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

**SEPTEMBER 17, 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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St. Adalbert's Cemeteries: 6200 Broadway, Alden, NY 14086 716-681-3090 http://buffalocatholiccemeteries.org/LOCATIONS/StAdalbert.aspx

TRUSTEES

Michaelene Karpinski

St. Stanislaus

Evan Kolber

St. John Gualbert

#### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE AS OF 9/23** WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM 9:00 AM Sunday 9:15 AM 10:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM 12:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Tuesday, Thursday

Wednesday

First Saturday

St. John Gualbert (Polish) Corpus Christi St. John Kantv St. Katharine Drexel St. John Gualbert St. Stanislaus (Polish) WEEKDAY MASSES St. Stanislaus 8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Corpus Christi 8:45 AM

St. Katharine Drexel 8:30 AM

St. John Kanty 8:30 AM

# 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/ On Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty

St. John Gualbert 8:00 AM

Corpus Christi 12:15 PM

Corpus Christi 8:45 AM

**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

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

REMINDER NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10:15 AM

Check the front of the bulletin for the new Mass schedule for the Eastside Family of Parishes



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-STS. CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS NO MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17-TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM +Florence Ceranski, (Cynthia)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-WEEKDAY

8:30 AM Communion Service at St. Katharine Drexel

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19-WEEKDAY

8:30 AM +Fr. Michael Burzynski, (Walter & Terrie Domino)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20- STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST & PAUL CHONG HA SANG & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8:30 AM MASS AT ST. KATHARINE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21–ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:30 AM + Fr. Michael Burzynski, (Barb)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - WEEKDAY

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23–ST. PIUS OF PIETREICINA, PRIEST NO MASS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:15 AM +Jozefa & Richard Solecki, (Family)

#### 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 September 10, 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 \$478.00/Monthly \$78.00 Ground Beautification \$104.00



## **CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17-21**

Sunday, September 17 8:30 AM Fr. Bob Stolinski Tuesday, September 19 8:30 AM Fr. Bob Stolinski Thursday, September 21 8:30 AM Fr. Bob Stolinski

#### 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**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul writes that "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself... we live for the Lord." Our self-absorbed culture has forgotten this. You can be a reminder by turning away from your own desires to serve Christ. 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, 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 reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully the debt. Rather than forgives displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

**Do you love to sing?** The Festival Chorus is recruiting new singers for their 2023 Christmas season. Open rehearsals will be held on September 12 and September 19 from 7-9 pm at St. Katharine Drexel Church, 135 North Ogden St., Buffalo for new singers to join. All voice parts are welcome; no audition required. Save the date for the Christmas performance on Sunday, December 3 at 4 pm at SS. Peter & Paul, 5480 Main St., Williamsville. For more information about the Festival Chorus, contact 716-864-9688 or email festivalchoruscfpa@gmail.com.



## BEAUTIFICATION OF ST. JOHN KANTY GROUNDS

We had a landscaper come and give us an estimate on removing 4 bushes and doing a hard cut of the remaining bushes and sprucing up the flower beds on Swinburne's side of the church. We have approximately 14 bushes along the church on Swinburne. The estimate for this job is \$1551.28.

If anyone would like to contribute to help defray this cost, envelopes are able at the entrances to the church. We all want our grounds to look appealing, be clean, safe.

Please consider making a donation. Thank You. Reminder:

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!



