# ST. JOHN KANTY/ST. ADALBERT COMMUNITY

# FEBRUARY 21, 2021



# **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. PAROCHICAL VICAR Rev. Paul Ladda WEEKEND ASSISTANT: Rev. Robert Stolinski RELIGIOUS EDUC. Barbara Myszkiewicz **DIRECTIOR OF MUSIC/CHOIR MASTER:** Robert J. Winkler

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. in Church

Monday, Wednesday, 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 On Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty

Internet address: http://www.saintjohnkanty.com/

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

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

# MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

4:00 PM +Gail Filipski, (Richard Janas)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** 10:30 AM +Rita Jose Santos, (Dela Cruz Family)

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

THE APOSTLE (IN CHURCH)

8:30 AM +Gary Opolka, (Rosalie Opolka)

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – LENTEN WEEKDAY NO MASS

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – LENTEN WEEKDAY (IN CHURCH)

8:30 AM +Birthday Remembrance Mary Ann Maciejewski, (Fr. Bob)

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25- LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:30 AM +Viola Dombkiewicz, (Family)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – LENTEN WEEKDAY NO MASS

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

4:00 PM +Richard Jakubiak, (Randy, Deb & Family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 10:30 AM +Stella Sovinski, (Family)

Mass Intentions



Mass intentions for 2021 are now being accepted. Weekend and week day Masses are available. The Mass stipend is \$15 per Mass. Please contact the rectory to schedule your intentions. You may also place your intentions, with the stipend amount, in the collection basket or mail in your intentions.

WE KNOW THAT IT IS NOT AN EASY TIME FOR ALL. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED. Offertory envelopes may be dropped off at the parish office, mailed or dropped in the collection basket when you come to church

It's Here! We received \$865.86 from Upon This Rock with more to come as pledges are paid. The monies received will help defray our maintenance costs. Upon This Rock payments are made to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo - NOT the Diocese of Buffalo. <u>Pledge payments cannot be used</u> for settlements or legal fees associated with the sex abuse scandal.



#### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**ABSTINENCE:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**FASTING:** All Catholics between their 18th and 59<sup>th</sup> birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**EASTER DUTY:** After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 21 (First Sunday in Lent) and May 30 (Trinity Sunday).

#### THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED:

**RECONCILIATION:** Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year (Canon 989).

**OTHER FRIDAYS OF THE YEAR:** Catholics should be reminded that all other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance, in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

**OBLIGATION:** The obligation which we have as members of the Church to do penance is a serious one. Furthermore, the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the church is a serious one.

While no one should hold himself or herself lightly excused, one should not become unduly scrupulous. Failure to observe individual days of penance is less serious than the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days



MARY CANDLE is lit for Good Health requested by Edward

#### **OFFERTORY: WEEK OF February 14, 2021**

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.

February 13/14---\$1063.00/Fuel---\$100.00 Central & Eastern Europe/Rel. Asst. to Poland---\$100.00 Thank you for your continued support!

#### First Sunday of Lent – February 21, 2021

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. In places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



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

#### SUGGESTED PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of loveand longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. 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, Emily Wolf, Patricia Milas, Dr. Owen Moye, Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Eric G., Ted Kniazuk, Elizabeth Quizon, Dolores Quizon, Emily Ventura, Rev. Walter Matuszak, Norm Macierowski, Julie Ulicki, Jozefa Solecki, Melanie Plata, Kimberly Paul, Don Bartus, David Fenski, Jeffrey Nietopski, Barbara Koza and all the sick of our parish. If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.

#### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

Our Annual Lenten Homemade Pierogi & Placek Sale each Saturday & Sunday through March 28

**Drive through only** Saturdays 3-5 pm and Sundays 9:30 am-12 pm. Join us for Mass and pick up your pierogi and placek. Cheese or sauerkraut pierogi \$10 for 6.

You may also contact the Parish Office at 893-0412 to place your order.

# A drive through Polish Platter will be held on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 11-1:30 pm

Dinners will include: fresh and smoked polish sausage, lazy golumbki, lazy pierogi, a cheese pierogi and dessert. Dinners need to be pre-ordered and prepaid. Tickets will be available in the Parish Office 893-0412 or see Diane to place an order **33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph** beginning February 15 – March 19. In response to the call of our Holy Father Francis, in his Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church honored this year, we will be holding a diocesan-wide consecration to St. Joseph. To learn more: <u>https://www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-</u> joseph.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.



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