

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm (Closed for Lunch Noon-1pm); Tuesday 9am-3pm; Thursday 9am-3pm
Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
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Mission Statement

“St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Community is a growing and welcoming parish family. We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by embracing the Word, sacraments and commitment to service.”

Rev. Fr. David Burgard, Pastor



Third Sunday of Easter • April 18, 2021

A Note from Father David



Please keep Deacon Zaid in your prayers as he approaches the end of his time with us and prepares for his ordination to the priesthood on May 22. His final weekend with us will be May 1 and 2. After that, he will only be in and out before he begins his assignment at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth on July 1st. He does plan to have two Masses of thanksgiving, one at St. John and one at St. Mary, and a reception on Sunday afternoon, May 23. Please see his article for more details.

Rest in Peace, Fr. Bob

We are planning to have a memorial Mass for Fr. Bob Singelyn, who died on March 16 and was buried in Brazil according to his wishes. It will be next Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 pm at St. Mary. All are invited to join us. If you have stories or special memories of Fr. Bob, you are welcome to write them down and bring them that evening.

I still cannot believe that he will not be returning to Monroe this summer. Truly he will be missed here as he is in Brazil. He was a great help to my transition in coming to St. Mary in 2013. I cherished our “kitchen conversations” over many topics. I appreciated his willingness to make sick calls and offer pastoral care where and when needed. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Families of Parishes Gatherings

As part of our preparation for families of parishes, I invite all interested parishioners to join us for a series of three gatherings to meet members of the other parishes that will be in our Monroe Vicariate family. I will also be personally inviting parishioners and parish leaders to participate. The first of the three gatherings will be via zoom next Monday, April 26th, at 6:30 pm. The three pastors, including myself, will participate. In the first, the focus is “Encountering Jesus through new relationships”. Of course, many already know each other in our local community, but this is still a chance to make more connections with our brothers and sisters in the faith. It is encouraged, but not absolutely necessary, to participate in all three gatherings.

To register and receive the information on all three gatherings, please go to www.familiesofparishes.org. Look for “families of parishes gatherings”, enter your parish and contact information, and you will be sent the necessary links. I pray that this is a blessing and an opportunity to calm some of our fears about this transition, as we are dealing with real people who care about their faith and the future of the Church.

Easter Continues

I encourage you to spend time with the assigned Scripture readings for Sunday and/or daily Mass this Easter season. Read them slowly and reflectively. How can you relate to the experience of the apostles and early Christians? Use your white books, the Word Among Us, or other resources that you may have for spiritual enrichment.

May the Lord keep you healthy and safe in these times requiring patience and hope, which the Holy Spirit can provide.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Happy Easter! What a blessed time of the year for it truly is. I wanted to write to let you know that I have

been assigned by Archbishop Vigneron to be the Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, beginning July 1st! Leaving Monroe is going to be hard for me, but please know I will never truly be gone. St. Mary's and St. John's will always hold a special place in my heart. Also, on May 23rd, the day after my ordination I will be celebrating my First Mass(es) in Monroe at both parishes. More information will be forthcoming! As my last remaining days in the parish are quickly coming to end, I ask for your continued prayers, please know of mine for you!

Shelter the Homeless One of the Corporal Works of Mercy

An early Easter morning fire at Greenwood Townhouses left ten families and thirty people homeless and without personal possessions. An effort is underway to assist these displaced persons. *"In the Spirit of Giving"* was asked by the Monroe Housing commission to assist these families by offering furniture and household items as they transition to new housing units. Perhaps you have furniture and household items you can donate. We are looking for any of the following:

Furniture

**Couches ♦ living room chairs ♦ dining tables and chairs
dressers ♦ end tables ♦ nightstands ♦ lamps ♦ beds.**

Household

**dining plates ♦ bowls ♦ silverware ♦ kitchen utensils
pots and pans ♦ small appliances ♦ linens ♦ towels ♦ blankets**

Thank you for your generosity in sharing new donations or your no longer needed items that are in good condition.

More information on delivery or pick up is available by contacting:
Lorie Bronson: lorieb@stmarymonroe.org or 734-241-6088 OR
Paul Jay: pauljay1@att.net or 734-693-4649

Consider the Gift of a Weekend Retreat for Yourself Retreat Theme: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say . . .* St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, Detroit

The stillness of quarantine over these past several months has caused us to pause – the pause makes room for us to notice:

- ✧ What is important?
- ✧ Who am I called to be?
- ✧ What might God be asking of me in the here and now?

For Christians, Scripture provides the “key” – the key that opens the door to our relationship with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Scriptures connect our stories and open our hearts to the very voice and presence of the Divine allowing us to discern the voice of Jesus.

- ✧ What Have I heard Him say?
- ✧ How do I assimilate what I heard and continue on the path to wholeness – the path that leads to the Realm of God?

