

OUR MISSION

St. John de LaSalle is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that seeks to live the Gospel message of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We embrace our faith and support our members through: prayer, worship, evangelization, loving service and fellowship, life-long education and responsible stewardship. We are grounded in the Sacraments and we place the worship of Christ in the Eucharist at the center of our parish life. In gratitude for our many gifts, talents and blessings, we respond with compassion to the spiritual and corporal needs of all.

BAPTISMS

Parents should call the Pastoral Care Office soon after the birth of the child to arrange to attend the baptism preparation class, held on the last Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are scheduled for the first and third weekend of the month after the 11:15 or 4:30 Mass, or they can be done during the 11:15 or 4:30 Mass.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please call the PCO during regular office hours to determine if you are eligible to receive a letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendation (to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation) may be issued to currently registered parishioners who attend Mass, are confirmed and married in the Church.

MARRIAGES

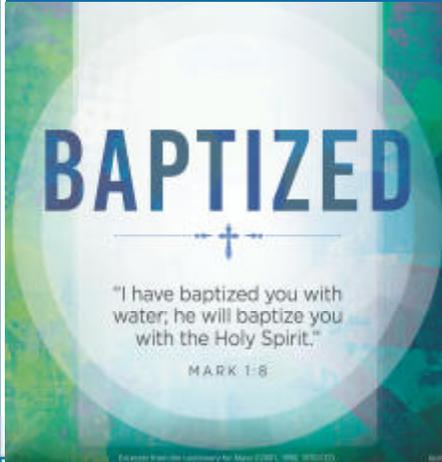
Couples should begin planning with the parish at least six months prior to the wedding date. A marriage program is an essential part of the planning process.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please contact the Pastoral Care Office to arrange for pastoral visits for hospitalized or homebound parishioners.

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January 10, 2021**

**The Baptism Of
The Lord**



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Pastor. Ext. 308
Emergency Only 579-4949
OfficeExt. 302/301
Faith Formation 283-5140
..... Ext. 304
Community Care / Food Pantry -
Mrs. Lynn Siegfried622-5880

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:..... 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass:..... 8:45am, 11:15am

Weekdays:..... 8:00 am (Monday thru Friday)

Tuesday:.....6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

Followed By Mass at 7:00 pm. Anointing Of The Sick On The First Tuesday Of Each Month.

Eucharistic Adoration:Thursday 8:45 -
Midnight!

Non Gluten Eucharist Available On Request

*Restroom w/changing table located near daily chapel;
there is another restroom in the west foyer.*

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Slawomir Siok, SAC

Office Administrator: Mrs. Mary Newman

Office Assistant: Mrs. Cynthia Tripoli

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Mr. Jeff Paterson

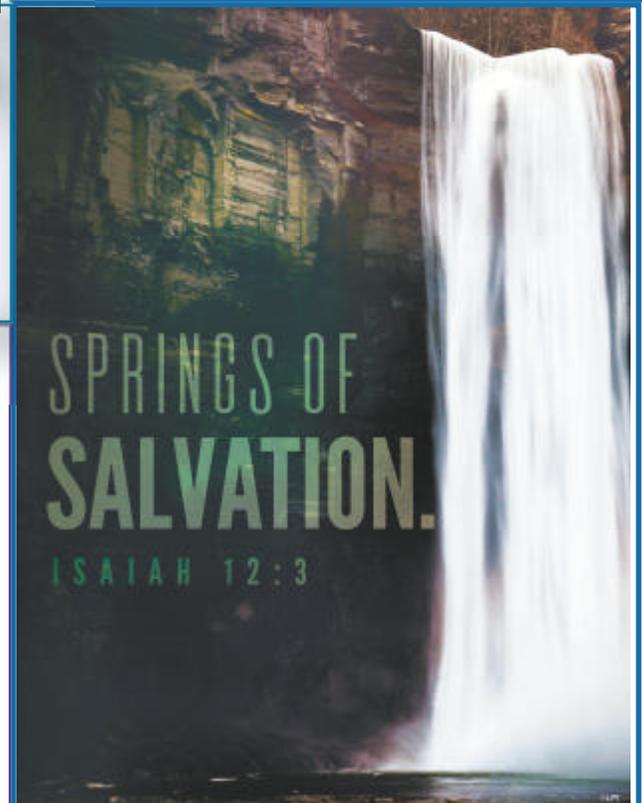
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January 10, 2021
The Baptism Of The Lord
Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper

Saturday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel
 4:30 pm Rudy Martinez (Birth) by Nancy & Angel Martinez

Sunday, January 10, Baptism Of The Lord

8:45 am Brian Kindzia by Jim & Carolyn Webb
 11:15 am Dorothy Corrigan by Shirley Wayda

Monday, January 11, Weekday (First Week In Ordinary Time)

