

November 14, 2021

St. John the Baptist

A Respect Life Parish

1085 Englewood Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14223



Shrine of St. John Neumann
Founding Pastor, 1836

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Rectory
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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.

Outreach
873-2933

Novena

To Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. John Neumann, after 12:00 noon Mass, Wednesdays, Church.

School
877-6401

Holy Hour for Life

Friday, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Chapel.

Msgr. Charles A. Klauder
Parish Center
873-1122

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Chapel.

Sunday Holy Hour, 3:00pm, Chapel.

Pastor
Rev. Michael J. Parker

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.

Pastoral Assistant
Sister Jolene Ellis, OSF

New Parishioners

We warmly welcome you to our Parish Community. Please contact the Rectory as soon as possible.

School Principal
Mrs. Jenny Bainbridge

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.

School Website
www.stjohnskenmore.com

Weddings

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Faith Formation
873-1122
stjohnskenmorefaithformation@gmail.com

Hearing Impaired

This church has the latest in hearing assistance. Small, portable devices are available in the sacristy for individual use.

Director of Youth
Nora Deakin

All are encouraged to sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure.



Please remember the parish in your will.

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."

Living the Paschal Mystery

As we near the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn to the end of times when we hear the “powers in the heaven will be shaken” and we “will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds.” Though Christ’s early followers believed his return was imminent, in the almost two thousand years since these words were spoken, the timetable remains shrouded in mystery. What we do know for sure is that each of us will eventually arrive at the end of our mortal life and meet our Lord face-to-face.

This week let us ponder how we have lived our lives up to this point. In light of the uncertainty of time allotted for us in this life, how would you like to live in this coming year?

Mark 13:24-32

Masses for the Week**Monday, November 15- Weekday**

- 8:00 People of the Parish
- 12:00 Helene Spahn by Grace Blenk

Tuesday, November 16- Weekday

- 8:00 Joseph DelVecchio by Tauriello family
- 12:00 Virginia Espersen by Mary Porter

Wednesday, November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

- 8:00 Patrick Roach by Jerry & Sue Oleksy
- 12:00 Charles & Irene LoCurto by daughters Dianne, Patti & Joanne

Thursday, November 18 - Weekday

- 8:00 George Vaccaro by Richard & Lisa Thompson
- 12:00 Josephine Granite by Lois Ringle

Friday, November 19 - Weekday

- 8:00 Josephine & Casimer Norman by Norman family
- 12:00 James May by Lois Ringle

Saturday, November 20 - Weekday

- 8:30 John & Florence Mooney by John Hanley

Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 4:00 Julia Campbell by John Hanley
- 7:00 Angela Arrigo by daughters & family

Sunday, November 21- Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 8:00 Richard Kirwan by Mary Kirwan & family
- 10:00 Joe Starck by wife
- 12:00 Michael Galla by Al & Mary Ann Vilardo

***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, November 15**

- LRSS, RCR, 1:45-3:15pm
- REL ED Gr. 10, RCR, 6-8pm
- First Aid Training-Coaches, PR, 6-9pm
- BS104 Troop mtg, gym, 6:30-9pm
- Womens Prayer Group mtg, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, November 16

- Ladies of Charity, RCR, 9:30am-12pm
- Confessions, church, 4-5pm
- Cub104 Den mtg., PR/26, 6:30-9pm
- REL ED Grades 1,2,3,8, SJS, 6:15-7:30pm
- Holy Name Mass & meeting, Church/RCR, 7-9pm
- SJPA, gym, 9-11pm

Wednesday, November 17

- First Aid Training-Coaches, PR, 6-9pm
- Pastoral Council meeting, RCR, 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, November 18

- BASE, gym, 6-7:30pm
- BS104 Leaders mtg., PR, 7-9pm
- Contemplative Prayer Group, Chapel/Convent, 7-9pm

Friday, November 19**Saturday, November 20**

- SJS JV Basketball, gym, 9:30-11am
- BS104 Basketball, gym, 2-4pm
- Fair Trade Sale, RCR, after masses

Sunday, November 21

- Fair Trade Sale, RCR, after masses

***We Remember in our Prayers...***

Those who are ill, and those who have died: Emilio Rossi.
May they know God's love and peace.