This retreat experience invites you into the quiet space where God can “till the ground” of your heart, to better discern what you have heard The Voice of Jesus Say...

More information and registration for an upcoming weekend retreat can be found at www.stpaulretreat.org

**Upcoming Men's Retreat: April 23-25 and April 30-May 2
Upcoming Women's Retreats: May 7-9**

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(RCIA) Rite of Initiation for Adults:
Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, or in becoming a member of our Catholic Community, is invited to contact the parish office at parishoffice@stjohnmonroe.com.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Call the parish office to make for baptism dates at least one month in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:
By arrangement with the pastor at least six months prior to planned date.

St. John Parish Council

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday	8:15am	St. Michael Church
Tuesday	8:15am	St. John Church
	6:00pm	St. Mary Church
Wednesday	8:15am	St. Mary Church
Thursday	8:15am	St. John Church
	12:15pm	St. Mary Church
Friday	8:15am	St. Michael Church
1st Saturday	8:30am	St. Mary Church

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30pm	St. Mary Church
	5:00pm	St. Michael Church
	5:30pm	St. John Church
	7:30am	St. Mary Church
Sunday	8:00am	St. Michael Church
	9:00am	St. John Church
	10:00am	St. Mary Church
	10:30am	St. Michael Church
11:30am	St. John Church	
Spanish	2:00pm	St. Mary Church



Saturday, April 17

G 6:00pm † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Judge Frank Arnold

Sunday, April 18

A 9:00am † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Irene Giarmo
 † Christy Carducci (birthday) by Family
 † Florence Aniol by Pat LaRoy

A 11:30am People of St. John's Parish

Tuesday, April 20

G 8:15am † Christy Carducci (anniversary) by Family

Thursday, April 22

D 7:00pm

Saturday, April 24

D 6:00pm † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Judge Frank Arnold
 † William Minney by Terry & Karen McLaughlin

Sunday, April 25

G 9:00am † Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Irene Giarmo
 † Mary Lou Ewert by Ron Ewert
 † Richard Morrison by Family
 † Mary Carducci (birthday) by Family

G 11:30am † Dorothy Diekman (25th anniversary) by Darlene Diekman
 † Jammie Lynn Walter by Family
 † Annette Yuna (birthday) by Family

D - Fr. David Burgard ~ G - Fr. Giancarlo Ghezzi ~ K - Fr. Kishore Battu ~ A - Fr. Alan Zobler



To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to our Stephen Leaders: Chris Antonelli at 734-735-3647 or by email at c.morr@charter.net.

Offertory Report

	February	YTD
Budget	\$31,850	\$232,400
Actual	\$24,024	\$208,966
Variance	(\$7,826)	(\$23,434)
ACH Offertory of \$3,817 included above		
Heritage	\$61	\$497
Cabrini	\$69	\$474

If you attend another church in the Monroe Vicariate, please use St. John's collection envelope. It will be forwarded to St. John's.



Needed Greeters/Cleaners
Lectors, Greeters, EME, Parish Council members anyone that can help greet and clean after all Masses. Please contact Lillian Williamson at 734-770-7046 or lillianwilliamson@att.net



For the Weekend of April 24/25

5:30 pm
Rebecca Brooks

9:00 am
Don Lieto

11:30 am
Christine Heinzerling



Why Attend a Family Gathering?
 Families of Parishes evolved with the lay faithful in mind.

- Families of Parishes are for the benefit of lay faithful.
 - We are the Body of Christ.
 - We are meant to worship as community.
 - We need the Sacraments to sanctify and build up the Body of Christ and to give worship to God. CCC 1122
 - If there are not enough priests to minister to each individual parish, the grace of the sacraments will not be available to us.
 - We need to come together as one Body.
 - Come and meet the other parishes in your family, learn about their unique characteristics. Participate in discussions with other members of your family.
- Hear stories from lay persons in dioceses that have already participated in such a transition.
 - We learn through the experiences of others.
- Begin the chapter of journeying in faith with many other Catholics in your community.
 - You may see them every day but have never met.
- This is what being a joyful missionary disciple is about.
 - Be a witness to your faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 18

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 19

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3-8, 17, 21; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22

Earth Day

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23

St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

4th Sunday of Easter, April 25

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26-29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



St. Joseph Cemetery Open House
May 1st & 2nd • 10am-2pm

Family Service Advisors will be on hand offering tours, and sharing history about St. Joseph Cemetery. Learn about the Christian Order of Funerals, what to do with cremated remains, burial traditions, present day cemetery practices & pre-planning. Visitors will receive a complimentary Planning Resource Guide, caring cross & rosary.

