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Sunday, January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS OPEN TO PUBLIC:
SUNDAY MASSES: Sat. Vigil: 5:00 PM, Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 AM

EVERYDAY MASS IS BROADCAST ON YOUTUBE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Sat.: 3:30-4:00 PM

Weekly Schedule

Sat Jan. 23, 2021
9am Grade 1– Ms Kathy Wilson
10am Grade 2– Ms Bernadette
10am Grade 2– Ms Amanda Luckman
11am Grade 3– Ms Kathy Wilson
12pm Grade 4– Ms Erin Johnson
3:30pm CONFESSIONS
5pm LIVE MASS

Sun Jan. 24, 2021
7:30am MASS - In-Person but not YouTube
9:30am In-Person and YouTube MASS
11am Grade10– Ms Cathy Edmister & Ms Ann Schuler

Mon Jan. 25, 2021
8am Daily Mass on our YouTube Channel
6pm ⚜Cub Scouts & Den Mtg.

Tue Jan. 26, 2021
8am In-Person and YouTube Daily Mass
6pm ⚜Boy Scouts

Wed Jan. 27, 2021
8am Daily Mass on our YouTube Channel

Thu Jan. 28, 2021
8am In-Person and YouTube Daily Mass

Fri Jan. 29, 2021
8am Daily Mass on our YouTube Channel

Sat Jan. 30, 2021
9am Grade 6– Ms Beth Mitchell
10am Grade 5– Ms Katy Franks
11am Grade 8– Mr. Greg Newman
12pm Grade 7– Ms RoseAnn Roberts
3:30pm CONFESSIONS
5pm LIVE MASS

Sun Jan. 31, 2021
7:30am LIVE MASS Live but not YouTube
9:30am LIVE MASS
11am Grade 9– Mr. Jim Cox

Parish Services: Hours

9:30-11am after Mass on Sun.

Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:30-11am

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HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs.

The years-long civil war in Syria has had catastrophic effects on the lives of millions of Syrians. More than six million people have been displaced within the country, while five million more have left their homeland for other countries as refugees. Neighboring Jordan and Lebanon have taken in many Syrian refugees, over half of whom are children. With limited educational resources, Jordan and Lebanon cannot provide counseling for trauma and loss or meet other essential needs of the Syrian children living in the refugee camps.

To address the needs of refugee children, CRS and local church partner organizations provide educational opportunities for refugee children facing unique challenges. One boy, Ibrahim, had behavioral problems and poor academic performance that hindered his learning. With the help of a CRS-sponsored educational program for special needs children, Ibrahim excelled in his studies and became happier, more sociable, and more engaged in the classroom.

You give children like Ibrahim opportunities to learn and grow when you contribute to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . .

In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services** (MRS).

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.** (CLINIC).

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

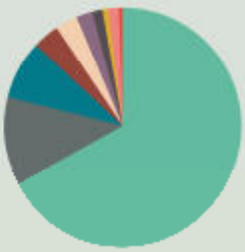
Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services** (CRS).

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2019

Grants	Amount	Percentage
Catholic Relief Services	$11,119,987	67.1%
CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)	$1,976,905	11.9%
USCCB Migration & Refugee Services	$1,353,710	8.2%
USCCB International Justice & Peace	$590,516	3.6%
Holy Father's Relief Fund	$500,000	3.0%
USCCB Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees & Travelers	$362,267	2.2%
USCCB Asian & Pacific Island Affairs	$228,361	1.4%
USCCB Justice, Peace, & Human Development Education & Outreach	$136,052	0.8%
Administration		
Promotion & Education Costs	$237,778	1.4%
Administrative Expenses	$73,174	0.4%



Support the Catholic Relief Services Annual Collection Next Weekend here at St. John's

Welcome

St. John's would like to give a warm welcome to the 15th Bishop of Buffalo Diocese, Most Reverend Michael William Fischer. We wish you nothing but well wishes in your new adventure.

