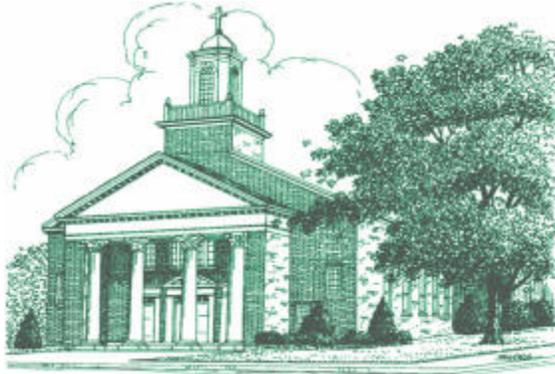


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Ms. Cheryl Brinker

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."

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Paschal Mystery

The disciples begin this gospel passage focused on the scarcity of resources at hand to satisfy the hunger of the large crowd that has followed Jesus up the mountain. They discount the rations of five loaves and two fish as worthless in the face of the overwhelming need in front of them. On the eleventh Sunday in ordinary time, we read the parables of the kingdom where Jesus equates its growth to a mustard seed becoming a bush able to shelter birds. Once again, this time in a miracle, we see the very small becoming very great. At the end of the gospel, the overflowing abundance of life in God's kingdom is revealed in the "twelve wicker baskets" of leftovers that remain – perhaps one for each of the twelve disciples to carry down the mountain as they contemplate Jesus's ability to take what is ordinary and insignificant and to transform it into a heavenly feast.

John 6:1-15

Masses for the Week

Monday, July 26 - Saints Joachim & Anne
8:00 Bill & Ora Fischer & Gladys Reid by John & Judy McFadden
12:00 Arthur, Sr. & Rosemarie Roaldi, by Art & Mary Roaldi

Tuesday, July 27 - Weekday
8:00 Salvatore Scolla by Jon & Sarah Bossio
12:00 Marty Schoemick by father

Wednesday, July 28 - Weekday
8:00 Robert Mangano by Ursula Mangano
12:00 Edward Widzinski by Art & Mary Roaldi

Thursday, July 29 - Saint Martha
8:00 Barbara Gates by Steven Mooney
12:00 Barbara Miller by Paula & Jim Dunn

Friday, July 30 - Weekday
8:00 Faye Cavaretta by Carolyn & David Cook
12:00 Rebecca Stowell by Robert & Mary Lou Mueller

Saturday, July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola
8:30 John Borczuch by family
1:30 Wedding of Jonathan Flitt & Kaitlin McCluskey

Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 Angelo & Domenica Sciandra by daughter
7:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, August 1 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Judy Gorman by Mary Jennifer & Bruce Strong
10:00 Mary Jane Lucca by Fran
12:00 Richard & Dorothy Haese by 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, July 26
- Carissime Women's Prayer group, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, July 27
- *Confessions*, church, 4-5pm
- Sunshine Club meeting, RCR, 11:30-1:30pm

Wednesday, July 28

Thursday, July 29
- BASE, gym, 6:30-8pm

Friday, July 30

Saturday, July 31
- Summer Raffle, RCR, 5pm

Sunday, August 1



We Remember in our Prayers...

Those who are ill, and those who have died; William Stockman, Donald Able. **May they all know God's love and peace.**
Those newly baptized; Sophia Agia Serediuk, Samantha Rose Pastor.

We welcome newly registered; Joshua, Valerie Brown, Evelyn, & Stella Domagala.

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 7/11/2021

Regular Collection.....\$13,559.
(Online giving included)
This week last year\$12,489.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



MANY THANKS!

As we marked Msgr. Lorenzetti's 100th Birthday last weekend here at St. John's, my appreciation goes to all those who worked so hard to make it a joy filled celebration. On the scene and behind the scenes, so many contributed their talents and gifts to provide for a memorable occasion. As Msgr. Dino would say "You beautiful people of faith," thank you!

May the Lord bless us for all we share with one another through our support and encouragement in so many ways. My gratitude to all!

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint."

-St. Peter Julian Eymard

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, email and phone number. Sr. Jolene will contact you.

Fratelli Tutti

On Fraternity and Social Friendship

Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis

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

HOPE

Despite these dark clouds, which may not be ignored, I would like in the following pages to take up and discuss many new paths of hope. For God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realize that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious... They understood that no one is saved alone.

I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope "speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile." Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.

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

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.

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 _____



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

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!

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Our needs this week:

- Cream Soups
- Gravy
- Broth



Thank you for supporting our community!

Vocations

St. Paul encouraged the Ephesians to "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." But what exactly is that calling? It's different for everyone. If your calling is a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

NEXT SESSION AT ST. JOHN'S AUGUST 3

Hope After Heartache – Tools for Living with Loss. Buffalo Catholic Cemeteries offers a comprehensive grief support program for those who have lost a loved one which includes three locations and four meeting choices per month, including a widow and widowers group. This program is presented as part of the **Grief Support Program** of the Buffalo Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Buffalo. Open to the community; no charge. Call Marianne Hubert, Director of Grief Support, 716-873-6500, for a brochure of grief support times and locations, as well as other activities, or request information by email to mhubert@buffalocatholiccemeteries.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 ONE WEEK LEFT!

Don't forget to be included in our Summer Raffle drawing which is taking place this Saturday, July 31st after the 4pm Mass in the Reina Community Room. Six lucky people will be chosen 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, preservative free, **honey dijon marinade** for your favorite recipes! 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 is sponsoring the **Christmas in July** fundraiser 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 28th.

Please do not wrap the gifts.

Thank you!

NEED A LAUGH?



A cleric found himself wondering whether there were any golf courses in Heaven. He even began to ask the question in his prayers. One day, in answer to his prayers, he received a direct answer from on high.

"Yes," said the Heavenly messenger, "There are many excellent golf courses in Heaven. The greens are always in first class condition, the weather is perfect everyday and you get to play with the very nicest people!"

"Oh, thank you," said the cleric, "That really is marvelous news."

"Yes, isn't it?" replied the messenger, "And, we've got you down for a foursome next Saturday."

AREA NEWS

Your Life, Your Plan, a conference for young adults 18-39 who would like to learn more about living their Catholic lives fully while single, married or choosing religious life or the priesthood. Join us on **August 7 from 12-5:30 pm at St. Amelia Church**, 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda, for Praise & Worship music, panelists and breakouts for each vocation, keynote speaker John Finch from The Vigil Project, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Mike Fisher. Option to enjoy Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner and trivia under the tent with the parish. More information and registration is available at www.stamelia.com.

Annual Summer Picnic on August 13-15 at **Church of the Annunciation**, 7580 Clinton St., Elma. Festivities will open on Friday, August 13 with a Cruise Night & Car Show from 5-9 pm with hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and water available for purchase. On Saturday, August 14 there will be a drive-thru Wendel's Chicken BBQ and chowder sale in the church parking lot from 11 am until sold out. No pre-sale tickets; cash or check only. On Sunday, August 15 there will be an outdoor Mass (weather permitting) at 11 am with refreshments to follow. Raffles will also be held throughout the weekend. For more information, call 716-683-5254 or visit www.annunciation.cc.



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