



The Parish Community of
St. John the Evangelist

January 22-23, 2022

3rd 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.



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On rare occasions, we might find ourselves to be the eyewitnesses to a news event. We might see an accident, or worse yet, be involved in one. We might see a fire or be a part of some other event that is newsworthy. It definitely makes an impact on us. It gives us a certain perspective when we are actually present when something happens that affects others. Often this might be in a bad way, but sometimes not. Luke opens his two-fold account of the events of Jesus' life by setting it in a certain context. He informs us that his Gospel, and later his authorship of the Acts of the Apostles, relates real stories, real events that take us back to the eyewitnesses of Christ. This framing of the events helps us to approach the reality of Jesus being a real person, who lived, who was grounded in historical events at a specific time in history and in a certain place. Luke tells us that these are not magnificent "fairy tales" but instead relates these stories after much investigation. Like most stories of newsworthy events, those reporting the events want their accounts to be specific and accurate. We can be aware of the presence of Christ every day. It is important for us to be able to take this man, centered in human history, of whom much is written, spoken, and thought, and make him real before our



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— G I S —

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

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eyes and hearts. It is up to us to bear the message, to in fact, *be* the message to those we encounter. If we do not do this, the reality of the event does not get communicated to anyone. God works through us to bring the peace and presence of Jesus Christ, his beloved Son, to a church, a community, and a world that very desperately needs him. The message is meant for all people. As has been said many times before, "we are all in this together". And that together includes the person Jesus Christ who journeys with us in this life and leads us with passion and purpose to eternal life. This dramatic scene in the synagogue on a sabbath day reminds us of the depth of life to which we are all called to live, with Jesus in our midst.

Father Elston

LECTIO DIVINA

Suggested verse to reflect upon: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”* Reflect prayerfully on how you, an anointed servant of God, brings glad tidings, liberty, and sight to others.

SAVE THE DATE!

Night at the Races



Sponsored by the Holy Name Society
and Altar and Rosary Society

Saturday, February 26
in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center

More information to follow!

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to all who supported our Take-Out Pasta Dinner this past Wednesday, to Jane Roche and Midge Butsavage who coordinated the dinner, and to all volunteers who assisted them. The food was delicious!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lawrence Medico, Jr. and Lauren Timek, who received the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, January 22 in our church. We ask God's blessings upon them!

WINTER WEATHER

For our Daily Mass attendees, please remember that on days when the Pittston Area School District has a two-hour delay, is closed, or is having a virtual instruction day due to weather, our 7:30 a.m. Mass will be cancelled.



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 this **Friday, January 28** in order to register all tickets. Thank you for your support.

CONCERT SERIES

Exciting news from St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Marelllo 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*, 4th 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

Names of those you wish to remember/honor: _____

Given by: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ Cash Check

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

January 30, 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel
Luke 4:21-30

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Elston

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Rectory & Household Staff

Jane Roche

Midge Butsavage



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan. 24 7:30 a.m.	Memorial of St. Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Thomas A. Connors <i>by Paula and Jim Connors</i>
Tuesday, Jan. 25 7:30 a.m.	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Dec'd of Kern Family <i>by Paul and Sheila Kern</i>
Wednesday, Jan. 26 7:30 a.m.	Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Joseph Lynn <i>by Ida LaFratte</i>
Thursday, Jan. 27 7:30 a.m.	Weekday Anne Noone <i>by Reedy Family</i>
Friday, Jan. 28 7:30 a.m.	Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Providence Winters <i>by Joe and Beverly DeMuro</i>
Saturday, Jan. 29 4:30 p.m.	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil) Lynch and Hoban Families <i>by Family</i>
Sunday, Jan. 30 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary McCawley <i>by John, Donald, and Mary Lou</i> Clare Kane <i>by Family</i>

**MEMORIAL HONOR CANDLES
MONTH OF JANUARY**

In memory of Mary O'Malley Reedy
By Family

In memory of Anna Koenig
*By daughters Elizabeth, Louise, and
Grandchildren*

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

*George Krizenoskas
Sister Celeste Parry, IHM
JoAnn R. Valenti*

STEWARDSHIP: YOUR GIFT OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Weekend of January 15-16

\$ 10,025.00

Offertory:	\$ 7,635.00
Children:	\$ 9.00
Loose	\$ 100.00
Dues:	\$ 2,281.00

Total Envelopes Used: 378

**ONLINE COLLECTIONS
FROM NOVEMBER 5-DECEMBER 30**

Offertory:	\$ 3,555.00
Dues:	\$ 85.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,640.00

ONLINE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

\$350.00

**ONLINE COLLECTIONS
FROM JANUARY 1-9
OFFERTORY: \$505.00**

**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

Helene Gershey; (**In memory of Ellen Savakinas**) by Paul and Rita Gerosky.

HEALTH CLINIC

(**In memory of Ann C. Noone**) by Friends at Boulevard Station/Connect 55, John and Cathy Kearney, Jr.; (**In memory of Ellen Savakinas**) by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Houston.

CARE AND CONCERN MINISTRIES

(**In memory of Clare Kane**) by Jacqueline Vitek; (**In memory of Colleen Conlon**) by Joseph and Tina Drahus, Jacqueline Vitek; (**In memory of Ann C. Noone**) by Michael and Ann Hopkins, Rosemary Swartwood, Paul and Sheila Kern, Kathy Fallon, Lynn and Charlie Shatinsky, The Parkers; (**In memory of Mary Sciandra**) by Rich and Cathy Rusnok; (**In memory of Denise McFadden Skrzysowski**) by Michael and Ann Hopkins; (**In memory of Gerald (Bayde) T. Caffrey**) by Adam Holmes; (**In memory of Cindy Smith**) by Michael and Mary Therese Cotter; (**In memory of Ruth Ann Gattuso**) by Rich and Cathy Rusnok; (**In memory of Nathan Gray**) by William and Sandra Gilmartin; (**In memory of James Trombetta**) by Grace Hassey.

KIDS CLOSET

(**In memory of Colleen McGlynn McAndrew**) by Michael and Mary Lou Fereck; (**In memory of Ellen Savakinas**) by Michael and Mary Lou Fereck.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

(**In memory of Clare Kane**) by Rich and Cathy Rusnok; (**In memory of Mary Kathryn Mackachinas**) by Diane and Edward Moran, Diana and Tom Moran.

PEDIATRIC CLINIC

(**In memory of Ann C. Noone**) by Sheila Walsh.



Sat., Jan. 29 – 4:30 p.m.

Lector V. Lazzari
Server A. Lazzari
EM J. Roche
Cantor K. Melvin

Sun., Jan. 30 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector R. Linskey
Server A. & A. Butcher
EM W. Serfass
Cantor E. Johnson

Sun., Jan. 30 – 11:30 a.m.

Lector A. Kokura-Kravitz
Server G. Caprio
EM N. Chopyak
Cantor TBD

WEEK OF PRAYER
for Christian Unity

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one."

JOHN 17:20-21



Altar and Rosary Society

Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre



The Altar and Rosary Society of Saint John the Evangelist is sponsoring a bus trip to see the amazing production of **"David"**

*Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA
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