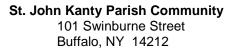
## Sunday, December 7, 2014





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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m. (Confessions 3:30 p.m.) Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. (Confessions 10:00 a.m.)

Holy Days and Holidays: As announced.

Church of St. Adalbert 212 Stanislaus Street Buffalo, NY 14212

St. Adalbert's Cemeteries:

6200 Broadway, Alden, NY 14086 681-3090 www.stadalbertscemetery.org

Trustees: Edward Bosiacki Jennifer Snyder-Haas

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 a.m. Convent Chapel Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday The Rosary is recited after daily Mass; Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited the first Friday of each month.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday3:30 - 6:30 p.m.Sunday 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.Phone:716-893-0412Fax:716-893-9864Internet address:http://StJohnKantyChurchBuffalo.wordpress.comOn 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/Deacon at least six months to one year before setting a wedding date.

**BAPTISM:** Call the parish office for an appointment and interview.

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 6, 2014 Advent Weekday 4:00 p.m. +Celia & Stephen Stypa, (Family)

Sunday, December 7, 2014 Second Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m. +Eugene Siejak, (Sally & Family)

#### Monday, December 8, 2014 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-In Church

9:00 a.m. +Angeline & Frank Crupe, (Daughter Rachele Bulas & Family)

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 NO MASS

## Wednesday, December 10, 2014 Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. In Honor of the Blessed Mother, (Rosary Society)

Thursday, December 11, 2014 Advent Weekday 8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Friday, December 12, 2014 Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:30 a.m. For the Faithful of the Parish

#### Saturday, December 13, 2014 St. Lucy, virgin and martyr 4:00 p.m. +Czapski Family, (Irene)

Sunday, December 14, 2014 Third Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Choir

If the Mass is for a loved one, please inform an usher. To schedule a Mass please call the parish office. The offering for Mass is \$15.00

**The Sanctuary Light:** The Sanctuary Light is a reminder of the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the tabernacles of the Catholic Churches of the world. The Light is available for "A Special Intention" or "in Memory of Your Deceased Loved One." With a donation of \$15.00 the light will burn for the week for your prayer intention and will be published in the bulletin. Please call the parish office at 893-0412 to schedule your intention.

#### The Candle is Lit In Memory of Eugene Siejak By Wife and Children

If you would like to follow Fr. Bob Pecoraro's blog the address is:

http://bobpsj.wordpress.com/2014/03/31/a-new-adventure-begins/

## A Few Words from Deacon Dave:

This past Tuesday evening we began our parish Advent program. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. Scripture was proclaimed and reflected upon, a meditative song and slide presentation was offered, which was particularly moving. We also heard about various Advent practices and about some of the ways we can focus our lives during this season of Advent. Our Music Director shared his knowledge about the proper music selection and why we sing what we sing. The Advent wreath was explained including what each candle represents. The understanding of our faith journey should never stop growing. When I think I have it all together, BAM!!, something else challenges me to keep growing. Please consider attending this Tuesday evening @ 6:30 and make this Advent one to remember. All are welcome!

Over the past few weeks Fr. Paul Sabo has asked, pleaded, begged for people to move forward to the front of the church. I really do agree with what he has asked of our parishioners. With a church so large and relatively empty, there is a distant feeling instead of a communal feeling of sharing Mass together. It can be hard for the presider when there is so little apparent feedback. If parishioners sat up front, close to the altar, there would be a warmer feeling of oneness among all during Mass. Please consider sitting closer to the 'table' for our Eucharistic meal.

Blessings to all, Deacon Dave

## Liturgy Committee

Meeting Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 Mass. Anyone who would like to join this committee is welcome to attend.

#### OFFERTORY: WEEK OF November 30, 2014

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. In over half of the parables in the Bible, Jesus talks about money or material possessions.

Envelope #	Loose	Envelopes	Total
Reg. 73	\$94.25	\$1521.00	\$1615.25
Thank you and God bless you for your contribution			

## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK.