RSVP to Rachel Lazere
at 734-241-1411 or
lazere.rachel@aod.org

St. John's Prayers

St. John's Prayer List exists for the purpose of remembering in our prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially:

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| <i>Jim Adams</i> | <i>Kathleen Krevsky</i> |
| <i>Anita Askam</i> | <i>Tom Lindsey</i> |
| <i>Thomas Barron</i> | <i>Jason Linkes</i> |
| <i>Pamela Barron</i> | <i>Lisa Lliteras</i> |
| <i>Angelo Benvenuto</i> | <i>Beth Lovell</i> |
| <i>Ben Budzios</i> | <i>Jerry Messerschmidt</i> |
| <i>Belly Budzios</i> | <i>Herbert Meyer</i> |
| <i>Jack Burns</i> | <i>Cathy Miller</i> |
| <i>Fr. David Carrucci</i> | <i>Sierra Miller</i> |
| <i>Kim Castelesse</i> | <i>Frank Nagy</i> |
| <i>Denise Darin-Clark</i> | <i>William O'Connell</i> |
| <i>Tom Clark</i> | <i>Pat Orr</i> |
| <i>Dan DePuydt</i> | <i>Dave Padol</i> |
| <i>Darlene Dickman</i> | <i>Zandra Perry</i> |
| <i>Evanka Dimitroff</i> | <i>Zayden Perry</i> |
| <i>Barb DuVall</i> | <i>Robert Rogers</i> |
| <i>Nancy Earls</i> | <i>Lillian Sasfy</i> |
| <i>Annie Germani</i> | <i>Mary Slavik</i> |
| <i>David Graves</i> | <i>Fr. Jim Smalarz</i> |
| <i>Emily Haynes</i> | <i>Daniel Sordini</i> |
| <i>Kate Herr-Matlich</i> | <i>Maxwell Stoltz</i> |
| <i>Zenda Howell</i> | <i>Kay Thoma</i> |
| <i>Evelyn Ibershoff</i> | <i>Steve Toth</i> |
| <i>Sis Jocoangeli</i> | <i>Jim Weeks</i> |

We are hopeful that many on the list have received help and healing through the prayers that have been lifted up by our parishioners. If you are still in need of prayers and would like to remain on, or be added to our prayer list, contact the parish office. **Names on the list will remain for a duration of six weeks.** We can only publish the names of people who have consented to be added to the list. Please check with the individual before contacting us to protect their privacy.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Almighty and eternal God, Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

- Brandon Anderson, Vandenberg AFB, CA
- SPC Derek Barron, Army/ Fort Benning, GA
- Cpl Michael J. Carrabino, Jr., USMC/USA
- 2d Lt Alexander L. Compean, USAF/USA
- Cpt Andrew J. Compean, USA/Colorado
- BU3 Nate Cook, Virginia Beach, VA
- CMCR Kyle Cook, Port Hueneme, CA
- Cpt Jonathan A. Dieckman, Deployed
- Chief MSgt Mark Fisher, USA
- SrA Stacy Krzyston, USAF/USA
- SSgt Andrea L. Lake, USAF/USA
- PFC Darrion LaRoy, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- LCpl Mitchell Layhew, USMC/Yuma, AZ
- MSgt Christopher Lindsey, USAF/USA
- PFC Anthony Marquette, USCG/USA
- AB Dakota Mills, USAF/USA
- Sgt Tyler Morrison, USA
- EM1 Tad Murphy, USCG/Coos Bay, OR
- A1C Dalton J. Neff, USAF
- SSgt Natalie A. Neff, USAF/USA
- SSgt Eric D. Paul, USAF
- BMC E-7 Chad Pietszak, USCG/Guam
- PFC Donald Puruleski, USA/South Korea
- AB Jeffrey Stead, USAF/USA
- MSgt Nicole Stibbe, USAF/San Antonio, TX
- Pvt Dawson Wohlgamuth, Fort Benning, GA



We are looking for the help of our parishioners to assist with live streaming with our new camera system once we go live in March. This would require a minimal training session and then you will be part of a team that will be on a rotating schedule. You would need to be present for the scheduled live stream mass and show up before mass at least 15 minutes early to get the software and camera ready. Please contact Deacon Zaid for more questions and to sign up, dcnzaid@gmail.com.

Electronic Offertory is Available

Forget your envelope on the counter? • Forget to stop at the ATM?
 Ran out of checks before Mass?



Make weekly contributions worry free with electronic funds transfer for offertory. Contributions are deducted from either a checking or savings account on the 15th of each month. Special collection envelopes can still be used in the basket on Sundays.

Please consider this easy option for making your offertory contribution to St. John Church. If interested, please fill out the form below with a voided check included. Place it in an envelope and put in the offertory basket, bring it to the parish office or put in the mail.

