



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 Michaelene Karpinski 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

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



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9-ADVENT WEEKDAY
NO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:15 AM +Helen Borowicz, (Birthday Blessings from Family)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11-ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12-OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:30 AM +All Souls Intentions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13-ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8:30 AM NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14-ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:30 AM +All Souls Intentions

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15-ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30 AM NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16-ADVENT WEEKDAY

NO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:15 AM +Richard Wolicki, (Family)

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 3, 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 \$895.00/Monthly \$40.00

Christmas Flowers \$125.00/Rel. Ret. \$10.00

Thank You!



Celebrate Christmas with us. . .

The East Buffalo Parish Family

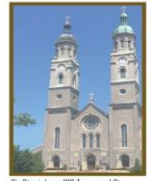
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd
4:00 pm at St. John Gualbert
NO Vigil at St. Stanislaus

Sunday, December 24th
9:00 am St. John Gualbert (Polish)
9:15 am Corpus Christi
10:15 am St. John Kanty
10:30 am St. Katharine Drexel
NO 11:45 am at St. John Gualbert
12:00 pm St. Stanislaus (Polish)



Corpus Christi, 152 Clark St.



St. Stanislaus, 123 Townsend St.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday - Continued

4:00 pm - St. Adalbert
4:00 pm - St. Katharine Drexel
6:00 pm - St. John Gualbert
10:00 pm - St. John Gualbert
11:00 pm - Corpus Christi
Midnight - St. Stanislaus



St. Adalbert, 212 Stanislaus St.



St. John Kanty, 101 Swinburne St.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday

9:00 am - St. John Gualbert (Polish)
10:15 am - St. John Kanty
10:30 am - St. Katharine Drexel
11 am - Corpus Christi
12:00 pm Stanislaus (Polish)



St. John Gualbert, 83 Gualbert Ave.



St. Katharine Drexel, 135 North Ogden St.

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



The winter weather is on its way. We want our parishioners, friends, staff and our clergy to be safe this winter season. Our family has decided on the following in case of inclement weather. We will follow the guidelines set by the City of Buffalo for winter weather, (driving ban etc.)

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, Dolores Ruda, 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.**



for Christmas takes place on December 17, 2023 after the 10:15 Mass. Volunteers are needed. Many hands make light work.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the

Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes Calendar of Events



Our next Faith Formation session for Grades K-8 Saturday, December 16

10:00am-11:30am

St. Katharine Drexel School Hall

Our topic for this session will be "Preparing for Jesus"

Any questions, please call our family catechetical contact, Barb Myszkiewicz, at 716-893-0412



**ADVENT CONFESSIONS
WITH A BRIEF PENANCE SERVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
FROM 5-7 PM AT ST. JOHN GUALBERT**

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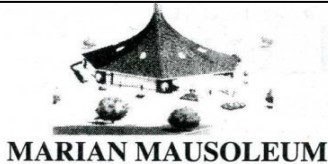
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In Memory of

Edward & Wanda Bryk By Family	Kalisz & Zulawski Families By Connie Zulawski	Drozd, Jozwiak & Jankowski Families By Phyllis Drozd	Edward Sunday By Wife, Marcia	John & Julie Jamot 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	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.