

May 23, 2021

St. John the Baptist

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.

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.



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."

Pentecost Sunday

Living the Paschal Mystery

Jesus, the risen Lord, enters the room in which the disciples had barricaded themselves out of fear and offers them two gifts: his peace and the breath of the Holy Spirit. This scene and these words are familiar to us, having pondered them only a few weeks ago on the Second Sunday of Easter. Today, on the feast of Pentecost, we focus on the sharing of the Holy Spirit. Like Adam, brought from lifeless clay to a creature made in the image and likeness of God with a breath, the disciples are also transformed into a new creation. With this new indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they are sharers in the life of Christ who has conquered death and darkness, and they are to bear this life to the world through their preaching, healing, and forgiving. We are also called to this ministry of love.

John 20:19-23

Masses for the Week

Monday, May 24 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Marilyn Malucci by Tom & Mary Hennessy
12:00 Anne Senftle by Lois Ringle

Tuesday, May 25 - Weekday

8:00 Special intention Karen & Kinder Woodcock by Carol Starck
12:00 Thomas Sheehan by St. John's Ladies of Charity

Wednesday, May 26 - Saint Philip

8:00 Anthony & Marietta LaFornara by Clare Nienhaus
12:00 Charles & Irene LoCurto by daughters, Dianne, Patti, & Joanne

Thursday, May 27 - Weekday

8:00 Mary Lou Vogel by John & Mary Gregor
12:00 Leo Sullivan by son, Peter Sullivan

Friday, May 28 - Weekday

8:00 Judy Gorman by Sharon & Jim Murphy
12:00 Assunta, John, Antonina, & Vincenzo Mastrantonio by family

Saturday, May 29 - Weekday

8:30 Roy Holtz by wife & family
1:00 Wedding of James P. Goode & Laura A. Wilkenson

Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 Sarah Phillips by Lois Ringle
7:00 Dawn Puleo by Maureen Borczuch

Sunday, May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 Richard & Rosalia Kirwan by Brierley family
10:00 For the living & deceased members of the Vogler family by John & Judy McFadden
12:00 Robert Manzella by wife & daughter

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, May 24

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

Tuesday, May 25

- Confessions, church, 4-5pm
- Cubs104 Pack mtg., gym, 6:30-9pm

Wednesday, May 26

- Prayer shawl ministry, RCR, 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, May 27

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

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30



We Remember in our Prayers...

Those who are ill, and those who have died; Michelle Schulz -Martin. **May they rest in peace.**

We welcome new parishioners; Luz Rosa; Michael, Tiffany, Henry, & Anne Walsh; Christopher, Mariellen, & Caleb Hoch; Kara Bieniak, Anna, Kayla, & Grace Pilat.

We welcome newly baptized; Delilah Christine Rose Zimmer.

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 5/9/2021

Regular Collection.....\$18,239.60
(Online giving included)
This week last year\$13,252.17

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

A Prayer for Pentecost

God of light, from whom every good gift comes,
send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind,
and by the flame of your wisdom
open our minds and hearts to your presence.

Let the Spirit you sent on your Church
to begin the teaching of the gospel,
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.

May that same Spirit work through our lives
To bring Christ to the world. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

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.



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.

ST. JOHN'S HOLY NAME

A **big thank you** to all who supported our Chiavetta's chicken dinner early this month, it was a huge success! Also appreciation goes to those that sold tickets, worked the event, baked the cookies, assisted in any way to make this a great parish experience!

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.**

RESPECT LIFE -GOOD NEWS

All across the nation as the 2021 legislative season starts to wind down, one thing is clear, there were many victories for the unborn and their mothers.

Many pro-life laws were passed. The bills range from abortion pill reversal information requirement, regulating chemical abortions, protecting pain capable unborn children, protecting living unborn children, and enacting born alive infant protection acts. Additionally, pro-life constitutional amendments, and abortion ban bills.

Sadly, in some states anti-life laws were passed consequential of electing leaders hostile to the pro-life cause. However the pro-life laws that were enacted greatly outnumber them.

Prayer changes things!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2021

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! **Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons.** Make a secure online donation at www.ccnny.org/donation.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has positive answers!

You say: "I'm afraid."

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear.

(II Timothy 1:7)

Reflection for the Solemnity of Pentecost



The Solemnity of Pentecost is a splendid reminder of the universality of the love God has for us. At Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the powerful presence of God in our midst through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, poured out upon the people of God in ages past and to the present day.



90TH
ANNIVERSARY
St. John the Baptist School
RENAISSANCE

Save the Date

**OUR 90TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!**

Saturday, September 18, 2021
(Gold Outing on Friday, September 17, 2021)

Details Coming Soon! **Mass ♦ Golf Outing ♦ Campus Tours
Gala & Auction**



SCHOOL NEWS

St. John the Baptist School 90th Anniversary



As the second resident pastor of St. John's Church, Msgr. Charles A. Klauder, opened St. John's School in 1931 with approximately 200 neighborhood children in attendance.