REMEMBER in your prayers

Estabania Andino, Jacqueline Artieri, Todd Bentley, Michelle Bernard, Paul Bernard, Donna Beshaw, Elizabeth Bishop, Jean Burke, Marian Cappiello, James Cinelli, Robert Cinelli, Diane Condren, Valerie D'Angelo, Harold Donoughe, Paul Dudas, Pam Farina, Grant Ferris, Daniel Fitzgerald, Molly Fleischman, Paul & Star Fletcher, Josie Furioso, Mary Gangi, Richard Gassney, Albert Gates, Roger C. Goupil, John Harper, Joseph Harrer, Colleen Harvey, John Homans, Donna Johnston, Jean Lichtenthal, Emma Kerrison, Jerome Kern, Sandra LeBar, Eileen Ludwig, Joyce Matthews, Carol McCarthy, Anlisa Migliore, Margaret Moor, Dennis Moran, Jamie Naple, Zachary Newman, Deborah Nichols, Lynda Niland, Connie & Gene Oakes, Nancy Perry, Jean Pettit, Marco Portales, Karen Puff, Cindy Pusateri, Barbara Redding, Patricia Remick, Judy Rutowski, Anthony Sammarco, Diane Sammarco, Robert Sanders, Linda Santillo, Karen Schmidt, Helene Seymour, Deacon William Schryver, Mary Schubauer, Rev. Eugene Slomba, Karen Smith, Anita Sullivan, Michael Tomaino, Denise Waite, George Williams, Keith Wright, Nicholas Zona.

Rest in Peace

Roger Kasprzak, Margaret Lewandowski

All deceased members and friends of St. John's Parish Community

NEW "PARISH SERVICES" Office are NOW OPEN

Office Hours will be available to serve you before or after In-Person Masses

We are excited to re-open parish Office Hours in a new place at new times to serve you better! Here are some things to know if you need some "member services" as a parishioner or need information, records, forms, paperwork, or Mass Intention or appointment scheduling.

- **Better Location.** The new "Parish Services Office" is located right next to the Parking Lot entrance
- to the Church, with no stairs to climb.
- **COVID-ready.** We can serve you fast in a sanitized and COVID-ready location separated from the Priests' living quarters.
- **Available when you are here for Mass.** We will be open ***after*** the 8am Public Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays, until 11AM and on Sundays ***after*** the 9:30am Mass, until 11AM.
- **Up-to-date.** With new technology, we can process your records and requests quickly and smoothly.
- **Self-Service or Full-Service.** The most-commonly requested forms, information, ministry schedules, faith formation sign-ups and registration, bulletins and literature are at your fingertips with no waiting!
- **Convenient and Accessible.** Easier for persons with physical disabilities and closer to parking --and available to you when you are already on our campus for Mass.
- **Well-connected.** We can serve you in person, via telephone, e-mail, "Zoom," or video call no matter what quarantine restrictions or personal needs might require.
- **Parish Services is also going virtual!** 21st Century communications will be available 24/7. ***Soon we will announce a ST. JOHN's PARISH APP for your smartphone*** and a revamped ***Website*** through a whole new communications service called **WeConnect !**

Stop by or contact our friendly staff!
PARISH **TELEPHONE** and **MOBILE**:
Voice **Call** or **Text. (716) 433-8118**

Business Manager, **Cheryl Naples:**
cnaples@stjohnslockport.com
Parish Services Associate, **Lisa Shaw**:
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To inquire about making an *appointment with one of the priests*, as COVID restrictions allow: Call or text (716) 433-8118 or stop in and talk to Lisa or Cheryl. The Pastor's personal email is **frwaite@stjohnslockport.com**

Mass Schedule

Sat., Jan. 23 – PUBLIC LIVE & YOUTUBE MASS
5PM Richard R. Rooney
by Edmund & Jean White

Sun., Jan. 24 - PUBLIC LIVE & YOUTUBE MASS
7:30AM Dorothy Pease
by John Pease

9:30AM Yolanda Gorman
by Friends

Mon., Jan. 25 – YouTube ONLINE ONLY
8AM Joseph & Faith Lynch
By Roy & Joyce Laubacker

Tues., Jan. 26 – PUBLIC LIVE & YOUTUBE MASS
8AM Bill & Lorna McLean
By Bill & Cheryl Lewandowski

Wed., Jan. 27– YouTube ONLINE ONLY
8AM Special Intention:
Tammy Jordan
by Aunt Pat & Family

Thurs., Jan.28 – PUBLIC LIVE & YOUTUBE MASS
8AM Special Intention for healing
For Molly Fleishman
By Cher

