

August 22, 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."

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Paschal Mystery

Today's gospel reading concludes the discourse on the bread of life. The crowd following Jesus was confused by his proclamation "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). This is hardly surprising. Was this nomadic preacher really inciting them to *cannibalism*? Their outrage and astonishment led many of Jesus's disciples to "return to their former way of life."

In the Christian faith we realize there are many things we might not fully understand or comprehend. As the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, / so are my ways higher than your ways" (55:9). Instead of rejecting the Lord's words and actions that we might not understand, we are called to meditate on them and even to struggle with them until we are blessed with the nourishment and insight they bear.

John 6:60-69

Masses for the Week

Monday, August 23 - Weekday

8:00 Sr. Eileen Barrett by friends at St. John's
12:00 Jim Gawlowicz by Kay & John Szczerbacki

Tuesday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 Salvamoser, Howells, Nienhaus, Keating families by Clare Nienhaus
12:00 Mary (Molly) Stevenson by friends

Wednesday, August 25 - Weekday

8:00 Richard Jager by daughter Judy
12:00 Sister Anne Brennan, OSF by Lois Ringle

Thursday, August 26 - Weekday

8:00 William Buyers III by Marie & Anne Marie Schreckenberger
12:00 Lawrence Drozd by Mary

Friday, August 27 - Saint Monica

8:00 Robert Mangano by Ursula Mangano
12:00 Rebecca Stowell by loving mother

Saturday, August 28 - Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

8:30 Salvatore Mistretta by family

Vigil of Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Christopher Surra by Bargnesi family
7:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, August 29 - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Robert Vanderwerf by family
10:00 Joan Pattoli by Joseph & Christina Crimi
12:00 Frank Bartolotta by Deakin 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, August 23

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

Tuesday, August 24

- Confessions, church, 4-5pm

Wednesday, August 25

- SJS HSA Ice Cream Social (& Supply Drop off), PR, 5-7pm
- SJS New Family Orientation, RCR, 5-6 pm

Thursday, August 26

- BS104 Leaders meeting, PR, 7-9pm
- BASE, gym, 6:30-8pm

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

Sunday, August 29



We Remember in our Prayers...

Those who are ill, and those who have died; Joseph Scinta, Joanne Derion. **May they all know God's love and peace.**

Adoration in the Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



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.

HOLY NAME DONUT SUNDAY SEPT. 12th

St. John's Holy Name Society will resume Donut Sunday on Sunday, September 12th after the 10am Mass in the Reina Community Room. All are welcome to join our parish community in fellowship.

Health and safety measures will be in place.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Weekly Support Offering
8/8/2021

Regular Collection.....	\$14,414
(Online giving included)	
This week last year	\$12,696

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

ANOINTING OF THE SICK SEPTEMBER 5th, 8am MASS

The *Sacramental Anointing of the Sick* will resume once a month in Church after Mass. Please come to the front (every other pew) after Mass on those dedicated days. The sacrament is not only for those at the danger of death but for those preparing for surgery, various sickness and advanced age. The use of this sacrament is a concern of the whole Church as the Vatican Council II echoes:

“By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of its presbyters, the whole Church commends the sick to the suffering and glorified Lord so that he may raise them up and save them. The Church exhorts them, moreover, to contribute to the welfare of the whole people of God by associating themselves willingly with the passion and death of Christ.”



WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you to all who were so generous for the *Christmas in July* collection sponsored by St. John's Ladies of Charity. Your kindness is a tribute to your concern and care to those infants in need. Some have remarked that their gifts were in honor of loved ones' recent birthday's and others in memory of their family members who in the past had participated in the *Christmas in July* giving tree. May the Lord Bless the works of our hands, our hearts, and our lives!

Distribution of Holy Communion at weekend Masses



The usher will guide the communicants to process from the main entrance of the church up to the altar by the main aisle. All process from the main aisle and return by the side aisles. There are usually three or four communion stations in the front of the church with the body of Christ.

At this time, since the Precious Blood is not offered to the congregation, the ministers of the Eucharist assist the priest in front of the sanctuary. Those ministering the Body of Christ, first distribute Communion to the extreme small sections and then return to the step near the sanctuary to assist the priest.

Hopefully, when the COVID threat is diminished we can return to the reception of the Precious Blood. May the presence of Christ in the Eucharist strengthen us in our journey of faith, that what we feast upon on this earth, may one day be fulfilled at the eternal banquet.

Fratelli Tutti

On Fraternity and Social Friendship

Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis

Chapter Two: *A Stranger on the Road (cont'd)*

Abandoned on the Wayside

Jesus tells the story of a man assaulted by thieves and lying injured on the wayside. Several persons passed him by, but failed to stop. These were people holding important social positions, yet lacking in real concern for the common good. They would not waste a couple of minutes caring for the injured man, or even in calling for help. Only one person stopped, approached the man and cared for him, personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs. He also gave him something that in our frenetic world we cling to tightly; he gave him his time. Certainly, he had his own plans for that day, his own needs, commitments and desires. Yet he was able to put all that aside when confronted with someone in need. Without even knowing the injured man, he saw him as deserving of his time and attention.

We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak... for all the progress we have made, we are still “illiterate” when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, ignoring situations until they affect us directly... These are symptoms of an unhealthy society. A society that seeks prosperity but turns its back on suffering.

*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



“In our time Our Lady has helped us comprehend and love her dear and chaste husband, St. Joseph. She has told us of the mystery surrounding him and of his greatness. She has let us know something of her love for St. Joseph, that most lovable saint who for years held the Word made flesh in his arms.” -*Blessed Gabriele Allegra*

ATTENTION LECTORS

New Lector Workbooks are available for pick-up in the sacristy. Please help yourselves to the publication as you prepare for your ministry proclaiming the Word of God.

