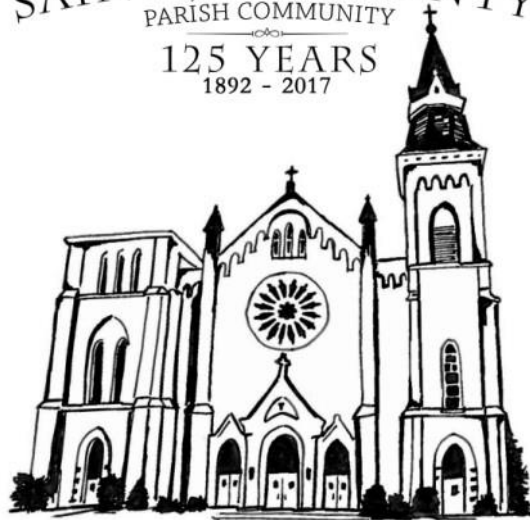


SAINT JOHN KANTY  
PARISH COMMUNITY  
125 YEARS  
1892 - 2017



We Remember - We Celebrate - We Believe

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*A Christian Community founded on the faith of Polish immigrants,  
Welcoming and accepting all as brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Working together to create one family bound by Christ's love*

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**ADMINISTRATOR** Rev. Michael H. Burzynski, Ph. D.  
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**RELIGIOUS EDUC.** Barbara Myszkiewicz  
**MUSIC MINISTRY** Lawrence Maguda

**St. Adalbert's Cemeteries:**  
6200 Broadway, Alden, NY 14086  
681-3090

<http://buffalocatholiccemeteries.org/LOCATIONS/StAdalbert.aspx>

**TRUSTEES:** Edward Bosiacki  
Jennifer Snyder-Haas

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Mass: 4:00 P.M. (Confessions 3:30 P.M.)  
Sunday Mass: 10:30 A.M. (Confessions 10:00 A.M.)

**HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:** As announced.

**WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 A.M. Parish Center Chapel**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
The Rosary is recited after daily Mass; Divine Mercy  
Chaplet is recited the first Friday of each month.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Sunday 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

**Phone:** 716-893-0412 **Fax:** 716-893-9864 **Internet address:** <http://www.saintjohnkanty.com/>

**On Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty)

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome all visitors and ask that if you like what you see and hear to please contact the parish office to register. A parishioner is someone who has completed a registration form, regularly attends Mass, and regularly supports the parish financially through the use of envelopes. It is necessary to be a registered and active parishioner in order to receive a letter of recommendation to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. If you are moving away, we ask you to please contact the parish office so we can update our records.

**MARRIAGE:** Please consult with the Parish Administrator/Deacon at least six months to one year before setting a wedding date.

**BAPTISM:** Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

### LECTORS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
**4 PM** Chris Bosiacki  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**10:30 AM** Richard Janas  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
**4 PM** Randy Deschamps  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
**10:30 AM** Jennifer Snyder Haas  
**10:00 PM** Brenda Myc  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
**10:30 AM** Vivien Pepe

### MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
**4 PM** Jean Waligorski, Arlene Ventura  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**10:30 AM** Jennifer Snyder-Haas, Randy Deschamps  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
**4 PM** Janice Staufenger, Bob Koza  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
**10:30 AM** Caroline Easton, Vivien Pepe  
**10:00 PM** Chris Bosiacki, Randy Deschamps  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
**10:30 AM** Jennifer Snyder Haas, Janice Staufenger

### Mass Intentions



IF THE MASS IS FOR A LOVED ONE, PLEASE INFORM AN USHER

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 – ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**4 PM** +Benjamin Kubik, (Irene Babula)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 –THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**10:30 AM** +Michal & Mary Ann Terejko, (Son & Family)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**8:30 AM** +Ronald Matuszak, (Cislo Family)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19– LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20– LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**8:30 AM** +All Souls Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 –LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**8:30 AM** +Christine Januchowski, (Husband)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**8:30 AM** +All Souls Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
**4 PM** +In Memory of the Kuzara & Wolanczyk Families, (MM Lawrence Maguda)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24–FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**10:30 AM** +Harriet Wagner & John Brzykcy, (Sally & Family)

**4:00 PM** For the Faithful of the Parish(**Mass at St. Adalbert**)  
**10:00 PM** For the Faithful of the Parish(**Mass at SJK**)



### CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve-December 24

**4:00 p.m.** Mass/Children's Pageant at St. Adalbert  
**9:45 p.m.** Koledy/Carols SJK Choir  
**10:00 p.m.** Mass at St. John Kanty

#### Christmas Day-December 25

**10:30 a.m.** Mass at St. John Kanty

#### New Year's Day-January 1

**10:30 a.m.** Mass in Church

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light is a reminder of the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the tabernacles of the Catholic Churches of the world. The Light is available for "A Special Intention" or "in Memory of Your Deceased Loved One." With a donation of \$15.00 the light will burn for the week for your prayer intention and will be published in the bulletin. Please call the parish office at 893-0412 to schedule your intention.