Welcome those baptized, Aurora Marlene McRoy, Everly Grace Meyer.

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 inquire.

***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.

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.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD**Weekly Support Offering**

10/31/2021

Regular Collection.....	\$10,744.
(Online giving included)	

This week last year \$14,882.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NOV 20-21

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Vocations

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle! We are living in a time of great spiritual warfare. The prophet Daniel calls it "a time unsurpassed in distress." That sounds like 2021. Who will join the ranks of God's spiritual army, defending the vulnerable and combatting evil? If you're ready to answer this call, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

RESPECT LIFE

Dobbs vs. Jackson is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe vs Wade. In 2018 Mississippi passed a law protecting children after 15 weeks of gestation, when the baby has a heartbeat, eyes that open, can hear & begins to kick. On December 1, 2021, the case will be heard. A decision is expected in June 2022. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance. In the next crucial months starting on Nov. 22 and ending June 22, St. John's will pray the Rosary in the Neumann Chapel on the 22nd of each month at 7pm. (Soon to be Mass & rosary, check future bulletins) Everyone is invited and encouraged to pray. If unable to join, please pray at home.

Prayer Changes Things.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SALE OF FAIRLY TRADED

Look for the sale of Fairly Traded coffee, tea, nuts and chocolate the weekend of November 20th & 21st after all Masses in the Reina Community Room. Cross some lucky recipients off your holiday gift giving list with a pound of coffee, delicious chocolate bars or nuts. Everyone knows a tea lover! Interested in joining the Social Justice Committee? Contact the rectory for more information.

Giving Tree 2021



Welcome back! This year we are able to reach out to 4 groups who help those in need to have a gift at Christmas. The Social Justice committee members are ready to collect and distribute your generous gifts.

Ornaments may be found on a Christmas tree located in the front of church. On it will be STARS for children at Our Lady of Hope Parish (mittens/gloves & hats); BELLS for men at Little Portion Friary (hoodies); TREES for Friends of Night People (unisex sweatshirts); ORNAMENTS for Roswell Pediatric Unit (toys or books). All these items are important and make special gifts to their recipients.

The tree will go up on Saturday, November 27 and gifts will be distributed on Tuesday, December 14.

ALL gifts should **NOT** be wrapped. If you wish, your gift may be placed in a gift BAG. Please attach the paper ornament to your donation. Sorting and distribution are easier if gifts are easily identified.

Each gift brings great joy to homeless men and women, children of refugees or children who are ill. Thank you for spreading the spirit of Christmas giving.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

St. John's Contemplative Prayer Group is celebrating their 10th anniversary on Thursday, December 9th and they are inviting you to join them for a concelebrated Mass with Fr. Michael Parker serving as the main celebrant and homilist. Mass will begin at 7 PM in the Chapel and will be followed by a light reception in the Convent. If you are able to attend, please contact Judy McFadden. She can be reached at 716-873-2862 or judithamcfadden@yahoo.com.

ONLINE GIVING TO PARISH COMMITTEES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Did you know that you can **donate online to the parish organizations** of your choice (*Outreach, Social Justice, etc.*) and to annual **special church collections** (*Harvest, Religious Retirement, etc.*)? Go to our parish website at www.stjohnskenmore.org and look for the **DONATE NOW** link to sign up. Any questions feel free to call the rectory.



SCHOOL NEWS

Now Hiring Substitutes



St. John's School is now hiring for our daily substitute list. Flexible hours and positions, including substitutes for classroom and special area teachers and aides are available. We welcome all with any experience teaching or working with children to apply. Thank you for your support of our school! If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please contact Mary Makar at: mmakar@stjohnskenmore.com or call the school office at 877-6401. Thank you!

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair



This week, **November 15th to November 19th**, will be the St. John's Virtual Scholastic Book Fair! While we cannot yet have an in-person book fair, we are glad to host one virtually. Students and families will have an opportunity to buy books at a reasonable price and a portion of the proceeds will be donated right back to St. John's! Families, please look out for information in your Weekly Wednesday Email for how to purchase books!

