



**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:**  
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**PASTOR** Rev. Cole Webster  
**SENIOR PAROCHIAL VICAR** Rev. Mark Kreis, OSPPE, Ph.D.  
**FAITH FORMATION:** Barbara Myszkiewicz

**TRUSTEES** Jennifer Snyder-Haas Evan Kolber

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:00 PM	St. Stanislaus	St. John Gualbert
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 AM	St. John Gualbert (Polish)	
	9:15 AM	Corpus Christi	
	10:15 AM	St. John Kanty	
	10:30 AM	St. Katharine Drexel	
	11:45 AM	St. John Gualbert	
	12:00 PM	St. Stanislaus (Polish)	

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>	St. Stanislaus 8:00 AM	St. Katharine Drexel 8:30 AM
<i>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday</i>	Corpus Christi 8:45 AM	
<i>Tuesday, Thursday</i>	St. John Gualbert 8:00 AM	St. John Kanty 8:30 AM
<i>Wednesday</i>	Corpus Christi 12:15 PM	
<i>First Saturday</i>	Corpus Christi 8:45 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](http://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/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)



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



**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30-SIXTH DAY  
WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE LORD  
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31-THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  
10:15 AM +Genevieve Wojtusiak, (Family)**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1-THE SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY  
NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2-ST. BASIL THE  
GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN  
8:30 AM William J. Howard Family, (Bill  
Howard Family)**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3-CHRISTMAS  
WEEKDAY  
NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4-CHRISTMAS  
WEEKDAY  
8:30 AM +Sr. Virginia Balk, OSF, (Fr. Bob)**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5-CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY  
8:30 AM NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6-CHRISTMAS  
WEEKDAY  
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7-THE EPIPHANY OF THE  
LORD  
10:15 AM +Ronald Karpinski, (Gert & Diane)**

**The Mass book for 2024 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 December 24, 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 SJK \$811.00  
Christmas SJK \$1430.00  
Christmas SA \$2163.00  
Thank You!**

**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.

**Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes  
Winter Weather Policy**



If there is a **driving ban** in the City of Buffalo there will be **no services and parish offices will be closed**, including St. John Gualbert in Cheektowaga.

We will also follow the Buffalo Schools winter weather closures.

If **Buffalo schools** are closed due to winter weather, there will be **no services and parish offices will be closed**, including St. John Gualbert in Cheektowaga.

Closings will be listed on Channel 4 -WIVB.com as "Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes."

*Please be assured, the Mass intentions during driving bans and school closures will be fulfilled by our priests in their residence chapels.*

Any questions please call the parish office.

Stay safe and warm!

**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, Marcia P, Corazon Bocalan, Kaitlyn Dubik, Dina Szymanski and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

**Diocese of Buffalo Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:30AM  
St. Joseph Cathedral

For couples observing 25, 50, 60, 70 years of Marriage.

Registration is required by January 12

Please call the parish office to register.

**VOCATION VIEW** The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - always supported each other in doing God's will, even when it involved hardship. As the family of God's children, we must help each other follow God's will. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God has called to a Church vocation. Invite them to contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

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

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

### **PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.



Many thanks to all who helped to prepare and decorate the church for the Christmas Season! The Church looks beautiful and was filled with beautiful music. Thanks to all those who donated to our Christmas Flower collection, without whom this would not be possible. Thank you to everyone for participating in our Christmas liturgy.

#### **ALL ARE INVITED**

#### **Pitass Center Open House**

(Former St. Stanislaus Convent)

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-5pm

Come for fellowship, finger foods, to explore, see it decorated for Christmas and to say "Hi" to Fr. Cole and Fr. Bryan

A free-will offering will be accepted to help with maintenance and ongoing preservation.



From Fr. Cole, Fr. Bob and Parish Staff

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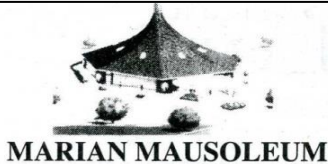
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Daskiewicz & Jarnot Families By Family	Charlotte Fyda Gloria & Ralph Snyder By Jennifer Snyder-Haas	Husband & Father Robert Felski, Sr. By Dolores & Family	Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy Pawlak By Julie Pawlak	Irene Szalda By Dombek Family
Stanley & 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				<u>VARIOUS INTENTIONS</u> Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Soc.
				Living & Deceased Members of Holy Name Soc.