



**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 PAROCHICAL 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  
**On Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty](http://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/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, JANUARY 20-WEEKDAY**  
NO MASS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
10:15 AM +Leonard Tortorice, (Friend)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22-DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**  
NO MASS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23-WEEKDAY**  
8:30 AM +All Souls Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24-WEEKDAY**  
NO MASS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25-THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE**  
8:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26-WEEKDAY**  
8:30 AM NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27-WEEKDAY**  
NO MASS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
10:15 AM +Stanley & Jennie Szymanski, (Daughter)

**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 January 14, 2024**

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.

**No collection Mass cancelled!**

**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.

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 2 WGRZ.com and 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, Edward Szadkowski, Stanley Kowalski, Ronald Slazak, Paul Fox, Rogo Family, Marcia P, Corazon Bocalan, Kaitlyn Dubik, Dina Szymanski, Richard Cislo and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

**VOCATION VIEW** Today's First Reading is the perfect Vocation Story. Is it the Lord who is calling you in the night? Will you answer "Speak Lord, Your servant is listening"? If God is calling you to the commitment of being a priest, or a religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buRalovocations.org

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat. Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

## Message from Father Bob

Thank you for the wonderful surprise of cake and doughnuts for my birthday last Sunday. It was much appreciated. Thank you also to those who took down the Christmas decorations.

## Sacramental Preparation

With Faith Formation up and running we are now preparing for first sacraments. If your youngster needs to make their First Reconciliation or First Communion and are NOT already in our Faith Formation program, please contact Barb Myszkiewicz at 716-893-0412 or [stjohnkantybflo@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnkantybflo@gmail.com)

First Reconciliation meeting will be held Saturday, January 20th at 10:00am

First Communion meeting will be held Saturday, March 2nd at 10:00am

Both sessions held at St. Katharine Drexel School Hall



## STATEMENTS FOR INCOME TAX

Parishioners who would like to have your statement of financial contributions must call or email your parish office. Tax letters will be mailed to you.

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Families  
By Phyllis Drozd

Edward Sunday  
By Wife, Marcia

John & Julie Jarnot  
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

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By Mary Domino

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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  
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Anthony & Katherine  
Rogowski  
By Family

Majchrowicz & Jagodzinski  
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By Dorothy

Edward & Harriet Niedzielski  
By Sunday Family

Dear Husband & Father  
Gene Siejak  
By Sally & Family

Wieszczecinski & Wozniak Families  
By Family

Natalie R. Palmowski  
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Peter & Regina Stelmach  
By Family

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By Family

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By Daughter Mary & Mike  
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Henry 'Skippy' & Alicia Spychaj  
By Children & Grandchildren

Gorny & Trawinski Families  
By Family

Sovinski & Tarabula Family  
By Family

Stanley & Jennie Szymanski  
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Zarajczyk  
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By Sunday Family

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By Norbert & Barbara

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

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

Msgr. E. Sobierajski &  
Edmund Wardynski, By Millie

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Richard Solecki,  
By Helene, Barbara & Mary

VARIOUS INTENTIONS  
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Guy & Rita Giancarlo  
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