

# 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.

January 1, 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](http://www.StJohnAlden.com)  
 Rectory Email: [churchlady@rochester.rr.com](mailto:churchlady@rochester.rr.com)

## PARISH LIFE

**Pastor:** Rev. James D. Ciupek  
**Permanent Deacon:** Richard Mahaney  
**Weekend Assistant:** Consolata Missionaries  
**Pastoral Associate:** Sr. Ellen McCarthy, SSJ  
**Principal:** Marilyn 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	Joe Dahl.....	937-4299
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	Ellyn Urso.....	937-6487
Youth Ministry E-Mail	<a href="mailto:sjb.youth@yahoo.com">sjb.youth@yahoo.com</a>	

**Masses for the Week**

**Saturday, December 31 (Vigil Mass)**

4:00 p.m. The Kosakowski Family—Children & Grandchildren

**Sunday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)**

8:00 a.m. Erna Koch—Koch & Marle Families

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

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

**Monday, January 2**

8:30 a.m. Louise Baker—Eleanor Maholsic & Family

**Tuesday, January 3**

8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Mary & Dennis O’Grady—Nick & Gretchen Smith

**Wednesday, January 4**

8:30 a.m. Richard Metz—Norrine Keem

**Thursday, January 5**

8:30 a.m. Mary Wandel—Ann Mills

**Friday, January 6**

8:30 a.m. Maureen O’Grady—Kathy & Lenny Wagner

7:00 p.m. Benediction

**Saturday, January 7 (Vigil Mass)**

8:30 a.m. Blue Army Communion & Prayer Service

4:00 p.m. Adeline Rucinski—The Dobe Family

**Sunday, January 8 (The Epiphany of the Lord)**

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

9:30 a.m. Michael Schemel—Pat & Al Wojciechowski

11:00 a.m. James B. Roll—George & Alma Porter

**Weekend of 12/25/11**

Collections.....not available

Fiscal Year to Date (9/1/11-8/31/12).....\$196,257.33

**Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 8, 2012**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**The second collection this weekend will be for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will be **Friday, January 6**, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come and spend time with our Lord, Jesus.

**Word Among Us** books, the Complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations for **January**, will be sold for \$2.00 after all Masses this weekend.

Please note, the rectory office will be **closed** Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year’s holiday.



It is the start of a New Year and I would like to offer a more cheerful message, but instead (in case you have not yet heard) I am saddened to inform you that Rev. Robert Rezac passed away unexpectedly on Monday, December 19. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, December 23 at St. Pius X Church in Getzville, NY.

Father Rezac was the regional superior of the Consolata Missionaries, and had been ministering in Western New York since his return in 2000 from a missionary assignment in Kenya. He has faithfully provided assistance at St. John’s since 2007 by celebrating a Sunday Mass here nearly every weekend. Fr. Rezac was scheduled to move to New Jersey in the early part of January to begin a new position with his congregation. He became seriously ill while celebrating Mass at St. Pius X Church on Saturday, December 17.

I will personally miss Fr. Bob, not only for his ministerial assistance, but also for his priestly support and friendly disposition. He was a very prayerful priest with a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. No doubt, his nearly thirty-five years of priesthood were an inspiration to many people, not only in the Buffalo area, but also in other parts of the country and world.

Please join with me in praying for the peaceful repose of Fr. Rezac’s soul. Also, I ask your prayers for guidance of the Holy Spirit in finding another priest to help with Sunday Masses at St. John’s. Relying upon God’s grace, we continue on in Faith!

As we begin another year, on behalf of the entire Parish, School, and Rectory Staff, I wish you and your family a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

--Fr. Jim



**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 Blaszk, Nancy Ciulla, Clementine Creighton, Rose Pych, Marlene Smith, Thomas Conrad, Helen Kalczynski, Jerry Butler, Perry Newton, Sharon Pfieffer, Marilyn Camp, Jonathan Wery, Loretta Roll, Carole Nicoloff, Pat Roswell, Eileen Barron, Celia Wojciechowski, Barbara Frey, Susan Hoiden, Florence Kowalewski, Sarah Tooley, Alice Miller, Elizabeth Russo, Paul Waggoner, Holly Clyatt, Daniel Newhouse, and All Special Intentions.



