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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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 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 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

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.

Visit our parish website – www.saintjohnkanty.com

REMINDER THAT ONLY THOSE WITH HANDICAP PERMITS MAY PARK IN THE DESIGNATED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

PLEASE NOTE:

Parish Churches should be open for the faithful to pray – again following social distancing instructions.

We will be open on Saturday from 4pm to 5pm and on Sunday from 10:30am to 11:30am for our parishioners to come and pray.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE NOTE: all Masses and Lenten devotions have been suspended until further notice during the coronavirus threat. Previously scheduled Masses will be celebrated by the priest in private

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
4:00 PM +Lorraine Gorny, (Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 AM +Harry Jaworski, (Walter & Terri Domino)

MONDAY, MARCH 30 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
NO MASS

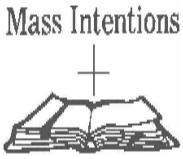
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1– LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
4:00 PM +Florence & Leo Zalenowski, (Family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
10:30 AM +Sr. M. Odilia, FSSJ, (Walter & Terri Domino)



Remember your loved ones who have passed away, special occasions and those who are ill. You can drop your Mass Intentions in the collection basket or call/stop by the parish office. **Mass Intentions are $15.**

Background on the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

OFFERTORY: WEEK OF March 22, 2020

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.

March 21/March 22---$370.00
Easter Flowers--$5.00

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 29, 2020

Often we are tempted to focus a great deal on other things and other people, and we fail to take account of what is going on deep within ourselves. Deep within our hearts is where we come to know God's plan for us. Take a look! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

. **PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A NEW BISHOP**

Merciful Father,
you gave us shepherds as successors
of the apostles to guide
and govern your church.
We implore your Holy Spirit to
guide the selection process as a
new bishop is chosen
to lead our diocese.
May he be a pastor filled with holiness
and compassion who will foster healing
and a greater love of your name.
Allow our hearts to be open to the
candidate of your choosing,
so that, together as
disciples of Jesus, we may
continue to build your kingdom.
Amen

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Jessica Frysz, Albert Jankowski, Dee Stetz, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Ms. Chmura, Emily Wolf, Patricia Milas, Dr. Owen Moye, Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Eric G., Ted Kniazuk, Elizabeth Quizon, Dolores Quizon, Basilia Bocalan, Emily Ventura, Rev. Walter Matuszak, Norm Macierowski, Julie Ulicki, Jozefa Solecki, Melanie Plata, Frances Czuprynski and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

Blessed Palms will be available on Saturday, April 4th from 4-5pm and on Sunday, April 5th from 10:30-11:30am in church.

As of Easter Sunday, April 12th the church will only be open on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 for those who would like to come and pray until further notice.

Heating Assistance Envelopes are located on the radiators in Church. The money raised will be used to offset the cost of heating our buildings during the winter. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events

Annual Lenten Homemade Pierogi & Placek Sale through April 5 Kanty's Kitchen is open **Saturdays 3-5 pm** and **Sundays 9:30 am-12 pm.**
Cheese or sauerkraut pierogis $10 for 6.

Pierogi will also be available to purchase from the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 9 am to 11 am.

Chocolate Last Suppers for $2.00 and Bunny suckers 75 cents each or 3 for $2.00 are also available in the Parish office.

PLEASE NOTE: GIFT GATHERING FOR RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER ON MARCH 29TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED

What we do with the 24 hours in a day can affect countless hours and days ahead. Our volunteers at Catholic Charities know that to be true. Through our agency, volunteers have the opportunity to mentor and tutor children by being Foster Grandparents, serve the community through one of our nine food pantries, lend a supportive ear through the Friendly Phones and Telephone Assurance programs and much more. Your gift to the **2020 Appeal** can help continue to move hands and hearts through the important work we do each and every day for those in need in Western New York. Make a secure donation online at www.ccwny.org/donation or by calling 716-218-1400. **Think of Me.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES/PEW RENT COLLECTION:
This year we are asking parishioners to drop their Catholic Charities or Pew Rent donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked accordingly. They can also be dropped off during office hours or mailed to our office. Pew Rent books will be returned to you. We will no longer collect on the two weekends before Easter in the cafeteria.

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By Family

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By Family

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By Grace

Kwandrans & Szyndel Families
By Kwandrans Family

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By Family

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Valerie Mincel & Family
By Sigmund & Christine Mincel

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Leonard Tortorice
By Nelson & Marlene Oldfield

Drozd, Jozwiak & Jankowski Families
By Phyllis Drozd

Parents, Brothers, Sisters & In-laws
By Esther Lukaszewska

Husband & Father Robert Felski, Sr. By Dolores & Family

Michael Streicher
By Wife Cindy

Domino & Michalek Families
By Mary Domino

Makolinski Family
By Daughter, Sue O'Neill

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By Alice Walek

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Parents of Harry & Pat Jaworski

Anthony & Katherine Rogowski
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By Nancy R. Floyd

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By Daughter Mary & Mike Muscato

Benedict S. & Barbara. Zarajczyk
By Family

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By Family

Baron Family
By Diane Baron

Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy Pawlak
By Julie Pawlak

Eugene & Florence Baranowski
By Children

Chmielewski & Konwinski Families
By Family

Geryak & Sestak Families
By Family

Jenny & Teddy Imbierowski
By Ed, Diane, Elizabeth & Paul Czajka

Helen & Walter Rembacz, Lucy Majchrzycki

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Majchrowicz & Jagodzinski Families
By Dorothy

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By Children & Grandchildren

Sr. Mary Hortense
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Edmond & Martha Pinkowski
By Sunday Family

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By Sunday Family

Grzywa & Majcher Families
By Wally & Terrie Domino

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By Family

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By Norbert & Barbara

VARIOUS INTENTIONS

Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Soc.

Living & Deceased Members of Holy Name Soc.