

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

TRUSTEES Michaelene Karpinski Evan Kolber

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
The Rosary is recited after daily Mass
First Friday: Rosary at 9 AM followed by Mass and Adoration

St. Katharine Drexel: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

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



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



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26–WEEKDAY
NO MASS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27–TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28–ST. AUGUSTINE,
BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:30 AM Communion Service at
St. Katharine Drexel

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 –THE PASSION OF ST.
JOHN THE BAPTIST**

8:30 AM +Dolores Slazak, (Caroline & Owen
Moy)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30- WEEKDAY

8:30 AM MASS AT ST. KATHARINE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31–WEEKDAY

8:30 AM +Dolores Slazak, (Janice & Guy
Harvey))

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – WEEKDAY

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2–WEEKDAY

NO MASS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3–TWENTY-SECOND
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 20, 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 \$326.00/Monthly \$10.00
Missions \$54.00

Thank you for your continued support!



CELEBRANTS FOR AUGUST 27-31

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM Fr. Cole Webster

Tuesday, August 29

8:30 AM Fr. Bob Stolinski

Thursday, August 31

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 –

“I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it.” Jesus promises in Mt 16:18 that His Church will always exist. But we also want it to *thrive*, and that requires people to step forth into roles of ministry. Could it be you? 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

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP - AUGUST 17, 2023

With the loss of life surpassing 100 and expected to rise much higher, the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii have become the deadliest in the United States in more than 100 years. The devastation in the Town of Lahaina was especially severe with residents and vacationers literally escaping into the Pacific Ocean for their safety. More than 2,200 structures have been completely lost or damaged with most of these buildings being residences. Power and communications have been disrupted, and many residents are in dire need for basic supplies since they have lost nearly all their possessions because of the rapid spread of the fires. As a community of faith, we are called to

come together and provide support to all those in need. Especially now, our sisters and brothers in Hawaii have experienced a generational tragedy that will leave this island paradise scarred for many years to come. I join in solidarity with the Most Reverend Larry Silva, the Bishop of Honolulu, in asking for your help. In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to support Hawaiian parish and school communities. The Diocese of Honolulu has set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for community members affected by the Maui wildfires. This is an opportunity for the Catholic faith community to lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much. You can make a tax deductible contribution by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Thank you for considering a donation to ease their suffering and help to restore their faith in this time of unbelievable adversity. May God bless you and all those who are in need.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher Bishop of Buffalo



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 the parish parking lot. Schedule your appointment by calling ConnectLife at 716-529-4270 or by visiting www.ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org and entering 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 your community!

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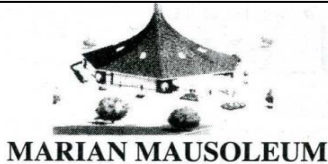
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Daskiewicz & Jarnot Families By Family	Charlotte Fyda Gloria & Ralph Snyder By Jennifer Snyder-Haas	Husband & Father Robert Felski, Sr. By Dolores & Family	Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy Pawlak By Julie Pawlak	Irene Szalda By Dombek Family
Stanley & 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	Ullick & 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.