Also available for your prayer intention is the candle by Mary and the candle by Sacred Heart.



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Holy Spirit, please help those who hear your call only as a whisper, that they may know it is You calling them to service. May you fill those you call with the grace and courage to respond to your whisper. I will pray, encourage and support those whom You have chosen for priestly vocations. Amen

### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Jessica Frysz, Amy Herdlein, Albert Jankowski, Dee Stetz, Florence, Julie Jarnot, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Ms. Chmura, Arthur Drewniak, Gertrude Hargraves and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the rectory office.**

### OFFERTORY: WEEK OF December 10, 2017

We have been given many blessings. How will we share our treasure with others? All of the parish financial resources depend on the donations of the parishioners.

Envelope #	Loose	Envelopes	Total
Reg. 64	\$ 93.00	\$1220.00	\$ 1313.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> 25	\$ 93.00	\$ 386.00	\$ 479.00

### MASS BOOK 2018

We are accepting Mass Intentions for 2018. Please call the parish office or stop by during office hours.

**SJK125 ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE:** Be a part of SJK's Anniversary time capsule! Now and through the Christmas holidays the parish will be collecting notes for our anniversary time capsule. There are pre-printed forms in the vestibule for your use. These are on special paper that will not degrade over time and will be the only paper that the church will be accepting. A box for your note is also available, and only one per person, please. The capsule will be sealed early in 2018. Today is a great time to complete your note to us!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**DECORATING OF THE CHURCH** for Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 17 after the 10:30 Mass. Volunteers will be needed, so please join us. We appreciate any and all help!

**A CHEEKTOWAGA SYMPHONY CONCERT** will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 3 p.m. at St. John Gualbert Church. Also performing will be The Cheektowaga Chorale. A member of our SJK choir, Colette Frysz, sings with the Chorale.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** on Sunday, December 17 from 9am-1pm at St. Andrew Parish Hall, 111 Crocker St., Sloan. The buffet-style breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee, tea and juice. Pictures with Santa will be available; activities for the kids and crafters with items on display for your holiday shopping. For more information, call 716-892-0425.

**"STORIES FOR CHRISTMAS"** will air on Sunday, December 17 at 1pm and on Monday, December 25 at 11pm on WKBW-TV Ch. 7. This show will feature uplifting stories from people in our community who make a difference. Bishop Richard Malone, Rev. Paul Seil and friends help to spread the Christmas message.

**OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS** will be available following Mass and in the rectory office beginning this weekend. The offering is \$2.00.

**Thank you to St. John's Funeral Home  
for the 2018 Calendars.**

## FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

Rejoice! Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday. The day takes its name from the Latin word "Gaudete," meaning rejoice. On this the third Sunday of Advent, the pink candle of the Advent wreath is lit and our readings remind us it is a time to rejoice. This is what the season is all about. "Brothers and sisters: rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." St. Paul teaches the Thessalonians. We should all step back, slow down and rejoice. Let's experience the true joy of the Christmas season before us, recognizing Christ in our midst. At times, we are the minister, bringing joy to others through our love and good works. At other times, we receive the ministry, taking joy in the simplest of pleasures – the love of family or help of a good friend. God is with us. Rejoice!

*Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at [www.faithmomentsonline.org](http://www.faithmomentsonline.org).*

**USCCB-Word of Life:** "He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ...Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us."

**BULLETIN MEMORIALS**-it is time to renew the memorials in our bulletin. This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one. The cost is \$25.00 for the one year renewal. If you would like to add a memorial or renew one please place the fee and request in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Bulletin Memorials". You may also drop off your request during office hours or in the mail. The fees will help defray the cost of printing our bulletins. Thank You.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Department of Parish Outreach and Advocacy maintains eight pantries and outreach centers in Erie, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties to provide food for people in need. The pantries are supported by generous donations from individuals and community organizations. To make a donation or for more information about Catholic Charities Parish Outreach and Advocacy, call 716-218-1400, ext. 2005 or go to <http://www.ccnny.org>. You can also join us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

**ADVENT IS HERE!** Are you looking for ways to enhance your family's Advent journey? The Office of Family Life Ministries is offering newly revised free packets of prayers, activities, and ideas to help engage your family in fun, spiritual ways. We now have a packet for children ages 3-8 and one for children ages 9-14 to try to reach families at all levels. Contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or by email [familylife@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:familylife@buffalodiocese.org) to order one today.

