# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN KANTY/ST. ADALBERT

AUGUST 20, 2023



# **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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PASTOR Rev. Cole Webster SENIOR PAROCHICAL VICAR Rev. Mark Kreis, OSPPE, Ph.D.

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

**TRUSTEES**Michaelene KarpinskiEvan Kolber

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday Mass: 8:30 A.M.

St. Katharine Drexel Sunday Mass: 10:00 A.M.

St. Adalbert's Cemeteries: 6200 Broadway, Alden, NY 14086

716-681-3090

# 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.

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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

 $\mathcal Y$  reminder that only those with handicap permits may park in the designated handicap parking spaces



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19-WEEKDAY NO MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20-TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM +Sr. M. Anzelma Thomas, SSSJ,

(Walter & Terrie)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21–ST. PIUS X, POPE 8:30 AM Communion Service at St. Katharine Drexel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 -THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 AM +Dolores Slazak, (Pat Jaworski)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23- WEEKDAY

8:30 AM MASS AT ST. KATHARINE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24–ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

8:30 AM +Antonina Fydrych, (Family)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 – WEEKDAY

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26-WEEKDAY NO MASS

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27-TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM +Dolores Slazak, (Dan & Rene Sikkema) 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.

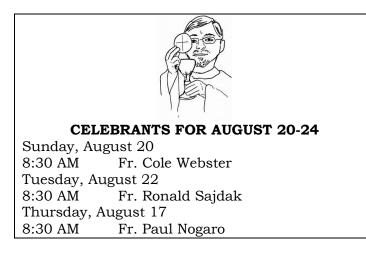
**OFFERTORY: WEEK OF August 13, 2023** 

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 \$533.00/Monthly \$76.00 Ret. Priests Medical \$10.00/Missions \$209.00 Thank you for your continued support!

## SECOND COLLECTION August 20

Will be for the Sisters of Charity Seton Hall who work with the missions in Ecuador, China and Korea



#### 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** –

God commends those who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to His covenant. If this is simply natural behavior for you, Jesus might calling you to something more! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



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** 

# **Background on the Gospel**

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about <u>Jesus walking</u> on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

**Bulletin message:** Are you a parent of young children and your financial situation has changed? If so, you may now qualify for the

Women's, Infants & Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities is the administrator for WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties and is ready to assist you and your family. For more information about WIC, including income eligibility, visit www.ccwny.org/wic. To connect with services, call 716-218-1484.



Baked goods are needed. If you can bake for the reception please call the parish office.



Church Grounds Beautification Work Day: Let's make our church even more welcoming! For the upcoming months (through October) **all are** *invited to join a small group of parishioners and Fr Cole at 9 a.m. Wednesdays for weeding and pickup of our church grounds,* including the Swinburne Street gardens. Come if you can, if only for an hour!

ConnectLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 29 from 2-6 pm at Queen of Martrys, 180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga. The event will take place on the ConnectLife bus located in parish parking lot. Schedule vour the appointment by calling ConnectLife at 716-529-4270 bv or visiting www.ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org entering and sponsor code 000941. Summertime is the number one time of year that blood centers across the country see a decline in donations, while the hospital demand remains at or above the normal monthly average. All August donors will receive an exclusive Buffalo Bills 6-can cooler and be entered for a chance to win a pair of tickets to any Bills home game. Give blood and make an impact on vour community!