(Continued from last week's bulletin)

The beautiful poinsettia plants that are gracing our altars and church this Christmas season were donated in memory of: *Clint Munn*

### Thank You!

We express our appreciation to the faith-filled families who lit the Advent Wreath during the Sunday Masses of Advent.

First Sunday: Robert & Diane Cattoi, Charles & Kathy Sutter, Tony & Amy Bonamici, and David & Julie Sentz.

Second Sunday: Dennis & Mary O'Grady, Frank & Barbara Trybuskiewicz, Timothy & Pamela Freeman, and David & Darlene Kocher.

Third Sunday: Scott & Jennifer Dobe, Holy Name Members, Steve & Julie Dick, and John & Erin Tryka.

Fourth Sunday: David & Denise Wrest, Jamie & Sherrie Hoelscher, Pre-School Teachers, and Patrick & Marlene Bartram.

A thank you is also extended to the Holy Name men who carried the crown in the procession during the Masses on the Feast of Christ the King: Jerry Sentz, Roger Martin, Tony Bonamici, and Tom Roll.

**Respect Life News—March for Life Update:** A reminder to all pilgrims that there will be a meeting **Sunday, January 8** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the St. John's School cafeteria. Your final payment will be due at this meeting. Also, save the date: all pilgrims are requested to attend the 4:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, January 21** for Mass and a group blessing prior to the March for Life.

On Saturday, December 10, nineteen students from St. John's Religious Education, along with teachers and parents, **volunteered** their services at **St. Luke's Mission of Mercy** on Buffalo's East Side. Each year at Christmas approximately 6,000 bags of groceries are packaged and handed out to needy families. On a daily basis, about 400 meals are served. Our students participated in filling and organizing the bags in rows, placing books on shelves, sorting through clothing, chopping cabbage, and peeling potatoes. We were reminded that hunger is all around us, but the worst hunger to be experienced is the hunger to be loved.

The students who volunteered their time are: Jude Badding, Erik Badding, Grace Bailey, Chelsea Buszka, Ryan DesJardins, Ashley Dusza, Rose Fierle, Missy Geil, Maddie Geil, Max Gucinski, Rachel Jurek, Samantha Jurek, Danielle Korkowicz, Jarrett Miner, Leyton Miner, Zachary Miner, Emma Retzlaff, Jim Rutowski, and MacKenzie White.

By Baptism, we have become God's holy family in today's world. Some are called as priests, deacons, and religious to minister and serve the holy families of God in the world. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Walter Szczesny at 716-847-5535.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

**School Resumes:** School resumes on **Tuesday, January 3.**

**Grant Meeting:** There will be a Grant Meeting on **Wednesday, January 4** at 6:30 p.m.

**Soup Supper:** Mark your calendars for our next Soup Supper on **Thursday, January 5** from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a delicious bowl of hot homemade soup, salad, bread and butter, homemade dessert, and beverage for \$5.00. Enjoy delightful organ music and the company of friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

**First Friday:** The faculty, staff, and students will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass on **Friday, January 6.**

**Friends of St. John's:** As we begin a new year, I would like to thank those parishioners who have helped to support the Friends of St. John's in the past year. Through this fund, we have been able to assist families who might otherwise not be able to afford a Catholic Education. Please know that you are remembered each morning in our prayers. God bless you during this New Year - 2012 - in special ways for your generosity.

**Open House - 2012:** Our Open House for new families will be held this year on **Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 10:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m., after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Tours will be available and all of our teachers will be there to answer any questions you might have. We invite you to come and see what St. John's School is all about. We encourage you to visit our website as well at [www.stjohnsalden.com](http://www.stjohnsalden.com).

\*\*Please continue to save Campbell product labels, Box Tops for Education on General Mills products, and used computer ink cartridges. You may put everything in the Campbell container at church. Thank you!

**We wish all our parishioners on this New Year 2012 many special blessings from our school family to your family!**

Have a wonderful week! Marilyn Camp

### St. John's 200 Club Winners – December 2011

Week	Winner	Number	Seller
31	Rocky Kotas	70	Nevin
32	L. & K. Wagner	90	Martin
33	V. & D. Kelchlin	88	Turton
34	J. & R. Creighton	43	Martin
35	John Zoratti	17	Turton

Congratulations, and a Blessed New Year to all!