In 2021 we commemorate 90 years of rich history rooted in educating decades of children in our Catholic faith.

Preliminary plans are underway (*in strict accordance with COVID guidelines*) to celebrate this significant milestone.

Please see our "Save the Date" in today's bulletin...and look for further details in the weeks to come!

May God Bless Them



God Bless our 8th Grade students as they attend their class retreat this Wednesday, May 26th. May this be a time filled with friendship and God's love.

The Tatiana Moore Memorial Scholarship



Just a few short months ago, the Class of 1981 advocated to establish a scholarship that had a heartfelt and personal connection to them.

One of their classmates, Lori Salvatore, lost her 22 year-old daughter, Tatiana, to COVID-19. Tatiana was a brave and spirited young lady who fought hard, but tragically was one of the earliest victims of the pandemic in our area.

Today, through the diligent efforts and generosity of Lori's classmates, *The Tatiana Moore Memorial Scholarship* is a reality. The scholarship will be awarded to several St. John's students to apply to their 2021-2022 tuition.

This achievement is a testament to the Class of 1981 and demonstrates the loyalty and commitment that St. John's alums have to one another and to their alma mater.

Vocations

The Holy Spirit sends His sevenfold gift to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon, or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Protecting God's Children

Parish and Catholic school employees and volunteers, over the age of eighteen, who work with children and young people in the Diocese of Buffalo, are required to attend a sexual abuse awareness session. The three and one half hour live, in-person workshops are scheduled for May at the following times and locations:

- June 3** at 12:30 pm Catholic Center (Buffalo)
- June 5** at 9 am St. Andrew Country Day Sch (Kenmore)
- June 17** at 12:30 pm Catholic Center (Buffalo)

To register go to www.virtus.org and click on "First Time Registration".

Pre-Registration and Face Masks are required for All Participants.

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.

Momentous Milestones!



Our long time parishioners **Dorothy & Louis Haremski** were joined in Holy Matrimony on June 1st, 1946 and soon will be celebrating their **75th wedding anniversary!** Many of you remember them volunteering in various parish activities and events such as Monday morning counters, festivals, rummage sales, Holy Name, Neumann Guild, etc.

As they have gotten older, they continue to enjoy receiving mail and cards. If you wish to congratulate Dottie and Lou on this lifelong accomplishment, cards may be sent to 16 Meadow Lane, Buffalo, NY 14223. Congratulations to both of them!

Fun Summer Recipe Corner

Banana Split Icebox Cake



Ingredients:

1 carton (16 oz.) frozen whipped topping - thawed
1 cup sour cream
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding
1 can (8 oz) crushed pineapple - drained
24 whole graham crackers
2 medium bananas - sliced
Strawberries & more bananas sliced; chocolate syrup

Directions:

Mix whipped topping, sour cream & pudding until blended.
Fold in pineapple.
Cut a small hole in the tip of a pastry bag or plastic bag and fill with pudding.
Arrange 4 crackers in a rectangle on a flat plate.
Pipe about 1 cup of pudding mixture over crackers. Top with about 1/3 cup banana slices.
Repeat layers 5X. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

Just before serving top with strawberry & banana slices.
Drizzle with chocolate syrup.

May also substitute other flavors of pudding and/or fruit.

ENJOY!

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY



Current need:
More salad dressings!

Thank you for supporting our community

Need a Good Laugh?



When a young Protestant minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children."

After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children."

When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

— Rev. Bernard Brunsting

AREA NEWS

Girls' Night Out on May 27 from 6-9 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish Hall, 71 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. Women (adult only) are invited for an evening out to enjoy soups, salads and spirit-filled speakers. It will be a night allowing for sharing and stories, fun and games, and spiritual growth. Please register by contacting Sr. Jacinta at 814-505-2290 or olcparishevent@gmail.com.

Scholarships Available for MSM Summer Camps—Mount St. Mary Academy announces that a limited number of scholarships are available to its Summer Camps for middle school girls, thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club of Kenmore. Residents of zip codes 14150, 14217 and 14223 who demonstrate financial need are encouraged to apply for a \$100 scholarship, which would cover the cost of one of the school's arts, athletics or academic camps set for this summer.

More information about the summer camp offerings and the scholarships is available at www.msacademy.org/admissions/admissions-events or by calling Elizabeth Suchan-Reitz at 877-1358 ext. 413.

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Closed Monday 716.276.6915



Mary's Helping Hands

If you, or someone you know, could use help with errands, transportation to appts., organizing, shopping, pet services, cooking, light cleaning, house watching, and more... call Mary at (716) 949-6246 for details and costs of services.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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