friday. **HOPE for all seasons.**

2022 Mass Book Open

You may now schedule Masses for 2022 in the parish office during business hours, or you can mail in your requests. Masses are a donation of $15 each. If you wish to schedule more than two Masses we ask that you **email your requests** (date, preferred time, name of the deceased or intention, and who the Mass is from, to **saintjohnsrec@gmail.com**. Please include your phone number in the event that we have any questions. Thank you!

Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.
-Pope Francis

SCHOOL NEWS

With Gratitude

The James V. Ryan Paramedic Foundation was established in 1985. It is named in honor of the late Town of Tonawanda supervisor who spearheaded the effort to establish the Town's paramedic program and support the emergency medical services in our community.

Thanks to the generosity of the foundation, which is 100% volunteer, and not-for-profit, St. John's was recently the recipient of two "automated external defibrillators" (AED). These units will be strategically placed in the school for emergency use. Instrumental in selecting St. John's for this donation were John Beaumont (Foundation Board Member) and Dan Wiles (SJS Class of 1969).

St. John's school is grateful for these portable life-saving devices and the ability to quickly access them if the need arises.

Good Luck 4th & 8th Grades

Best of luck to our 4th & 8th Grade students who will be taking the New York State Mathematics Assessment later this week. We know you will do great!

Virtual Field Trip to Penn Dixie

Later this week, students in 4th Grade will participate in a "virtual field trip" to Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve. While COVID restrictions don't allow us to visit in person, we are excited for our students to participate in this opportunity to learn more about all that our Western New York Community has to offer!

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.

Adoration in the Chapel

The Saint John Neumann Shrine is open for Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Friday from 2 to 4 pm. Also Holy Hour on Sunday at 3pm.

Widows & Widowers of Saint Mary

Parishioner Elizabeth Waggoner and wife of the late Deacon Jim Waggoner started the ***Widows & Widowers of Saint Mary Prayer Ministry*** to assist those in the growth of personal holiness while embracing the widowed state of life, with the graces of Saint Mary, Our Patroness.

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_____

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

Vocations

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus tells us. This does not always mean one heroic act of self-sacrifice. It can also be a life laid down in daily self-denial & service to others. The priesthood is just such a life. There is no greater love! To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

RCIA

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

If you would like information on the process of becoming a member of the Catholic faith, contact Sr. Jolene by email at srbjellis@yahoo.com, or call the rectory (873-1122) and leave your name and phone number. Sr. Jolene will contact you by phone.

Mother's Day Remembrances

The Mother's Day remembrances have been placed on the Shrine to the Blessed Mother. Your enrollments of the Living and Deceased Mothers will be remembered with Masses throughout the month of May as well as during the year as announced here in the bulletin.

May the remembrances of our beloved Mothers always remain in our hearts and in thanksgiving to God for all they have been and continue to be for us.

Little Rock Scripture Study

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 a 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.

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Current needs: Salad dressings

Our thanks to everyone who so generously supports the Food Pantry!

Need a Good Laugh?

Low Gluten Hosts Available

We have low gluten hosts available at every Mass. Simply let the priest know by going to the sacristy before Mass.

AREA NEWS

Looking for activities to keep your kids connected to their Faith? Newlyweds setting up house and in need of some beautiful artwork to inspire? Need a truly good book to read?
Come check out **St. Gregory the Great Catholic Store** in the Ministry Center! We are offering everything from books, Bibles, statues, DVDs, CDs, crucifixes, jewelry and lots more. Stop in; you'll be surprised by the wide selection!
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Store is on Facebook

Store Hours:
Sunday: 9am - 2pm
Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 8:30am - 2:00pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 2:00pm, 5:30 to 7:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 2:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am - 12pm

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for **St. Andrew Church, Sloan** and the Knights of St. John to be held on Saturday, May 15 from 1-6 pm. Dinners include: spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll & butter. This is a drive-thru or dine-in event; reservations required for dine-in. For tickets or more information, call St. Andrew Rectory at 716-892-0425 or Jim Hill at 716-480-5998.

Craft and Vendor Show on May 15 from 9 am-4 pm at St. Aloysius Regional School, 188 Franklin St., Springville. Crafters and vendors will display and sell their unique products in this in-person show. Masks, social distancing and other Covid-19 safety precautions are required. Admission fee to the public; all proceeds benefit the school. Crafter and vendor space still available; contact Maureen at maureenkessler77@gmail.com for an application.

"Songs of the Soul," a live religious concert by musician and songwriter Rev. Bill Quinlivan, on Monday, May 17 from 7-8 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. You are invited to experience how the glory of God can sing out through our lives. Due to social distancing restrictions, reservations are required. Call 716-683-6522 to make a reservation or for more information.

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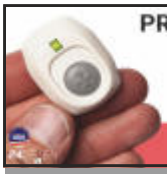
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