

You're Invited to an
evening of



Art and Music

Wednesday, May 31st at 6pm

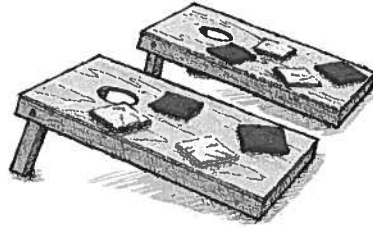
Our students that take music lessons will perform a musical concert.

The gym will be decorated with an art showcase from every child in the school.

Please use the gym entrance for this event.



FAITH. FOOD. FUN.
Cornhole Tournament



Sunday, June 4th 12pm-3pm

Please join us for 11AM Mass with tournament to follow

Tournament played by groups:

Adult with Child Under Age 10

Adult with Child Age 10 to 14

Two Under 15

** "Adult" is anyone over 15*

Please Sign Up At:

<https://tinyurl.com/3ds4t7ja>

or text or email Carissa (443) 622 - 2676

csmalecki@gmail.com



Tournament Signup Deadline May 28th - No Exceptions or Late Signups

Lunch Included ~ Prize for Winning Team ~ Additional Assorted Yard Games

~ Free to Attend! Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to support our Parish Blessing Box OR an item to donate to St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Centers ~

We are looking for teens to help with setup and take-down for Community Service Hours!

Sponsored by St. John's 200 Club/Youth Fund/Respect Life Team

We're On the *ROAD* to *RENEWAL*!

Exciting and challenging times are ahead for the Catholic Church as a whole, and for St. John's Parish as well. As you have heard, the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo has begun undertaking a reorganization called Road to Renewal. The goal of this plan is to enable parishes to work together to maximize our resources, especially facilities, finances, and most especially, our priests, deacons and staff.

This is not new; churches all over the country have already implemented this program. Several groups of churches in the Diocese of Buffalo have already begun their journey "down the Road." We are relatively new to the process, but this means we can draw on the experience of others to make things go more smoothly.

How this works: churches have been grouped into **Families of Parishes (FoPs)**. **Our family is:** St. John the Baptist; Saint Maximillian Kolbe (Corfu and East Pembroke locations); Immaculate Heart of Mary (Bennington and Darien Center locations); St. John Neumann (Sheldon and Strykersville locations); Sts. Joachim and Anne (Attica and Varysburg locations).

Members of each church in each FoP are now working on **Six Pillars**, which are the key components of Parish Life. The Pillars are:

Liturgy:	Tasks include designing a Mass schedule and a Sacramental schedule and forming an FoP Liturgy Committee to plan liturgical celebrations.
Spirituality:*	Tasks include: Sacramental preparation, Devotions, Retreats, RCIA and Life in the Eucharist
Forming Disciples:	Tasks include Catholic School, Religious Education K-12, Youth Ministry, Young Adult and Adult Faith Formation, Adult Leadership Training, Family Formation
OutReach/InReach:*	OutReach: ministries/activities aimed at bringing relief for those who are suffering; maintaining inclusivity; evangelization efforts for people who are unchurched and seeking Christ; promotion of missionary discipleship to attract new Catholics. InReach: ministry to those in our churches who are in physical or spiritual need; empowering parishioners, developing a culture of welcome.
Administration:	Human Resources (compensation, benefits and policies), Safe Environment, Governing and Family Leadership, Personnel, Budgeting, Communications, Security and Compliance; Processes and On-Site Hours.
Stewardship:	Tasks include Volunteerism (encouraging the donation of time, talent and treasure), Family and Parish Hospitality, Fundraising, Long Term Development/and financial success.

*St. John's currently does not have a representative on this Pillar Committee. We need to have a voice on each committee so that we ensure that we are part of all decisions made, and that the rest of the committee members understand the particulars of our church. Please consider volunteering. If you are interested, please get your name to Sue at the rectory: call 716-937-6959 or email st.johnsaldenparish@gmail.com. You are welcome to submit your name for any of the other Pillar Groups as well!

The ROAD ahead:

We've all seen the effect of decreasing numbers of parishioners and clergy in all our churches. With the Road to Renewal, we have an opportunity to increase our decision-making involvement, bring our expertise to the management and guidance of the church, and create a vibrant, faith-filled community that keeps our parishioners, children and community engaged, and that attracts others to worship with us. It's a big job, and your help is needed. Please continue to be aware of which is happening with the Road to Renewal and get involved with the Pillars if you can.

Check our website for updates and also go to the Diocesan website: roadtorenewal.org