

November 21, 2021

St. John the Baptist

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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."

Living the Paschal Mystery

Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate, accused of proclaiming himself "King of the Jews" and therefore threatening Caesar's rule of the land of Israel. This is not the nature of Jesus's kingship, however. He has no designs on political control and yet, his power extends over every nation of the earth.

Earlier in John's gospel, in the Last Supper discourses, Jesus revealed to his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life." Jesus's kingship is written into the laws of reality as certainly as the sun rises and sets each day. Jesus tells Pilate, "I came into the world, / to testify to the truth. / Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." In our lives as disciples of Christ, we are called to proclaim the reality of Jesus's kingship in word and deed. In this way we hold fast to the truth that Jesus came to testify to.

-John 18:33b-37

Masses for the Week

Monday, November 22– Saint Cecilia

8:00 Frank & Phyllis Bialy by family
12:00 Linda Schoemick by husband

Tuesday, November 23– Weekday

8:00 Samuel Albert by family
12:00 Edward & Lottie Kondek by daughter Susan

Wednesday, November 24 - Saint Andrew

8:00 Deceased & living members of Campise family by Robert Campise
12:00 Christopher Surra by Kathy & Jim Verso

Thursday, November 25– Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 Ralph & Marilyn McQuillan by family
12:00 Deacon James Waggoner by Clare Nienhaus

Friday, November 26 - Weekday

8:00 Kevin Reedy by Cynthia Mooney
12:00 Sue Winkle by family

Saturday, November 27 - Weekday

8:30 Salvatore & Rose Mistretta by family

Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

4:00 Henry & Elsie Zdzieblo, Rosemary Keeley by family
7:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, November 28– First Sunday of Advent

8:00 Richard Lisiecki by John Baxter
10:00 Victor & Marilyn Malucci by family
12:00 Michael Munley by Linda & James Murray
2:00 Holy Name Society Diocesan Mass

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 22

- REL ED Gr. 10, RCR, 6-8pm
- BS104 Troop mtg, gym, 6:30-9pm
- Pray the Rosary, chapel, 7pm
- Womens Prayer Group mtg, chapel, 7:30-9pm

Tuesday, November 23

- Ladies of Charity, RCR, 9:30am-12pm
- Confessions, church, 4-5pm
- Cub104 Den mtg., PR/26, 6:30-9pm
- SJPA, gym, 9-11pm

Wednesday, November 24

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 26

Saturday, November 27

- SJS JV Basketball, gym, 9:30-11am
- BS104 Basketball, gym, 2-4pm

Sunday, November 28



We Remember in our Prayers...

Those who are ill, and those who have died; Judith Nice.
May they know God's love and peace.

Welcome those baptized; Sophia Grace Turner.

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.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

"Advent is a time to anticipate the whole. It brings together centuries of expectation and longing and invites us to imagine the world anew, to pick up the beads of tradition and see how beautifully they fit together in a new and fresh arrangement." Waiting in Joyful Hope **Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets** are now available in church and located by the altar of the Blessed Mother.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Weekly Support Offering

11/7/2021

Regular Collection.....	\$16,597.
(<i>Online giving included</i>)	

This week last year \$11,747.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL

Thanksgiving Prayer

*God most provident, we join all creation
in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ, your Son.*

*For generation upon generation peoples of this land
have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise
for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.
Bless us and the food which we share with grateful hearts.*

*Continue to make our land fruitful,
let our love for you be seen
in our pursuit of peace and justice,
and in our generous response to those in need.
Praise and glory to you, Lord God,
now and forever. Amen.*

Wishes for a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Father Michael, Father Mario, & Sister Jolene

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend

Please be generous in this weekend's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S., one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. More information about this Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Vocations

Praised be Jesus Christ, King of the universe! We assemble in church as the royalty of His court, brave knights & noble ladies sent out to do His bidding. What has Christ the King decreed for you? Could it be a life of service in the Church, as an ordained or lay minister? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.

