

# 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 8, 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, January 7 (Vigil Mass)**

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

**Monday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. Betty Weisbeck–Doris Kostecky

**Tuesday, January 10**

8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Kevin & Ruth Counterline  
–Ed & Marlene Smith & Family

**Wednesday, January 11**

8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Dorry Kostecky–The Tesseyman Family

**Thursday, January 12**

8:30 a.m. John Dellinger–Gabe & Joan Ciulla

**Friday, January 13**

8:30 a.m. Maureen O’Grady–Zoratti Family

**Saturday, January 14 (Vigil Mass)**

4:00 p.m. Richard Metz–Wife & Family

**Sunday, January 15 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Ciupek–Nick & Gretchen Smith

9:30 a.m. Florence Dukat–The Dandrea Family

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

**Weekend of 1/1/12**

Collections.....not available

Fiscal Year to Date (9/1/11-8/31/12).....\$209,213.90

**Weekend of 12/25/11**

Sunday Collection (Total).....\$12,956.57

Envelopes.....\$11,248.00

Loose.....\$1,708.57

Christmas.....\$12,109.31

**Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 15, 2012**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

The **Evangelization Committee** will meet **Tuesday, January 10** at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

**Prayer & Share** – On **Thursday, January 12**, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., we will gather in the rectory to pray for the young people of our parish. Please keep our young people, their families, and their youth leaders in your prayers.



A sincere Thank You to all who sent greeting cards and gave me gifts, cookies, baked goods, and other treats for Christmas. I appreciate your kind and generous thoughtfulness, especially the prayers. Your support is very heartwarming and inspiring in my ministry here at St. John’s.

A personal word of gratitude as well to all who made our parish celebration of Christmas so special: Fr. Vincent McCarthy for celebrating two Masses on December 24/25, Deacon Richard Mahaney for his liturgical assistance, Sr. Ellen McCarthy for her attention to countless “behind-the-scene” details and her ministerial support, the Alden-Area Ecumenical Choir for their Advent concert, our school children for their beautiful Christmas program and our religious education students for their Christmas “sing-along,” Marge McCartin Orcutt for her efforts in Outreach Ministry, Pat and Ed Heslin for coordinating the “Giving Tree” project, the multitude of people who bought gifts for those in need, Helen Czarnecki for providing the inspiring music (and directing the choir) at our Midnight and Christmas Day liturgies, Tracy Martin and her ensemble for putting together the wonderful presentation with the children at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Julie Ciesinski for playing the organ and leading the congregation in song at our 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, the ushers and ministers who served at our liturgical celebrations, Gretchen Smith (along with Carl Matthies) and the many volunteers who worked very hard to decorate the church so beautifully, and anyone else who helped in any way to enhance our Christmas celebration. A special Thank You to all our parishioners, friends, and visitors for “praying with us” at St. John’s on Christmas.

As we embark upon the New Year, may God bless you and all your families with much peace and happiness!

--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 Purrucker, Marilyn Diegelman, Mary Louise Boller, Nancy Stumm, David Stumm, Alan Sivecz, Marie Blaszak, Nancy Ciulla, Clementine Creighton, Rose Pych, Marlene Smith, Thomas Conrad, Helen Kalczynski, Jerry Butler, Perry Newton, Sharon Pfeiffer, Marilynn Camp, Jonathan Wery, Loretta Roll, Carole Nicoloff, Pat Roswell, Eileen Barron, Celia Wojciechowski, Barbara Frey, Florence Kowalewski, Sarah Tooley, Alice Miller, Elizabeth Russo, Paul Waggoner, Holly Clyatt, Daniel Newhouse, and All Special Intentions.

**Christmas Decorations** – On **Monday, January 9** at 6:00 p.m., we will take down and store the Christmas decorations within the church. We need some strong backs to carry the manger and trees to the basement. If you have any questions, please call Carl at 937-7433. Thank you.

**Bereavement, Remembrance Gathering: Monday, January 16** at 7:00 p.m. in the school faculty room for those who have lost a loved one.

**A Special Thank You:** The Season of Christmas sparks a sense of joy and peace in the hearts of people. The parishioners at St. John the Baptist Parish have infused that spark in my heart and soul through their many prayers that have assisted me in the healing process. Along with prayers and Masses, I am grateful for the Christmas remembrances of cards, gifts, flowers, goodies, and kind expressions of greetings. It has been a blessing to celebrate the Eucharist and share in the love that God has extended to us by sending Christ to bring us everlasting love, peace, hope, and joy. You are special people who have touched my life in a profound way. Thank you my friends in Christ for all that you have been and continue to be for me. May the Spirit of Christ be with you always. Thank you and God bless you! --Sister Ellen McCarthy

**March for Life: 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.

**The Epiphany of the Lord: A Family Perspective** – The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

**Attention Young Adults:** The Diocese of Buffalo is holding two retreats at Harvest House in Buffalo on **January 12**. The afternoon retreat for emerging adults (ages 18-25) will take place from 1:00-6:00 p.m. An evening of reflection for those in their 20s and 30s will be held from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner and sharing; the cost is \$10. Please RSVP to Laurie at 716-847-8789.

**Save the Date: St. Mary of the Assumption's 8th annual Monte Carlo Night, Saturday, January 28**, 6:00 p.m. to midnight. A \$25 raffle ticket admits two adults (18 and over). Buy 3 tickets by January 23, get 1 free! Free late-night breakfast buffet, \$5,500 in prizes, food, beverages, entertainment, theme basket raffle, and split club raffles. Call 683-6753 or 228-2832 for more information.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

**EAC Meeting:** The Educational Advisory Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 10** at 7:00 p.m.

**Alumni Meeting:** There will be an Alumni Meeting on **Thursday, January 12** at 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

**No School:** There will be no school for students on **Friday, January 13**, a faculty in-service day. Also, there is no school on **Monday, January 16** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Friends of St. John's:** As we begin 2012, 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 in special ways during this new year for your generosity.

### **Open House - 2012**

Our Open House for new families will be held this year on **Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 10:30 a.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!

Have a wonderful week! Marilyn Camp

**Tax statements for 2011** will be sent to all parishioners before the end of January 2012. Requests are not required.

**Need some assistance in the job interview process?** The next free monthly seminar presented by the Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education will be **January 18** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Seneca Babcock Community Center, 1168 Seneca St., Buffalo, offering advice on how to convince an employer that you are the right person for the job. The series of six monthly seminars is designed to enhance job-readiness skills and to answer questions about college. For more information, to register, or to find out about upcoming opportunities, call 893-3500.