Friday, Jan. 29 – YouTube ONLINE ONLY
8 AM Margaret Lewandowski
By The Roy Laubacker Family

Sat., Jan. 30– PUBLIC LIVE & YOUTUBE MASS
5PM Bob Steinberger
by Nadine Oates

Sun., Jan. 31 - PUBLIC LIVE & YOUTUBE MASS
7:30AM Pat & Bill
By The Family

9:30AM Josephine Pearl Currie &
Robert John Currie Sr.
by Family

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for
Peg Sandusky
by Ed Sandusky

For details about this special intention, call the rectory. The Sanctuary Lamp is the 7-day candle next to the Tabernacle which signifies that the Real Presence of Christ is within it.

CORONAVIRUS RULES TO BE FOLLOWED AT ST. JOHN'S

Fundamental Principle: The spread of COVID-19 is directly related to persons coming into the physical proximity of others in the same place at the same time, especially for an extended period.

The following rules have therefore been set forth.

1. ***Any gathering that can be accomplished remotely should be done remotely.*** Any meeting, gathering, group activity, class, faith sharing, spiritual activity, or social function which can be accomplished using ZOOM or other means should **not take place in-person.**

   e.g. All Faith Formation Classes will be held online. However, a group may need to gather together physically to rehearse their participation in a liturgy or sacramental celebration that would not be possible remotely, so that single exception is permitted.

   The use of the facilities for the gathering of multiple persons is inherently risky, and even if permitted, can never exceed 25 participants and staff. Except for the Church and Hall, all rooms are limited to 5 persons.

2. ***Sunday Eucharistic Liturgies are in-person gatherings primarily, and online gatherings secondarily.*** **Sunday Mass is an obligation of every Catholic; daily Mass is a choice. Therefore, as much as possible, Sunday Mass takes place in-person.** Bearing in mind that the dispensation from the Sunday Obligation remains in force during this time, Sunday Mass is the fundamental act of Worship for the Christian Community and has a centrality to the life of faith to which nothing else can compare.

   Sunday Mass is a communal prayer. The reception of the Holy Eucharist can only take place **in-person.** Therefore, all other activities of the parish are secondary in comparison. The Church, its buildings, its ministers and its people are specifically ordered towards the celebration of Sunday Mass **together**. Because of its importance, it is offered **remotely as well as in-person** as much as possible given the circumstances.

   Besides physical space, ***time*** and ***distance*** matter. Leaving the premises quickly and with minimal excursions into the six feet around each person is the goal at the conclusion of Mass; hence there is to be no greeting, mingling or socializing.

3. ***Other Sacraments that require a gathering.*** The Sacraments of Penance and Baptism also rightly can only take place **in-person.** They are made available according to a schedule and by such means as possible, given the Public Health situation.

4. ***While praiseworthy, Daily Mass is not always available in every church every day.*** Throughout our country and the world, Daily Mass is not a universal expectation. At St. John's, Daily Mass is offered in-person on Tuesday and Thursday and Online Only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Keep in mind that the church must be sanitized after every use, and **Funeral Masses** are often occurring during the weekdays. While the opportunity for Daily Mass abounds, each of us gets ***only one*** **Mass of Christian Burial.** To facilitate this, we offer our Masses remotely with the knowledge that each of us has the opportunity to physically receive the Eucharist at least weekly, though we also receive Him spiritually in our online Masses.

5. ***The Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, St. Jude Novena, and other devotions are individual prayer that does not require physical gathering.*** There is no real need to be physically present in Church for these spiritual acts. It therefore follows from Rule #1 (above) that the facility not be used for these kinds of prayer, especially considering the availability of online and televised devotions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc.

6. ***Group gatherings should not take place*** for socializing, fellowship, dinners, banquets, fundraisers, parties, etc. An exception might be a Scout Meeting that requires the teaching of "hands-on" skills or specifically physical team activity. Special requirements are in effect for these situations. In addition, all food is prohibited from all public spaces across the property right now.

DECEMBER 2020. RULES IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Approved: Rev. James A. Waite

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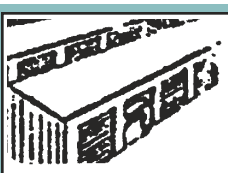

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