



*The Parish Community of*

# St. John the Evangelist

January 15-16, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

## DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Lower Level Chapel)

## MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays immediately  
after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays  
3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

## HOLY DAYS

As indicated in bulletin

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.



## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

**W**ell, another Christmas season is behind us. We carry the spirit of Christmas with us all year long, and it is very important that we carry the living, breathing Jesus with us each day of the year! He is present to us. His presence is kindness, patience, love, and care. We are truly blessed by the events we have celebrated over the



past few weeks. All the anticipation of Advent that gave way to the joyous observance of Christmas renews our spirit and lifts our hearts. It is true that the season has its challenges for some of us. There is sadness and grief that does not take a break during the Christmas season. Keeping each other in our unique journeys through these days is important as well. This weekend, we begin to see the things that this child Jesus, now grown into a man, accomplishes. Rejoice, moms! This week we see Jesus obeying the fourth commandment, to honor his mother. Why would Mary make such a big deal about wine? It is necessary to view this event in the context of a Jewish wedding. It was a celebration for the entire community. Apparently, the wine ran out, for whatever reason. Mary anticipates the difficulty and embarrassment this could bring and asks a very big act from her son. As usual, the action of Jesus provides so much more than expected. Jesus' generosity in this event provides for us an understanding of what is to come. Jesus will reach out to all in need, bringing them what they need. Most of all, he provides insight into the immense love the Father lavishes on all of those he has brought into existence. We spend our lives finding ways to repay that generosity. It may be challenging, but it is not difficult. It is a choice we make. Jesus chose to obey the request of his mother and act in a way that provided what was needed. When we are put in a position to respond to a need, we too must find a way and generously respond to God's love in our lives by bringing it to those in need. Kindness and generosity, both of heart and otherwise, must not only exist during the Christmas season. It must be a lesson we learn and use in our lives all year long.



### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:1-3

*Father Elston*

### LECTIO DIVINA

*Suggested verses:* Today's entire second reading reminds us all of the depth of living in the Spirit to which we are called. Reflect on this reading. Pray over it, meditate upon it, and ask yourself to what action (or actions) it may lead you.

### SAVE THE DATE!

# Night at the Races

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Saturday, February 26

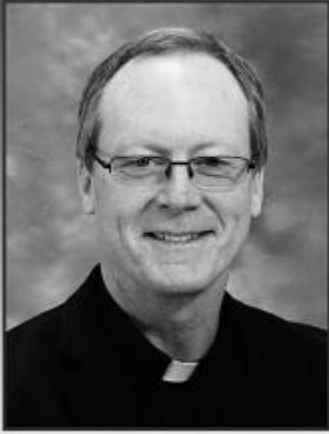
in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center

More information to follow!



*All of us at Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Joseph Marelo pray for God's blessings on Bishop-Elect Walsh!*

POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS



REVEREND  
JEFFREY J. WALSH



*Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan*

OFFICE CLOSED



Our parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 17** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

REMINDER

Tomorrow, **Monday, January 17**, is the last day to place an order for our Take-Out Pasta Dinner this Wednesday. Information is on page 7. Your support will be much appreciated!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY LOTTERY TICKETS

Tickets are now available at the Parish Office for February 2022, every Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lottery tickets are \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the Holy Name Society projects and our parish. Returns must be in before January 28, 2022 in order to register all tickets. Thank you for your support.

CONCERT SERIES

*Exciting news from St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Marelo Parishes!* We are in the process of planning a concert series that we hope to begin this spring (provided things are looking up and COVID spread is down considerably!). Both of our churches will host concerts by our own parish musicians, as well as other musicians from near and far, including collegiate musical ensembles, renowned liturgical composers, and world-class concert organists. A complete schedule will be available later this winter, but we just wanted to give you a heads-up about something we will all be able to look forward to in the New Year! We plan to commence our Concert Series with a performance by the Marywood University Chamber Singers on **Friday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.** in Saint John the Evangelist Church.



HYMNAL MEMORIALIZATION

In late November, our parish began using *Gather*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, published by GIA Publications. We look forward to introducing new music from these hymnals. You are welcome to sponsor one or more hymnals in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please use this form and submit with payment, in the collection basket, at the parish office, or by mail. **Cost per hymnal is \$25.00.**



Please select one:  In Memory of  In Honor of

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, Jan. 17</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbott</b> Jean Casterline <i>by Charles and Roberta Jones</i>
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 18</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Rosemary Maisano <i>by Clarence Maisano</i>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 19</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Joseph Loughney <i>by Julie and Tony Ponganis</i>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 20</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Thomas C. Smith, Sr. <i>by Parish Community</i>
<b>Friday, Jan. 21</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b> Agnes Shoback <i>by John Kudrak</i>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 22</b> 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</b> Nuptial Mass: Lawrence Medico, Jr. & Lauren Timek Joseph Ziolkowski <i>by Bob and Paul Banellis</i>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 23</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> In Memory of the Knox Mine Disaster Clare and Joseph Weiss <i>by Family</i>