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Patricia Milas, John Berra, Russell Serwicki, Henry Superczynski, Richard Daszkiewicz, Tom Merlihan, Michael Kowalski, William Taylor, Bob Everitt, Jessica Frysz, Amy Herdlein, Christopher Zdonczyk, Sharon Holtz, Leonard Tortorice, Beverly Dziadaszek, Nathan Smidt, Clayton Claston, John Wyzykowski, Bob Makowski, Sophie Baj, Ruth Wyzykowski, Peter Stelmach, Richard Czosek, Christine Mincel, Florence Szynde, Dolores Baldl and all the sick of our parish. If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the rectory office. **IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS HOSPITALIZED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE.** 



**Make Way for the Coming of the Lord!** - December 9 and 16 from 6:30-7:30pm in the convent. Open to everyone interested in learning more about the Advent Season and how it relates to our world today. Celebrate the time of waiting for the coming of the Lord with Advent prayers, spiritual instruction, multimedia presentations, fellowship and an opportunity to welcome Jesus into your life in a special way this Christmas. Father Fred Betti, SJ, will celebrate Mass the last evening.

Visit http://www.stjohnkantychurchbuffalo.wordpress.com.

#### Second Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2014

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests and religious especially to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Walter Szczesny ~ 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website ~ www.buffalovocations.org!

# Faith Moment Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

Have you ever successfully completed something you thought you could not do...something you procrastinated about because of fear or difficulty of the task? Maybe speaking in public...or tackling a tough job at work...or giving up something harmful in your life. How did you get started and overcome the procrastination? Our first reading today talks about filling in valleys and leveling mountains to prepare a way for the Lord. These are not simply topographic features, but they are metaphors for the gaps and blocks in our lives that keep us from a relationship with God and others. Fear, mistrust, prejudices, selfishness, bad experiences in the past. These are the kinds of things we must overcome in order to prepare the path God wants us to follow. Living more like Christ is the way toward the "new heaven and new earth" that God has promised. What mountains and valleys are in your way?

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments every weekday on WBEN radio 930 AM at 7:40 a.m. or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

#### December 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 ~ Second Sunday of Advent A Family Perspective

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

Looking for ways to enhance your family's Advent Journey? For your free 2014 creative family focused Advent / Christmas season packet of ideas and activities certain to increase and encourage your family's spirituality in practical ways, just contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.

#### 2015 MASS INTENTION BOOK:

We are scheduling 2015 Mass intentions. If you would like to reserve Masses for next year, please contact our rectory office. Please note the Masses are \$15 each.

#### **Religious Education**

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.December 7Group 1December 14Group 2December 21Group 1

**Entertainment Books** being sold by the Rosary Society. The cost of the book is \$25. If interested please see Caroline-Sundays in the back of the Church or on Saturdays see Janice. Thank you for your support.

#### THE LOTTERY RETURNS

Tickets for the Daily Evening Number Lottery for January 2015 will go on sale for \$5.00 each weekend. Daily prizes range from \$25-\$150. Tickets will be sold after all Masses and will be also be available in the rectory and at the cookie sale in the cafeteria. They may also be taken to sell to others, with a free ticket given for every ten sold to non-parishioners. Thank you for your support and good luck!

#### **Retirement Fund for the Religious**

Sister Kathryn Marie Augustyniak, CSSF will speak on behalf of the Retirement Fund for the Religious at Masses this weekend December 6/7. **Second collection December 13/14 is for the Religious Retirement Fund.** 

Cathedral Lessons and Carols - The St. Joseph Cathedral Choir will present a concert of Christmas Lessons & Carols on Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. under the direction Organist-Choir Director Tim Socha. They will be joined by The Royalton Ringers & Dick, Solo Handbells. Music will Diane include compositions by J.S. Bach, Johannes Eccard, Morten Laruidsen, Bob Chilcott, Matthew Culloton and others. There will be a free-will offering. All are welcome. St. Joseph Cathedral is located at 50 Franklin Street, downtown Buffalo, between Church & Swan Streets. Call 854-5855 for more information.



## Week Two



## Praying Over My To-Do List

I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration.

But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this "peaceful" season?

I think, Lord, that I need some balance in my life. I feel so torn between wanting to cook and fill my house with wonderful welcoming smells, and wanting to finish decorating the house.

I have shopping to do, the house to clean and cards to write and mail. When? How?

Help me, guide me, Lord. Help me to set priorities around doing those things that will bring me closer to you. Maybe my house really is clean enough, or maybe I can ask my family for help. Can the cards wait until a quiet afternoon after Christmas? Can my house decorations be simpler?

Is there more than a little ego involved when I want so desperately to have my house "magazine perfect" for the holidays?

Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Join us for "Preparing the way of our God" St. John Kanty/St Adalbert's Parish

Advent Prayers / Reflections

Tuesday evenings December 9 ~ 16, 2014

Starts promptly at 6:30 - 7:30pm

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http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html

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