

St. John the Baptist Church



Rectory: 2021 Sandridge Rd.
School: 2028 Sandridge Rd.
Alden, New York 14004

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist family of parishioners is a faith filled Catholic Christian community which believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, in His Church and its teachings, under the direction of our spiritual leaders. We watch and pray as we follow His call to love, life, fellowship and holiness. We aspire to worship together, welcoming all people to a joyous celebration of liturgy and to our traditions of faith and morality. We call on the Holy Spirit to help us use our gifts, talents and treasures in service to the needs of others in Alden and in the global community.

February 5, 2012

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Eucharist

Sat. Evening 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:30 a.m. (Mon. - Fri.)
 Holy Days Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Day 8:30 a.m., & 12:10 p.m.

Reconciliation

Sat. 3:15-3:45 p.m. and by request

Baptism

Usually 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:15 p.m. New parents must be registered and attend a class prior to Baptism.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least nine months ahead and **only** with a priest. A Marriage Preparation Program is required.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Letters of Recommendation

Are given to those who attend Mass regularly, are registered at least a month in the parish and are baptized and confirmed. Also, married parishioners must be married in the Catholic Church.

New Parishioners: Register at Rectory

First Friday – Eucharistic Adoration (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Fridays, in writing,
Insert deadline, Tuesdays

Rectory:.....937-6959
 Rectory Fax:937-0075
 School:.....937-9483
 School Fax:.....937-9794
 Youth Ministry Office:.....937-6487
 Religious Ed Office:937-3448
 Pre-Cana – Sr. Ellen McCarthy:937-6959
 Website: www.StJohnAlden.com
 Rectory Email: churchlady@rochester.rr.com

PARISH LIFE

Pastor: Rev. James D. Ciupek

Permanent Deacon: Richard Mahaney

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Ellen McCarthy, SSJ

Principal: Marilynn Camp

Director of Faith Formation: Michael Denz

Administrative Assistants: Jennifer Rzepka, Michelle Smith

Bookkeepers: Susan Wery, Jennifer Rzepka

Altar Servers	Parish Secretary	937-6959
Alumni Association	Mary Nuwer	937-7888
Bereavement	Sr. Ellen McCarthy.....	937-6959
Boy Scouts	Robert Rimbeck.....	937-7629
Buildings & Grounds	Larry Kocher.....	937-6191
	Roger Martin.....	759-1793
Calendar Coordinator	Parish Secretary	937-6959
Catechetical & Parish Outreach Leader	Margaret McCartin Orcutt	937-3448
Catholic Women's Discussion Prog.	Audrey Fuller	585-937-7932
Cub Scouts	Lew Urban	783-0813
Director of Faith Formation	Michael Denz.....	937-3448
EAC-Educational Advisory Council	Kevin Leigh.....	818-4444
Elementary Sacramental Coordinator	Debbie Pirog.....	937-6476
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Heslin	937-9293
Finance	Ray Roll	937-9494
Folk Group	Tracy Martin.....	937-9312
Girl Scouts	Mary Lou May.....	937-7844
Greeters	Jim & Ruth Creighton	937-6078
Holy Name Society	Frank Trybuskiewicz.....	937-0178
Home School Association	Lew & Pamela Urban.....	783-0800
Individual Education Coordinator	Lynn Fox.....	684-9083
Lectors	Judy Bowman	937-9287
Legion of Mary	Eileen Wirth	937-9924
Liturgy	Everett Boone.....	937-9026
Marriage Preparation Couples	Sr. Ellen McCarthy.....	937-6959
Organist	Helen Czarniecki	937-9071
Parish Council President	Diana Schlicht.....	685-2273
RCIA	Sr. Ellen McCarthy.....	937-6959
Respect Life	Judy Downhower	937-9801
	Judy Bowman	937-9287
School Principal	Marilynn Camp	937-9483
Ushers	Carl Matthias	937-7433
Youth for Life/200 Club	Pam Turton.....	937-9577
Youth Ministry	Elynn Urso	937-6487
Youth Ministry E-Mail	sjb.youth@yahoo.com	

Masses for the Week

Saturday, February 4 (Vigil Mass)

4:00 p.m. Anthony Agone–Rosemarie & Family

Sunday, February 5 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 a.m. Mildred Thering–The Thering Family

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Agnes Burzynski–Alice Monin

Monday, February 6

8:30 a.m. Rita Hahn–Mary Lou, Don, Victoria, & Leah May

Tuesday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Kyle Platt–Ann Hamilton

Wednesday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Ronald Gust–Florence & Tony Woronowski

Thursday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Karen Doktor–Judy Satola & Family

Friday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Joseph Osucha, Sr.–Osucha Family

Saturday, February 11 (Vigil Mass)

4:00 p.m. Maureen O’Grady–Mom & Dad

Sunday, February 12 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Josephine DiGiacomo–Joseph A. Geraci

Weekend of 1/29/12

Sunday Collection (Total).....\$10,467.00

Envelopes.....\$10,100.00

Loose.....\$367.00

Catholic Relief Services.....\$1,698.66

Fiscal Year to Date (9/1/11-8/31/12).....\$271,612.94

Scripture Readings for Sunday, February 12, 2012

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
 Mark 1:40-45

“*Christ is the light which illumines the way*” (Blessed John Paul II). The **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide food, shelter, medical care, and compassion for the depressed and lonely, in addition to pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps to reinforce the Christian ideals of charity, family values, and kindness in a place struggling in the aftermath of 70 years of atheistic Soviet rule. Please be generous to today’s second collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about the important projects funded by the Collection.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.



I call your attention to a very serious matter facing the Catholic Church and its institutions in the United States of America...