**MEMORIAL HONOR CANDLES  
MONTH OF JANUARY**

**In memory of Peter and Martha Gechunis**  
*by Daughter Cathy*

**In memory of Sam and Joseph Valenti**  
*by Family Theresa and Renee'*

**ETERNAL REST GRANT  
UNTO THEM, O LORD**

*Sr. Maureen Dailey, IHM*  
*Anthony Griglock*  
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*Monsignor Alexander Kulick*  
*Regina Poplawski*  
*Sr. Madeline Swaboski, IHM*

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**Weekend of January 8-9**

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<b>Children:</b>	<b>\$ 52.13</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Dues:</b>	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>

**Total Envelopes Used: 240**

**INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

If you would like a financial statement, please call the Parish Office at 570-654-0053. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish and its many ministries. You can "catch up" on your 2021 offerings until the weekend of January 29-30.

**CARE AND CONCERN MINISTRIES**

*Important Updates for Our Ministries*

**FOOD PANTRY**

Free food is given, **by appointment**, to qualifying households in the Pittston Area and Wyoming Area School Districts. Households may receive food once per month from September through May. **Pre-qualification** is done by phone at **570-654-9923**.

Proof of address (recent utility bill) is required at your first appointment **each year**. Food Pantry appointments are made for the **First and Second Wednesdays**

of each month. This ministry is closed from June through August.

**KIDS CLOSET**

The Kids Closet offers new and gently used clothing for free to children (sizes newborn through 16) to families in the Pittston Area and Wyoming Area School Districts. **Photo ID** is required to participate in this ministry. Families are able to visit the Kids Closet every **six weeks**.

This ministry is open the

**First and Second Wednesdays** of each month from **9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** with **no evening hours**.

**TOY AND BOOK CORNER**

The “Corner” offers new and gently used toys and books for free to children and families in the Pittston Area and Wyoming Area School Districts. **Photo ID** is required to participate in this ministry. Families are able to visit the Toy and Book Corner every **six weeks**.

This ministry is open the

**First and Second Wednesdays** of each month from **9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** with **no evening hours**.

**PEDIATRIC HEALTH CLINIC**

The Pediatric Clinic offers basic health care for children ages newborn through 11. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Call **570-855-6035** for more information.

**Information about the Free Health Clinic is forthcoming.**

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

We are most grateful for the following donations made to the many ministries of the Church and deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness.

**FOOD PANTRY**

John Cituk, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> United Presbyterian Church of West Pittston; **(In honor of Regina Sperrazza)** by Cathy Turonis; **(Happy Birthday in honor of Roseanna Ricotta)** by Cathy Turonis.

**HEALTH CLINIC**

**(In memory of Shaun Lussi)** by Patricia Gubbiotti; **(In memory of Ann C. Noone)** by John and Dorothy Reilly

**CARE AND CONCERN MINISTRIES**

Ellen Toole; **(In memory of Ann C. Noone)** by John and Angela Callahan; Agatha Abromavage; **(In memory of Colleen Conlon)** by Sharon Baloga; **(In memory of Ann O’Connell Noone)** by Frank and Mary Carden; **(In memory of Chris Mortensen)** by Rich and Cathy Rusnok; **(In memory of Joseph Mattioli)** by Rich and Cathy Rusnok.

**KIDS CLOSET**

**(In memory of Ann Noone)** by JoAnne McHale.

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**

**(In memory of Ann Noone)** by Friends of the Pittston Memorial Library, Jean Goham, Rich and Cathy Rusnok.



**Sat., Jan. 22 – 4:30 p.m.**

*Lector* R. Scatena  
*Server* J. Riley  
*EM* M. Roberts  
*Cantor* B. Grula

**Sun., Jan. 23 – 9:00 a.m.**

*Lector* P. Gerosky  
*Server* K. Schell  
*EM* K. Gonska  
*Cantor* E. Johnson

**Sun., Jan. 24 – 11:30 a.m.**

*Lector* M. Vetack  
*Server* L. Russin  
*EM* S. Vitek  
*Cantor* TBD

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**January 23, 2022**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

# VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**  
**6:00PM | ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH, LAFLIN**

**CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA**  
**BISHOP OF SCRANTON**

Join us on the eve of the 48th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.

***We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St. Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT**  
**[DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG](http://DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG)**

Saint John the Evangelist Parish  
*Take-Out*

# Pasta Dinner



**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

Pickup from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center

*Donation: \$15.00 per dinner*

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