8:00 am Edward Miodonski by Estate

Tuesday, January 12, Weekday

8:00 am Arnold Littlewood by Nancy & Angel Martinez
 6:30 pm St. Jude Novena
 7:00 pm Barbara Joseph

Wednesday, January 13, Saint Hilary, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

8:00 am People Of The Parish

Thursday, January 14, Weekday

8:00 am Margaret Trevino (14th Anniversary) by Nancy & Angel Martinez

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 15, Weekday

8:00 am Anthony Gara by Karen & Lynn Scalia

Saturday, January 16, Weekday

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel
 4:30 pm Louis And Richard Turri by Frank & Therese Calovini

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:45 am Albert Trotter by Family
 11:15 am Dorothy Corrigan by David & Cathy D'Angelo

Please pray for our ill and hospitalized: Pat & Jim Hahn, Lynette & Family, Tim Coughlin, Anne-Marie S., Daune Calovini, Tim, Lora Pfohl, Chris Nelson, Ron, Michele Promowicz Newman, Andrew Montoro, Gail Jakubowski, Jack Ozyp, , Cathy D'Angelo, Ryan Welsh, Will, Amelia Morganti, Bob & Christine Belkota, Kevin White, J. White, Little J., MCL, Doug, Kay M. Z., Bob Carr, Matthew Smith, Dave DeLuke, Suzanne DeLuke, John C., Emilia Kobus, Brad Ludwig, Gabrielle Wittkop, Rosemary, Vikki H, Hank Buchalski, Barb Anthony, Inez, John Butler, Joanne I. Philbrick, Violet Iadicco, Joel Rivera, Alex, Jim & Denise Clapps, Kristy, Lynn Kowalski, Ken Shebelle, Monica Pietras, Richard, Carol Buchalski, Anastasia Rafter, Carrie Wheeler, Baby Sammy, Rose Muto, Olivia P., Kim Z., Jude Holka, Kelly Metzinger, Joe Ceretto, Linda Marino, Tricia Papke; Shirley Kostoff, Chester Bradley, Kellianne Laughing, Jean DeMarco, Norma Genovese, Paul Hogan, Sharon Costanzo, Joel Rivera, Jessica McDowel, Todd Littlewood, Andrew Mrzygut

The Sanctuary Light Burns With Unceasing Prayer In Front Of The Blessed Sacrament For The Month Of January In Memory Of Richard Touma By Family!

The **2021 Breaking Bread Missalettes'** are now available at all the masses. To defray the cost of shipping I am asking each person who wishes to receive a book to pay \$5.00. I appreciate your help with this cost!

Thank You!!

AN EXHORTATION: CHOOSE TO LIVE LIKE CHRIST

The Baptism of the Lord - We are the Body of Christ

Our faith must be brought into the streets. It cannot remain locked up in a church or limited to expressions of personal piety. Pope Francis reminds us in The Joy of the Gospel that "we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. It is through our baptisms that we are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. It is not solely about our eternal salvation. In baptism, we receive what we need to be successful in fulfilling our purpose and laboring for the kingdom of God. Baptism is ultimately about putting on Christ and choosing to live like Christ in the world. This means putting Jesus' command to love at the forefront of our lives. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

Baptism is the Easter mystery made flesh in our lives, reminding us of who we are called to be, and the kind of world God designed for our use. It is because of this truth that Pope Francis can say that "we have a treasure of life and love which cannot deceive and a message which cannot mislead or disappoint. It penetrates to the depths of our hearts, sustaining and ennobling us. It is a truth which is never out of date because it reaches that part of us which nothing else can reach. Our infinite sadness can only be cured by infinite love." Many are experiencing a great depth of infinite sadness. They are lost and without a true shepherd. They have no real axis in their lives and do not know how to frame the choices they make or purify their thoughts and feelings. It is, quite frankly, a mess. We need to help our world move forward and find a greener pasture beyond the sadness. We can powerfully witness to this by moving beyond our own sadness and embracing hope. Baptism tells us who we are and assures us that we are on a much bigger journey. This is good news indeed!

But we cannot move forward by cancelling our past or erasing its memory. History is important. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not always have been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud, and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We must acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We certainly cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. The times when humanity in general, and people in particular, have lost their way are the very times that need to be reconciled and redeemed. Baptized people can speak to this need and help with this healing. We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds, and be reconciled with our Creator. We need a conscience. This is only accomplished by having a strong relationship with God, being informed and enlightened by good, solid teaching, living a good moral life, being persons of integrity, and discerning the path to virtuous, Gospel centered decisions. Do we bring a well formed conscience to our daily choices?

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally, but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. The Gospel, ratified in us through baptism, anchors us in the God given virtues of faith, hope, and love. It orients us to truth and that truth brings joy. It is only through baptism that we can remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die. It is amazing that when we actually put on Christ so much changes! We learn to resolve our conflicts peacefully and without recourse to violence.