The issue, as stated by Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh, PA, is this:

“In early August, the Department for Health and Human Services in the Obama administration released guidelines as part of the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The guidelines mandated that by Summer 2012 all individual and group health insurance plans, including self-insured plans, cover all FDA-approved contraception, sterilization procedures and pharmaceuticals that even result in abortion.”

Our Catholic Bishops have voiced strong opposition to this government edict forcing contraceptive coverage. Reprinted below is a brief segment of what appears on the Diocesan website (www.buffalodiocese.org) in this regard.

The Catholic bishops of the United States called “literally unconscionable” a decision by the Obama Administration to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans. The Jan. 20 announcement means that this mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change at all; instead there will only be a delay in enforcement against some employers.

“In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences,” said Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The cardinal-designate continued, “To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their healthcare is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom. Historically this represents a challenge and a compromise of our religious liberty.”

Needless to say, such a governmental mandate to force our Catholic institutions to provide health care coverage for contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs is a serious intrusion on religious freedom with far-reaching moral implications. I urge you to pray for a reform of this unjust regulation and to voice your opposition using the contact information available at www.usccb.org/conscience. (Please see the letter from Bishop Kmiec inserted in today’s bulletin.)

May God bless and guide us as we face this crisis.

--Fr. Jim

Great Adventure Bible Study: “A Biblical Walk through the Mass” by Dr. Edward Sri, S.T.D., will take place on Wednesdays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. in the St. John’s School cafeteria. Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church and in the rectory. For information, please contact Sr. Ellen McCarthy at 716-937-6959.

Ladles of Love: Ladles of Love is an outreach program available to anyone who is undergoing chemotherapy or dialysis or to anyone who has a family member going through the same therapies. Let us help you with a crockpot full of a hearty soup and some fresh bread to make your day of therapy (or of driving someone to and from therapy) a little easier. Please let us bring you our ladles of love! You may call Pat Wojciechowski at 937-6025 after 6:00 p.m. or contact Margaret Orcutt at the St. John’s Religious Education Department (937-3448).

The **Evangelization Committee** will meet **Tuesday, February 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

Prayer & Share: Thursday, February 9, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Wanted: Ads for Our Sunday Bulletin! – To reserve space to advertise in our weekly bulletin, contact Allan Davis by phone (800-477-4574 x6267) or by email (adavis@4lpi.com). Parishioner-owned businesses are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity!

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A Family Perspective: In today’s gospel, Jesus went to the house of Andrew and Simon to relax but discovered that Simon’s mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus, we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who “told Jesus about it at once.”

If you or someone you know is struggling with finances, domestic violence, or child behavior issues, Catholic Charities is the place to start. Find help through a caring staff member. For more information, call 716-856-4494 or visit www.ccwny.org.

Please pray for all who are sick and for those who care for them: Kali Wagner, Marie Slubecky, Janis Logan, Ernie Faltyn, Robert Kowalewski, Peter Weisenburger, Francis (Bud) Pierce, Anne Marie McCarthy-Allport, Linda Purucker, Marilyn Diegelman, Mary Louise Boller, Nancy Stumm, David Stumm, Alan Sivecz, Marie Blaszak, Clementine Creighton, Rose Pych, Marlene Smith, Thomas Conrad, Jerry Butler, Perry Newton, Sharon Pfeiffer, Jonathan Wery, Loretta Roll, Carole Nicoloff, Pat Roswell, Celia Wojciechowski, Barbara Frey, Sarah Tooley, Alice Miller, Elizabeth Russo, Paul Waggoner, Holly Clyatt, Daniel Newhouse, Zoe Leblanc, Helen Poltowicz, John Yedinak, William Larson, Marietta Canfield, Ann Lindner, Richard Gielski, Bernadine Wolfling, Adrian Huggins, Theodore Kociencki, William Tobin I, Nancy Ciulla, James Parker, and All Special Intentions.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

Catch our Spirit!!!

*****Check out our new video on our school website at www.stjohnsalden.com.**

In addition to Alden Central School District, children also attend St. John’s School from the school districts of Clarence, Akron, Attica, Iroquois, Pembroke, Lancaster, Depew, and Alexander. If the student lives within 15 miles of St. John’s, their local school district will provide transportation.

*****Tours are available anytime. Contact the school office to make an appointment or to receive further information.**

Home School Board Meeting: There will be a HSA Board Meeting on **Tuesday, February 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room.

February 6th – Spirit Day: Students will assemble in the afternoon to participate in grade level activities for the enjoyment of the rest of the school. Mrs. Rusin, our Physical Education teacher, will direct the students in competitive activities. Students may wear their favorite t-shirt with St. John’s sweat pants or shorts.



February 10th – “A Touch of Class” Zoo Presentation: The students will be treated to an assembly sponsored by the Buffalo Zoo. The students will learn about 5 of the major classifications of animals and observe one example from each of the five classifications. This was funded by one of our school families, the Lauer family of Kesyon, Inc.

Meat Raffle: The Home School Association Meat Raffle has begun. The cost per ticket is \$5.00. There are 12 chances to win 50 pounds of beef and pork and 1 drawing for 100 lbs. of pork and beef. What a great gift to win 50 pounds of meat for only \$5.00! The drawing will be held at the last Soup Supper of the year, April 19, 2012. Contact a school parent or call the school office for more information.

Valentine Sucker Sale: Valentine suckers will be available after the Masses this weekend. Each sucker costs \$1.00 and makes a wonderful Valentine treat for someone special or for yourself to enjoy any time. The suckers will be available as well in the school office (937-9483) or from one of our 8th grade students.

Have a wonderful week! Marilyn Camp