Music is Filling our Halls



After we were unable to have music class last school year due to the pandemic and school restrictions, we are so very glad that our halls are once again filled with music!

Our music teacher, Miss Cassandra Girzone, is working hard each day with our students to bring about a love and appreciation for music!

Junior High students have learned about rhythm and beat on bucket drums, Pre-K students are using scarves, beanbags, and other props to incorporate into music, and both the St. John's Singers and Children's Choir are working hard to lead us in school liturgies. Exciting things are happening here at St. John's!

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is preparing for the holidays! We can use:

Mac & Cheese, Saltine crackers, Jello, Pudding, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Canned fruit (mandarin oranges, pears), Broth, Tissues, Toilet paper

PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THE FOOD PANTRY FRESH FRUITS OR VEGETABLES.

Thank you for supporting our community!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY General Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, November 16th for Mass at 7pm and general meeting. Following Mass, a light meal will be provided in the Reina Community Room, preceded by an update on the current State of the Town by **Town of Tonawanda Supervisor Joseph Emminger**.

Healing & Memorial Mass

The Holy Name Society invites you to join us for our annual **Healing & Memorial Mass**, taking place on Sunday, November 28th at 2pm here at St. John's in the church (there is no conflict with the Bills game, since they will have played on Thanksgiving Day). We will have a Healing Service, plus a Remembrance of Holy Name members who have passed away in the past year. Coffee and refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

2022 Super Bowl Pool to benefit Outreach

The Holy Name Society is again sponsoring the **2022 Super Bowl Pool** to benefit the parish Outreach food pantry program. Squares are \$25 each and may be reserved by calling Ray Metzger at 716-873-9406. Don't be left out and disappointed as in the past, reserve your squares NOW! Also available at the Donut Sunday gatherings.

Football Pool Winners Week #8



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4795 UX#		
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2638 GUX		
4798 UX&		
Low score	$(\$35/2) = \$17.50 / \text{each}$	23pts
492 B%\$		
860 BT%		

Music for Masses

GATHER THE PEOPLE

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Gath-er the peo-ple! En-ter the feast! All are in - vi-ted, the
great-est and least. The ban-quet is ready, now to be shared.

(Fine) 5

Join in the heav-en-ly feast that God has pre-pared.

Verses

1. A-round this ta - ble we dine as kin, be - lov - ed
2. A-round this ta - ble we tell great tales, the won - drous
3. A-round this ta - ble God's boun - ty falls on all who

1. fam - ly of God. We share the Bod - y of Christ, the
2. sto - ries of grace. We hold the mem - 'ry of Christ, the
3. hun - ger and thirst. We drink the full - ness of Christ, the

2 to Refrain

1. Lord. Here we be-come what we eat.
2. Lord. So we be-come what we eat.
3. Lord. So we be-come what we eat.

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Refrain

Eye Has Not Seen

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of
Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3

1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er

Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of

D.C.

bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950

Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses

1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, — man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth-er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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AREA NEWS

The Sisters of St. Mary of Namur have a **part time opening for a Business Manager** position. This position offers a unique opportunity to utilize your skills within a friendly, caring atmosphere. To guide and manage the business operations including human resource services, entitlement programs, insurance and other duties related to this position. BA and/or 2-5 years of experience. Technology and computer skills essential. Salary, 3 days a week negotiable. For more information and to apply please contact Sr. Maureen Quinn at 716-884-8221 or send resume to ssmneasternregion@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 20 from 10 am-4 pm at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, 190 Franklin St., Springville; hosted by St. Aloysius Regional School. This event will include a vendor craft show, trash to treasure sale, cookies and baked goods sale, live/fresh wreath sale, a basket raffle and take-out only Krolick Chicken BBQ dinner. Pre-sale dinner tickets are available by calling the school at 716-592-7002. Please support Catholic Education.

Pork Chop Dinner on Saturday, November 20 from 11 am-3 pm (or until sold out) at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway, Lancaster. Dinners include breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, sweet & sour cabbage, vegetable, roll and dessert. Eat-in or take out. For tickets, call the parish office at 716-685-5766.



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