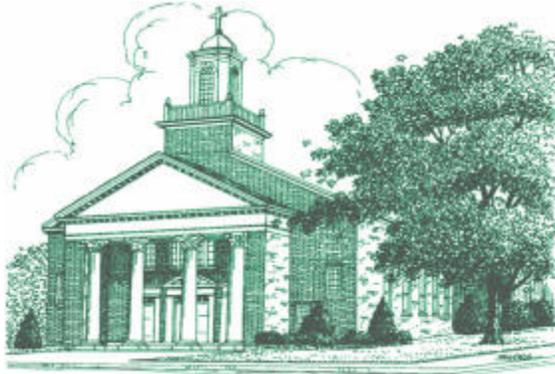


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July 18, 2021

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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.

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."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Paschal Mystery

Many places in the Old Testament refer to the people of God as a "flock". Psalm 95 calls the people to worship the Lord stating "For he is our God, /we are the people he shepherds, / the sheep in his hands". The image of a shepherd and his sheep would have been a meaningful one to the Israelites. Not only did many of the great leaders of the Hebrew Bible tend sheep (such as Abraham, Moses, and King David), but the people would also be intimately familiar with a shepherd's role in the lives of the sheep.

In today's gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds who have followed him as sheep without a shepherd. They are desperately seeking the nourishment, security, and direction that only Jesus, the Son of God can provide.

-Mark 6:30-34

Masses for the Week

Monday, July 19 - Weekday

8:00 Lawrence Sams by Donna & William Parker

12:00 Rev. Thaddeus Kuusah by Mary Porter

Tuesday, July 20 - Weekday

8:00 Annette Penhallurick by Nienhaus family

12:00 Robert Heverley by A. Maureen Rosso & family

Wednesday, July 21 - Weekday

8:00 Eileen Thomas by Mike & Mary Kay Keleher

12:00 Elvira & Vince Camardo by Eddie & Cookie Camardo

Thursday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Vincent Caito by Carl & Anna Fatta

Friday, July 23 - St. Bridget

8:00 Betty Todd by Megan Christian

12:00 Frederick Caughill by family

Saturday, July 24 - Weekday

8:30 Frederick Caughill by family

1:30 Wedding Charles Killian & Maggie Fage

Vigil of Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Timothy Olandt, Sr. by family

7:00 Jeff Anastasi by Clemens-Saunders families

Sunday, July 25 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Lucas McQuillan by Rod & Catherine McQuillan

10:00 Rosemarie McDonald by Wilkie family

12:00 Deacon James Waggoner by Clare Nienhaus



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, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 20

- Confessions, church, 4-5pm

Wednesday, July 21

- Pastoral Council mtg., RCR, 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, July 22

- BASE, gym, 6:30-8pm

- BS104 leaders mtg., PR, 7-9pm

- Contemplative Prayer, chapel/convent, 7-9pm

Friday, July 23

Saturday, July 24

Sunday, July 25



We Remember in our Prayers...

Those who are ill, and those who have died; Geraldine Thoin, Grace Lucas.

May they all know God's love and peace.

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



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.

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.



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.

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



OUR OFFERING TO GOD Weekly Support Offering 7/4/2021

Regular Collection.....\$15,660.

(Online giving included)

This week last year\$16,099.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!



Blessings and all good wishes to **Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti** as he marks his birthday on July 23rd! The parish and friends of St. John's are grateful for the many years of service that he so willingly dedicates his priesthood. As we gather at the noon Mass this weekend, to mark the occasion we echo the words of St. Paul, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus..."

(1 Cor 1:4)

**Heavenly Father,
we praise you for all your gifts to us.
In a special way, we thank you for Msgr. Dino.
Bless him on this birthday,
and keep him always in your love. Amen**



THANK YOU

Many thanks to our Pastoral Council members who have participated in the council this past year. Your commitment to our parish community is evident through your dedication of time, talent and support. To those who have completed their terms on the Pastoral Council, know of my gratitude for all your assistance and contribution these past years. Blessings to you for all you share with St. John's and those entrusted to our care!

WELCOME BACK FR. THADDEUS!

A warm welcome to Fr. Thaddeus Kuusah who once again joins us from the Diocese of Tamale, Ghana. May these summer weeks of his presence with us be a time of refreshment for him and his pastoral attentiveness at our parish be a blessing to many.

Contemplative Prayer Group

The **contemplative prayer group** encourages the spiritual enrichment through the contemplative practices of centering prayer and lectio divina. One of our main purposes is to encourage a widespread renewal of the Contemplative Dimension of the Gospel.

Join us in the Chapel this Thursday at 7pm for the next gathering of the Contemplative Prayer Group.

Fratelli Tutti

On Fraternity and Social Friendship

Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis

Chapter One: *Dark Clouds Over a Closed World (cont'd.)*

Information without Wisdom

True wisdom demands an encounter with reality. Today, however, everything can be created, disguised and altered. A direct encounter even with the fringes of reality can thus prove intolerable...Persons or situations we find unpleasant or disagreeable are simply deleted in today's virtual networks; a virtual circle is then created, isolating us from the real world in which we are living... We must not lose our ability to listen. Saint Francis "heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor, he heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that Saint Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many."