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

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thankful. As we look toward celebrating Thanksgiving this week, we find a renewed sense of gratitude – thankful for the people, places, opportunities and blessings in our day-to-day lives. We'd like to take this chance to offer our sincere thanks to all who support Catholic Charities. Because of your support, we can continue to be a beacon of HOPE to those in need across Western New York. Thank you! If someone you know needs help, go to www.ccwny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!



The St. John the Baptist School Community would like to wish you and your family a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

There will be an **early dismissal** at 11:00 am on **Wednesday, November 24th** and **no school** on **Thursday, November 25th** and **Friday, November 26th** in honor of Thanksgiving.

We thank You, Lord, for all You give; the food we eat, the lives we live. And to our loved ones far away, please send Your blessings, Lord, we pray. And help us all to live our days with thankful hearts and loving ways. Amen.

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!

++++++ Cut & place in prayer basket in church +++++++

Parish Prayer Basket

Please remember in prayer the following intentions:

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

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

Peanut butter
Coffee
Hot chocolate
Mac & cheese
Canned vegetables
Crushed tomatoes
Chicken noodle, Mushroom, Cream soups
Toilet paper
Tissues
Canned chicken breast



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

Thank you for supporting our community!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 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 #9



1st Place 4289 OY\$	\$150	117pts
2nd Place 474 AY\$	\$100	116pts
3rd Place 1693 DY\$	\$75	114pts
4th Place 3198 IY\$ 3999 MY#	(\$50/2) = \$25.00 / each	113pts
Low score 590 BF?	\$35	18pts

Music for Masses

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

Christopher Walker

Refrain

At the name of Je-sus, ev'-ry knee shall bow, ev'-ry tongue con-

(a) last time only

fess him: King of glo-ry now. Je-sus is Lord, King of glo-ry now!

Verses

1. He emp-tied him - self, as a slave, yet free,
2. He hum-bled him - self, and o-beyed God's will.

1. came in hu - man like-ness for you and for me; in
2. On a cross he died on Cal - va - ry's hill; for

to Refrain

1. hu - man like-ness for you and for me.
2. you and me he o-beyed God's will.

Refrain text: Caroline Maria Noel, 1817-1877. Verses text based on Philippians 2.
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JESUS THE LORD

Roc O'Connor, SJ

Refrain

Je - sus. Je - sus. Let all cre-

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sation bend the knee to the Lord.

Verse 1

1. In him we live, we move and have our be-ing; In
1. him the Christ, in him the king! Je - sus, the Lord.

Verse 2

2. Though Son, he did not cling to
2. god - li - ness; but emp-tied him - self, be -

to Refrain

2. came a slave! Je - sus, the Lord.

Verse 3

3. He lived o - be - dient-ly his
3. Fa - ther's will ac - cept-ing his death, death on a

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3. tree! Je - sus, the Lord.

Text: Based on the Jesus Prayer; Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 17:28.
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Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!
2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!
3. No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

AREA NEWS

Charles Dickens Presents: A Christmas Carol 2021, a live holiday presentation by television personality Mike Randall, on Sunday, November 28 at 2 pm at the Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton St., Elma. Tickets must be purchased in advance; contact the parish at 716-683-5254. For more information on the show, visit www.MikeRandallLIVE.com. For information on the Church of the Annunciation, visit www.annunciation.cc.

Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration on Sunday, December 5 from 8 am-3 pm at St. Mary of the Lake Church, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg. Come and join us for a pancake breakfast, face painting, arts & crafts, horse drawn carriage rides, Mr. & Mrs. Clause and Christmas carols. For any questions, call 716-627-3123 or email secretary@smolparish.org.

Holiday Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, December 11 from 9 am-2 pm at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. All proceeds will support the senior class prom. Registration fee for vendors/crafters includes one eight-foot table; electricity available for an additional cost. For more information or an application, email rhoffman@cardinalohara.com or call Rena Hoffman at 716-695-2600, ext. 353

Parish Office Closed -Thanksgiving

The church rectory will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday, November 29th at 9am. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and blessed holiday.



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