



**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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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday Mass:** 8:30 A.M. **St. Katharine Drexel Sunday Mass:** 10:00 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 A.M. in Church**

Tuesday, Thursday **St. Katharine Drexel:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 A.M.  
The Rosary is recited after daily Mass  
First Friday: Rosary at 9 AM followed by Mass and Adoration

**HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:** As announced

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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

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**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/Pastor 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](http://www.saintjohnkanty.com)



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**SATURDAY, JULY 22-ST. MARY MAGDALENE**  
NO MASS

**SUNDAY, JULY 23 -SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 AM +Jennie & Stanley Szymanski,  
(Daughter)

**MONDAY, JULY 24-WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Communion Service at  
St. Katharine Drexel

**TUESDAY, JULY 25 -WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Fathers

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26- ST. JOACHIM & ANNE,  
PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
ST. ANNE NOVENA**

8:30 AM +Dolores Slazak, (Barb & Cindy)

**THURSDAY, JULY 27-WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Mothers

**FRIDAY, JULY 28 - WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

**SATURDAY, JULY 29-ST. MARTHA, MARY &  
LAZARUS**

NO MASS

**SUNDAY, JULY 30 -SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 AM +Dolores Slazak, (Frank & Mary  
Stanczenski))

**The Mass book for 2023 is open.**

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.

**OFFERTORY: WEEK OF July 16, 2023**

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.

**Regular \$556.00**

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**CELEBRANTS FOR JULY 23-27**

Sunday, July 23

8:30 AM Fr. Marek Kreis

Tuesday, July 25

8:30 AM Fr. Marek Kreis

Wednesday, July 26

8:30 AM Fr. Bob Stolinski

Thursday, July 27

8:30 AM Fr. Benjamin Fiore

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**VOCATION VIEW** - Tiny mustard seeds become the largest of bushes. God loves to use the small and powerless. The world may have overlooked you, but Jesus hasn't. Think about serving the Church and contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

**St. Anne**



*Honor St. Anne, mother of Mary,  
grandmother of Jesus.*

**Tuesday, July 25 (8:30 AM Mass)**

**Wednesday, July 26 (8:30 AM Mass)**



**Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill**, especially: Jessica Frysz, Dee Stetz, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Emily Wolf, Patricia Milas, Dr. Owen Moye, Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Eric G., Elizabeth Quizon, Dolores Quizon, Emily Ventura, Norm Macierowski, Julie Ulicki, Melanie Plata, Kimberly Paul, Jeffrey Nietopski, Joanne Marcucci, Sharon Jakubowski, Ben Lisiecki, Edward Szadkowski, Stanley Kowalski, Ronald Slazak, Paul Fox, Rogo Family, Dolores Ruda, Marcia P, Corazon Bocalan, Michael Kucinski and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the

message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.



Romans 8:27 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme for the 2023 celebration selected by the pope is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). "How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogues, especially within the context of the family." -Pope Francis

**Word of Life-** "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

### **Polish Remembrance Mass**

Each year the Polish American community remembers and honors the people of Poland who suffered and perished during World War II with a special commemoration of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Auschwitz. This year's event will especially remember the children who were innocent victims to the horrors of war. The mass will be held at noon at St. Stanislaus B & M Church located at Fillmore and Peckham Ave., Buffalo, on August 13, 2023. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the mass in the church social center where the art exhibit titled "Mom I don't want War" will be available for viewing. The event is sponsored by Polish American Congress, Polish Legacy Project-WWII, Polish Chair at Canisius College and Am-Pol Eagle Newspaper.

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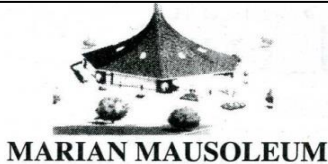
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### *In Memory of*

Edward & Wanda Bryk  
By Family

Kalisz & Zulawski Families  
By Connie Zulawski

Drozd, Jozwiak & Jankowski  
Families  
By Phyllis Drozd

Edward Sunday  
By Wife, Marcia

John & Julie Jamot  
By Family

Daskiewicz & Jarnot Families  
By Family

Charlotte Fyda  
Gloria & Ralph Snyder  
By Jennifer Snyder-Haas

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

Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy  
Pawlak  
By Julie Pawlak