As silence and careful listening disappear, replaced by a frenzy of texting, this basic structure of sage human communication is at risk. A new lifestyle is emerging, where we create only what we want and exclude all that we cannot control or know instantly and superficially. This process by its intrinsic logic, blocks the kind of serene reflection that could lead us to a shared wisdom.

Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue, in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate. To do so calls for perseverance; it entails moments of silence and suffering, yet it can patiently embrace the broader experience of individuals and peoples. The flood of information at our fingertips does not make for greater wisdom. Wisdom is not born of quick searches on the internet nor is it a mass of unverified data. This is not the way to mature in the encounter with truth.

The process of building fraternity, be it local or universal, can only be undertaken by spirits that are free and open to authentic encounters.

*Excerpts are from the text of Pope Francis;
Quotes are from additional sources.
Check the complete document for references.*

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph



"I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him, "Pray for this problem!"

-Pope Francis



SCHOOL NEWS

Plans for reunion are underway!



St. John's Class of 1971 is planning to reunite during the upcoming 90th Anniversary Celebration, this September. If you are a member of the class or know of anyone who is please contact: Joanne Ferrelli at (716) 868-0721 or Janet Bellanti Mietlicki at (518) 466-7823 as soon as possible.

All SJS Alums!



We are in need of help from our St. John's School alumni. Leading up to our 90th Anniversary this fall, we hope to feature SJS alumni sharing their favorite memories on our St. John's Facebook page.

If you would like to participate, please contact Samantha Testa at: stesta@stjohnskenmore.com

Alums, Parishioners & Friends – Join Us!



Registration is now open for St. John's "90th Anniversary Celebration & Auction...and Golf Outing". We invite you to join us as a sponsor, a golfer and/or an attendee on September 17-18th.

From our website (www.stjohnskenmore.com), click on the 90th Anniversary icon to:

- Register online [OR](#)
- Download & print a mail-in registration form

For more information or questions, please contact Michelle Salemi, Director of Advancement at: (716) 877-6401 or (716) 868-0096.

School Summer Office Hours



Please note that summer hours in our school office will be:
Monday through Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Please use the flagpole door for entrance.



SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas in July at Summer Camp

This week, the students at SJS Summer Camp are celebrating "Christmas in July". While the weather outside may shout sunny summertime, students are working on crafts and activities that would want to make you cozy up by a warm fire. What a festive way to play and learn together this summer!

First Day of School 2021-2022 School Year



Mark your calendars for the first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year.

School will begin on Wednesday, September 8th for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 with an 11:00 am dismissal. Students in Grades 1-8 are expected to be in uniform for the first day of school.

Our Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 students join our school community on Thursday, September 9th with a full day of school for all students. September 9th is also the first day of our lunch program and After School Care Program. We are already excited about next school year!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are made available for our parish members who await surgery, are ill, homebound, or in crisis. In person gatherings will resume monthly this fall, on Wednesday evenings in the Community Room.

Interested in becoming a member? We can teach you!

Share your heart through your handwork.

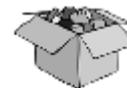
Please remember prayer shawl recipients in your prayers.

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

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Our needs this week:

Toilet paper



Thank you for supporting our community!

Vocations

Jesus' heart was moved to pity because the crowd was lost "like sheep without a shepherd." Would you be the shepherd Jesus sends to lead his flock? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.



Religious Education Registration 2021-2022

ANY STUDENT that is not enrolled in a Catholic School is invited to join in St. John's Religious Education Classes.

Grades 1-8 classes will begin in September. Each grade will have 2 classes per month on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm.

Grades 9 and 10 classes will begin in September. Each grade will have one class per month on Monday evenings from 6-8 pm.

Grade 10 is also our CONFIRMATION Class any student in grades 10, 11, or 12 who wish to make the Sacrament of Confirmation next spring, **please register.**

ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE A PART OF THIS CLASS.

Registration forms are on the church website www.stjohnskenmore.org under the Religious Education tab or in the rectory.

Fees:

\$30 for one student

\$50 for 2 students in the same family

\$75 for 3 or more students in the same family

Please call Cheryl Brinker at the rectory 873-1122 ext.213 or email stjohnskenmorefaithformation@gmail.com with any questions. Looking forward to another great year of religious instruction!

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER RAFFLE DON'T MISS OUT!

Our Summer Raffle will soon be here! Saturday, July 31st after the 4pm Mass we will commence our Summer Raffle in the Reina Community Room. Six drawings will take place to win the below cash prizes!



1st Prize **\$5000**

2nd Prize **\$1500**

3rd Prize **\$1000**

4th Prize **\$500**

5th Prizes (2) **\$250**



Tickets are a \$30 donation (each) and are available in the rectory. This annual raffle supports our ministries and facilities daily operational needs.

THANK YOU!

Holy Honey!



Make your own, all natural, chemical free, **honey mustard salad dressing** this summer!

We have a replenished supply of Fr. Ryszard's 100% Natural Holy honey. There are 2 sizes in the rectory, 1 lb. jars for \$8. Also 1/2 lb. bear jars for \$4.50. Thank you from Fr. Ryszard!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



St. John's Ladies of Charity will be holding their **Christmas in July** tree to assist needy newborns. Please take a bootie from the Christmas tree in the front of church, and return with a gift for that infant by July 25th.

Please do not wrap the gifts.

Thank you!

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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/dioceesofbuffalo> 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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