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Every Week We Need \$5500.00 To Cover Our Weekly Expenses!

Christmas Collection For December 25, 2020: \$6783.29 (1.23%)

Sunday, December 27, 2020: \$2383.00 (43%)

January 1, 2021, Solemnity of Mary: \$738.00

Sunday, January 3, 2021: Regular Collection: \$3429.00 (62%)

Monthly Collection: \$60.00, **Utilities:** \$5.00, **Christmas Flowers:** \$2.00, **Votives:** \$19.00, **Christmas Offering:** \$95.00, **Immaculate Conception:** \$20.00, **Religious Retirement:** \$2.00, **Debt Reduction:** \$461.00, **Children's Collection:** \$16.00, **Advent Offering:** \$43.00, **Solemnity of Mary:** \$113.00, **All Saints:** \$10.00, **All Souls:** \$10.00, **Mail:** \$583.00.

Online Giving: 12/21/20—12/27/20:

Regular Collection: \$289.00.

12/28/20—12/31/20: Regular Collection: \$345.00, **Monthly:** \$303.00.

01/01/21—01/03/21: Regular Collection: \$430.00, **Utilities:** \$25.00, **Community Care:** \$25.00, **Reduce Debt:** \$20.00, **Monthly:** \$100.00.

The Second Collection On 01/10/21—Monthly Sacrifice.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have kept our Church running during this pandemic. We rely on your weekly envelope donations and even if you cannot make it to church, please try to keep up with your envelopes, we still have bills to pay and now that the colder weather is upon us, we will have an increase in heating and electric.

There are several ways available for your convenience:

Online Giving—Go to St. John de LaSalle Church—Click On the Web Site and at the bottom click on ONLINE GIVING.

Drop Off At The PCO—Monday—Friday from 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Or Just Mail To: St. John de LaSalle Church
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Thank You For Your Continued Support!!

**Rosary Altar December Lottery Winners!!!!
December 14th—December 20th!**

12/21—Paul Catherine

12/22—Jenny Fitz-Patrick

12/23—No Winner

12/24—No Winner

12/25—JA Matar

12/26—Kathy Violanti

12/27—No Winner

12/28—Elzbieta Bernatowicz

12/29—Adrienne Davison

12/30—No Winner

12/31—Ed & Nancy Walek

Congratulations To All Who Have Won!!!

Thank You For Supporting The Rosary Altar Society!

Holy Name Men's Club: Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 14th, at 6:30 pm, in the school basement. New members are encouraged to come. This group is our parish support group to assist Father and Chuck and Angel around the Parish. Come join us to see who we are and what purpose we serve!!

9 Days For Life—Pray To Protect Human Life!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21—Friday, January 29.** Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com!](http://9daysforlife.com)

Restoring relationships that are broken or distorted becomes a priority and securing a means for all people to achieve reasonable happiness in this world becomes the lens through which we see when conducting business.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. The challenge comes in accepting the risk of preaching the Gospel. While we may have all we need in our baptism to do so, we have to find the willingness within to actually pull it off. We have to be willing to move from just giving lip service to our brothers and sisters throughout the world and actually relating to them as spiritual siblings.

We cannot ignore the immigrant, the migrant, the orphan, the cold, the hungry or the sinner. We cannot continue to choose the protection of life when it suits us and its demise when it doesn't. We cannot continue to run roughshod over God's creation. God continues to try to heal what God has made. We have to help this along, not work against it. Human life has dignity and things like human trafficking, prejudice, severe unemployment, violence, greed, lust for power, and corruption cannot continue. We need to help those who have no voice find one.

This is the beauty of being the Body of Christ collectively. The responsibility for the mission of the Gospel does not fall on any one person. It does, however, require that all of the baptized members of that Body realize who they are and take their faith to the streets. Our credibility depends upon doing this successfully. We also need to support one another as we strive to achieve God's vision. Our political systems are broken, people are lost and hurting and there is great sadness across the globe. It is all too easy to mistake what is purported as being politically correct with ultimate truth, forgetting that there are principles and ideals that need to be in place to effectively govern our lives. We will face more difficult times before it gets better. But we have a hope with us that the world cannot give. It is our identity in God sealed in our baptism that assures us that God is with us and will use us to heal God's world. Are we ready to do so?

Fr. Mark Suslenko

PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
blessed are you among women and
blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and
at the hour of our death. Amen.

Lord you left your Mother in our midst
that she might accompany us.

May she take care of us and protect us
on our journey, in our hearts, in our faith.
May she make us disciples like herself,
missionaries like herself.

May she teach us to go out onto the streets.

May she teach us to step outside ourselves.

May she, by her meekness, by her peace,
show us the way. Amen.

-Pope Francis, Prayer at conclusion of meeting

Feast Day—January 12, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite (1620-1700), formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters unclioistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.

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