Irene Szalda  
By Dombek Family

Stanley & Patricia Bystrak  
By Family

Maciorowski & Peplowski Families  
By Norman Maciorowski

Michael Streicher  
By Wife Cindy

Eugene & Florence Baranowski  
By Children

Henry & Marian Kucinski  
By Children

Wagner, Brzycky & Siejak  
Families  
By Sally & Family

John & Stella Wrobel  
By Chet, Ella, Dave & Ryan

Domino & Michalek Families  
By Mary Domino

Chmielewski & Konwinski Families  
By Family

Millie & Ray Cegielski  
By Michael Kucinski

Frank & Gerry & Mary  
Niemczal  
By Debbie & Randy & Family

Dziatkowski & Marciniak Families  
By Gert Marciniak

Stephen, Julia, Leonard,  
Marcia, Norman Makolinski  
By Daughter, Sue O'Neill

Geryak & Sestak Families  
By Family

Marie & Stanley Szeluga  
By Donna

Richard Slazak  
Mieczyslaw & Leocadia  
Pajakowski  
By Dolores

Franciszek & Honorata Stanczewski &  
Frank & Mary & Jim & Rita  
By Family

Walek Family  
By Family

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

Richard Laskowski  
By Maryann & Jim Kajdasz

Walter & Barbara Koza  
By Koza Family

Sikorski & Jerszewski Families  
By Grace

Jennie Showalter  
By Daughter Janice

Helen & Walter Rembacz,  
Lucy Majchrzycki

Barbara Miller  
By Terejko & Thornton Family

Michael & Mark Jakubiak  
By Aunt Sally

Kwandrans & Szyndel Families  
By Kwandrans Family

Ullicki & Jaworski Families  
Parents of Harry & Pat  
Jaworski

Frank & Regina & Paul Ziembiec  
By Helen & Joe Ziembiec

Stanley & Mildred Glowny  
By Children/Grandchildren

Francis & Theresa Jablonski  
By Roy & Karen Baer

Walenty-Anna Kochul Family  
Valerie Mincel & Family  
By Sigmund & Christine Mincel

Anthony & Katherine  
Rogowski  
By Family

Majchrowicz & Jagodzinski  
Families  
By Dorothy

Edward & Harriet Niedzielski  
By Sunday Family

Dear Husband & Father  
Gene Siejak  
By Sally & Family

Wieszczecinski & Wozniak Families  
By Family

Natalie R. Palmowski  
By Nancy R. Floyd

Husband Edwin Marciniak  
By Gert

Peter & Regina Stelmach  
By Family

Adam Michalek  
By Family

Leonard Tortorice  
By Nelson & Marlene Oldfield

Adrian & Marian Borowicz  
By Daughter Mary & Mike  
Muscato

Henry 'Skippy' & Alicia Spychaj  
By Children & Grandchildren

Grzywa & Majcher Families  
By Wally & Terrie Domino

Sovinski & Tarabula Family  
By Family

Stanley & Jennie Szymanski  
By Dina

Benedict S. & Barbara.  
Zarajczyk  
By Family

Edmond & Martha Pinkowski  
By Sunday Family

Gorny & Trawinski Families  
By Family

Dolores & Edward Hosinski  
By Children, Cheryl, Ron,  
Janice, Karen & Sister, Millie

Baron Family  
By Diane Baron

Phyllis Pepe  
By Family

Mary & Stanley Maslanka  
By Daughter, Millie

Orlowski & Bienas Family  
By Norbert & Barbara

Msgr. E. Sobierajski &  
Edmund Wardynski, By Millie

Helen P. Borowicz  
By Family

Zbigniew Sr., Jozefa, Zbigniew Jr.,  
Richard Solecki,  
By Helene, Barbara & Mary

Ferdinand & Anne Nowicki-Peter  
& Veronica Slazak By Loretta  
Nowicki

Guy & Rita Giancarlo  
By Family

VARIOUS INTENTIONS  
Living & Deceased Members of  
Rosary Soc.

Living & Deceased Members of  
Holy Name Soc.

July 12, 2023

Greetings and Blessings East Buffalo Family!

What a wonderful first weekend as I made my rounds through the family for the first time! Last week I presided at the 4:00pm Vigil at St. Stanislaus, 8:30am at St. John Kanty, 10:00am at St. Katharine Drexel, & the 12:00pm at St. John Gualbert. Thank you all so much for the tremendous welcome I received in each parish - from welcome receptions to gift baskets, THANK YOU!

So that we are all on the same page, I wanted to reiterate a few things that I mentioned in my introductory homily for the Masses I was not present at. A bit of background about myself is that I grew up in Amherst, NY attending various Protestant Churches (Assembly of God, Baptist, and Non-Denominational). Due to the influence of my Catholic grandparents, and as I grew in knowledge and love of my Polish/Catholic heritage, I joined RCIA at St. Christopher Church and was initiated into the Catholic faith my senior year of High School. When I moved to the City of Buffalo to attend Buffalo State College, I joined and became involved in my grandparents church, Assumption of the BVM in Black Rock.