I authorize St. John the Baptist to initiate electronic debit entries to my:

Checking Account Savings Account in the amount of \$_____ to be withdrawn each month,

beginning in the month of _____ Financial Institution: _____

I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of US law. This authority will remain in effect until I have canceled in writing.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Tuition Assistance

Friends of MCES
Scholarship Fund

Parish-specific
scholarship funds

Apply for more details.

Schedule an in-person
visit during non-school
hours with our principal,
Mr. Kubik!
Call 734-241-3923 or visit
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MCES Offers:

- Childcare (6 Weeks+)
- 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool
- Young 5s
- Kindergarten-8th Grade
- Before & After Latchkey
- Summer Programs for Preschool & School-Aged
- High Quality, Individualized Education
- Religious Formation & Mass
- CYO Athletics (4th & Up)
- Partnerships with SMCC, RRCA, & more!

Lay Leanings... By Deacon Mike Stewart

It was a rare event to get up so early to get my run in. Sitting on our deck very early in the morning, I became abundantly aware that little was moving at that time of the morning. I found it very odd for someone who's used to living in the white noise of our culture.

There was absolutely no sound of traffic whining at a high pitch off in the distance, no sound of trains as they make their way through crossings only blocks apart, no sound of airliners as they make their final approach to the Detroit airport. What I *did* hear was two birds singing back and forth to each other, each in a different tree; singing in a tone unfamiliar to me and at a pitch that was also strangely unfamiliar. I heard a busy woodpecker in a tree a couple houses down. Way off in the distance I heard a strange sound that almost resembled a waterfall, though I knew that wasn't possible. As I paid closer attention, it occurred to me it was the sound of a line of cottonwood trees far off in the distance.

As I sat there, I felt strangely as though I were a foreigner in someone else's space. And yet I realized that these same subtle sounds were likely *always* present to me, I just couldn't hear them, partly because of the white noise of culture, but partly because I chose to listen to the other noise in my life.

Within 30 minutes I heard the sound of truck off in the distance, likely a garbage truck entering our neighborhood. After another few minutes I heard the sound of a train horn echoing in the distance, still probably several miles away. The sullen silence was broken still by neighbor's dog barking to let us know he was awake. It seemed as though the town had awakened, as if someone had flipped a switch.

In the busyness of the balance of my day, I thought about that early morning encounter, and I recognized God's powerful hand in the silence. I recognized that if I put a genuine effort into shutting out the noise of my life occasionally, God is right there, behind all that noise. And it occurred to me just what I'm missing in God's beautiful creation if I'm not focused on listening.

Whoever has ears ought to hear. Mt. 11:15

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FOOD PANTRY

We need our Parish Faith Community to help us. We will be collecting the following items in the coming months. We also gladly accept monetary donations made out to: St. John Food Pantry.

April: Peanut Butter
May: Mac and Cheese

We accept non-perishable food at any time. Please be sure items are not out of date. There are baskets for drop-off in the church vestibule or bring items to the Parish Office. Thanks you.

For further information about Christian Service or Food Pantry, contact Lillian Williamson at lillianwilliamson@att.net or 734-770-7046

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saint John the Baptist Monthly Memorial

Ackerman & Ruman Families
Bacarella & Venier Families
Beck & Wehner Families
Robert & Joan Brennan
Fred R. Brossia Family
Patricia Blakey Burroughs
Christy Bates Carducci
Christy & Mary Carducci Family
Joseph J. Carrabino
Teresa (Carrabino) Hansen
Dominic Cicero, Jr.
Chester & Mildred Clark
Ann Clark
Theodore Colucci Family
Saverio & Mary Costello Family
Mary Jane Darrow
Rev. Albert Robert "Bob" DeSloover
Robert A. Dobberstein
Pat & Vera Drummonds Family
Robert J. Duffey Family

Kenneth & Wilma Dusseau Family
DuVall, Morrin & Cousino Families
Tom Gerweck
Rosemarie Hess-Schindler
Anna Hess
Lowell B. & Helen R. Hudson
Hudson & Gessner Families
Lauer & Bicking Families
Gus & Helen Janssens Family
Jonathon M. Keck
Thomas K. & Marie C. Keegan
Julian & David LaRoy
Jennifer (Martin) Layhew
Jerry E. Loughridge
Diane Mack
Dorian Mantei
William McIntyre
Barbara Metz
Armand & Lena Michelin Family

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Miller & Family
Connie S. Niemi
Vincent J. Palazzolo
Pancone & Donofrio Family
Sebastian & Vincenzina Patania
Pollzzie & Bacarella Family
Edward J. Roecker
John A. Scheich
Joseph Scheich
Janice Sordini
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Steffes & Family
Strauss & Grodi Families
Gregory Neil Thoma
Jeffery William Thoma
Joseph & Evelyn Thoma
Ron Thomas
William & Madeline Trawinski
Harold & Arlene Weaver
Gerald Windels