Vocations

“To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Do Peter's words in today's Gospel strike a chord with you? Do you feel like there's nothing satisfying in this world except your faith? Maybe Jesus wants you to share that faith with others in a Church vocation. Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716- 847- 5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.



SCHOOL NEWS

90th Anniversary Celebration



Our alums, parishioners and school families should have recently received their invitation in the mail to our school's 90th anniversary celebration.

We hope that you will consider joining us for some or all of the weekend Friday, September 17th – Saturday, September 18th.

Please return your reply card or register online as soon as possible...space is limited!

Volunteers Needed

As we continue preparations for the 90th Anniversary Celebration, we are looking for volunteers during the month of August.

If you drive, would you be willing to pick-up donations? If you enjoy wrapping gifts, would you be willing to wrap prizes and gift baskets? Could you help with mailings?

When we get closer to the September 17th-18th event, we will be reaching out again for volunteers to work in various capacities that weekend.

If you can help, please call or email Michelle Salemi, Director of Advancement at: 877-6401 OR msalemi@stjohnskenmore.com.

Still Enrolling



Spots are still available in select grade levels for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Mrs. Salemi at msalemi@stjohnskenmore.com or call the school office at 877-6401 to inquire.

2021-2022 School Year

We are so excited to be back for the 2021-2022 school year in just a few short weeks. We pray that God will bless us and our school community this coming year.

May we continue to be healthy and safe. May this year bring many opportunities for learning, laughter, and fun!

Save the Date: Supplies & Ice Cream



Supply Drop off and our annual HSA Ice Cream Social will be Wednesday, August 25th from 5:00-7:00 pm on the front lawn and flagpole hallway (weather permitting).

Stop by to drop off your school supplies for the upcoming year and meet your friends for an ice cream treat to celebrate the upcoming year. We hope to see you there!

Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Fisher

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their **50th, 60th, and 70th wedding anniversaries** and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. Couples who celebrate their Golden, Diamond and Platinum Anniversaries of Marriage in 2021 are invited to a special **Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 24th, 2021 at 10:30 am**. On this day the entire Diocese of Buffalo will join with others celebrating in their joy and gratitude to God. During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows.

Following Mass, the opportunity to take photographs with the anniversary couples will take place in Our Lady Chapel, located to the left of the main altar. Please join us for brunch after Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church center, 160 Court St., Buffalo, NY behind Buffalo City Hall.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the form and return it to the rectory no later than September 17th, or call John & Lynne Manning at 874-1353.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Registration Form

Last name _____

First names _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Date of Marriage _____

We will attend the Mass at the Cathedral Yes ___ No ___

SHREDDING EVENT OCTOBER 2

Cleaning out old office space or decluttering your home office? Then be sure to mark your calendars for our parish **Shredding Event** which will be held on:

Saturday, **October 2nd** from 11am-2pm in the parking lot.
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OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Our needs this week:

Canned pears, canned mandarin oranges,
Cream soups, jelly



Thank you for supporting our community!



ANY STUDENT who 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!

Catholic Charities

Start a new friendship. The Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) serving Erie and Chautauqua Counties, and the Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County, are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and to give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5-to-15 minute call. These friendly calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone and can help them maintain their independence. If you know of someone who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, reach out to 716-218-1400 for TAP and 585-343-0614 for Friendly Phones. Check us out at www.ccnw.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry members would like to invite new members to our first autumn meeting on Wednesday, September 22nd in the Reina Community Room from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Interested but don't knit or crochet? Don't let that stop you! We can teach you. We will provide your supplies. Questions please call Betty at 877-3447.

Share your heart through your handwork!

Please remember prayer shawl recipients in your prayers. Thank you. Prayer Shawls are blessed by Fr. Parker; steamed and bagged and available in the parish office.

Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner on Sunday, August 29 from 12-4 pm (or until sold out) at SS. Columba & Brigid, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo. Dinner includes ½ chicken, two sides, bread, butter and dessert. Pre-sale tickets available by calling 716-852-3331. Outdoor seating and theme basket auction. To-go orders available.

FALL FESTIVAL 9/11 & 12 8am to 2pm **Blessed Sacrament Church**, 263 Claremont Ave, Town of Tonawanda 716 834 4282. Come join us for fun, friendship, and food. Activities include arts & crafts, junk in the trunk, games and cupcake eating contest. There will be pizza, sandwiches, and homemade pies for purchase. Activities will be held in the parking lot and parish center (blue building). Please join us! For applications or more info <https://sacramentchurch.com>

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register call (716) 474-9371 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is September 17-19 2021. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

Help For Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is September 17-19 2021

The Kenmore Lions Club is proud to sponsor their second **Free Eyeglass Clinic**. Pre-screening will be done, and Optical specialists will be on hand to perform eyeglass screening and provide a prescription for glasses when needed. An assortment of frames will be available for personal selecting and the eyeglasses will be made to order. The event will take place on Saturday September 11, 2021, and Sunday September 12, 2021, at the Lincoln Park Arena, 260 Decatur Rd., Kenmore NY. The Clinic will be open from 9:00 am thru 3:00 pm each day. No appointment needed. Admission is open ages 8 and older - children 18 and younger need parent/guardian signature. For information, please go to our website at www.e-clubhouse/sites/kenmore/.

NEED A LAUGH?



Usual Suspicions

After Adam stayed out late a few nights, Eve became suspicious.

"You're running around with another woman— admit it!" she demanded.

"What other woman?" Adam shot back. "You're it!"

That night, Adam was fast asleep when he was awakened by Eve poking him in the chest.

"What are you doing?"

"Counting your ribs."



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