Throughout high school and college, where I graduated with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism, I worked for Hart Hotels for eight years. First at the Holiday Inn that was on Niagara Falls Blvd, then left the company as the office manager at the Holiday Inn Express by the Buffalo Airport to join the seminary. After being ordained in 2017, I was assigned as Parochial Vicar at SS. Peter and Paul, Hamburg for two years, then to St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Cheektowaga as Temporary Administrator, and most recently, as pastor at St. Peter's in Lewiston for the past three years.

As we move forward as a family of parishes, my priorities are twofold. The first is reopening the St. Stanislaus Convent (Pitass Center). Having been vacant for three years there is much repair and cleaning work to be done. Thank you in advance to all who are able to help clean this Sunday, July 16 at 2:00. I truly hope that the Pitass Center can be a place of welcome for all. Three events are already booked there - a family staff and trustee luncheon, a Polonia Committee meeting, and program the Renewal Office is hosting.

My second focus is organizing our pillar groups. I have done my best to keep the Mass Schedule the same for July and August having lost Fr. Jim Monaco, Fr. Paul Ladda, and Fr. Ben Fiore who has been assigned as parochial vicar to the downtown family. I would ask you to seriously consider joining a pillar committee. The descriptions and tasks of each are below. We cannot do this with YOU and we ARE ALL in this together. **Sign-up sheets are available in each worship site.** Once our family pillar groups are established the next step is to come together for a training session led by the Renewal Office.

As always, if you have absolutely any questions or concerns, please call your parish office or email me at [revcwebster@gmail.com](mailto:revcwebster@gmail.com). We have so much to be thankful for, have a joyous week!

*Fr. Cole*

**Liturgy Description:** The Liturgy is the primary way in which we worship God. The focus on the liturgy pillar is to make sure we have the very best worship taking place within our family of parishes. Priority is to be given to the dignity of each celebration, focusing on good ministry, music and participation. Priority is not to be given to appeasing locations and times. Consideration also needs to be taken into account for church capacities and accommodation of people at a location. • Mass Schedules for each parish within the Family • Sacrament schedule • Liturgy Committee

**Spiritual Life Description:** Spiritual Life works hand in hand with Liturgy. The Spiritual Life pillar should focus on fostering a relationship with Jesus Christ through para-liturgical experiences, retreats, devotions and any activity within the family that will help bring people closer to Jesus. • Devotions • Retreats • Life in the Eucharist

**Forming Disciples Description:** Forming Disciples involves all aspects of education. If your family has a Catholic school within it, your pillar group for forming disciples must contain a representative from the school. How the family supports all education is the primary function of this pillar group. • Religious Education (K-12) • Catholic schools • Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8) • Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12) • Young Adult Faith Formation • Adult Faith Formation • Adult Leadership Training • Inclusive Catechesis • Family Formation • RCIA/OCIA • Sacramental Preparation

**Out Reach / In Reach Description:** This pillar involves how we as church respond to the needs of our people, both in and outside of our family of parishes. Social outreach/justice are a key component of this pillar and can work together with organizations that already focus on specific outreach activities; St. Vincent de Paul, Food Pantry, etc. Out Reach • Any ministry or activity aimed at bringing relief for those who are suffering, while maintaining inclusivity • Evangelization efforts geared at people who are unchurched and seeking Christ • Promotion of missionary discipleship to attract new Catholics In Reach • Ministry to those who are in physical or spiritual need • Empower parishioners • Develop a culture of welcome

**Stewardship Description:** Stewardship looks at how we utilize time, talent and treasure among our parishes for the good of our parishes and people. Working closely to make sure our efforts in fundraising do not compete with one another, this pillar group works on coordinating efforts for a fundraising schedule, determining how volunteers get involved in ministries between parishes within the family and ways that people can get involved in the family. • Volunteers o Donate time, treasure and / or talent • Family / Parish hospitality • Any activities that have to do with the above

**Administration Description:** The Administration Pillar looks at the business components of how our parishes operate, and looks at creating efficiencies that respond to the challenges of diminishing resources and personnel as we move forward. Determining each parish's fiscal responsibility within the family is also a part of this pillar's task. This pillar will work closely with the Pastor of the Family and the Renewal office to ensure expectations for the family within the Renewal are being met. • Human Resources: Compensation, benefits & policies • Safe Environment • Governing / Family leadership • Central office • Processes / On-site Hours • Personnel • Budgeting / finances • Communications • Data / Reporting • Security / Compliance