

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 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday In
Ordinary Time**



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Faith Formation 283-5140
Ext. 306
Community Care / Food Pantry -
Mrs. Lynn Siegfried 622-5880

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

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Faith Formation: Mrs. Marybeth Simoneit

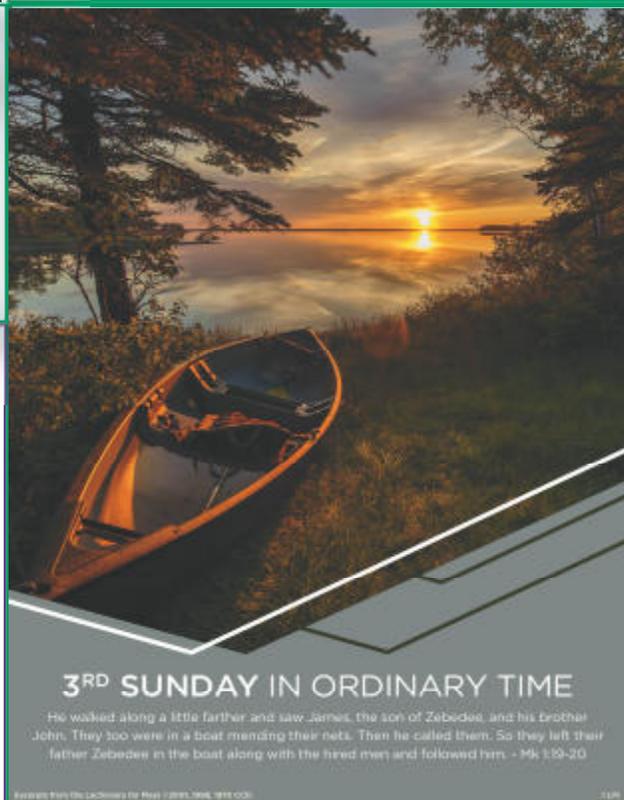
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January 24, 2021
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper

Saturday, January 23, BVM, Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon And Martyr

8:00 am All Souls
 3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel
 4:30 pm Barbara Joseph

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:45 am Gino & Dino Violante (Birth) by Family
 11:15 am Peggy Horab by Margaret Touma & Family

Monday, January 25, Conversion Of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:00 am People Of The Parish

Tuesday, January 26, Saints Timothy And Titus, Bishops

8:00 am Robert Desborough by Peter & Cindy Tripoli
 6:30 pm St. Jude Novena
 7:00 pm Josephine Metro by Mike & Elaine Palumbo

Wednesday, January 27, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin And Religious Founder

8:00 am Edward Miodonski by Estate

Thursday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest And Doctor Of The Church

8:00 am Anthony Gara by Janet Furlong
 8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 29, Weekday

8:00 am Barbara Joseph

Saturday, January 30, Weekday

8:00 am All Souls
 3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel
 4:30 pm Gloria Zulke by Debra Brenot

Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:45 am Deceased Members Of The Rosary Altar Society

11:15 am Bernd Huemmert by Family

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 Iadicicco, 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!

TRUST IN FOLLOWING GOD

Human beings seem to be hardwired to want to know what's going to happen next. This is how dramas and reality television can grip us so tightly — we simply have to stick around and watch the rest to see what's going to happen. I find my own children sometimes asking, "So what are we going to do today, Mommy?" even though we have a fairly simple and consistent schedule each week. There seems to be a thirst to feel just a little bit in **control by knowing what's coming next. I remember feeling this whenever we moved to a new city as a military family**, navigating unfamiliar roads. My phone's GPS was never far from my hand as I drove, needing to know which turn to take next to feel comfortable driving in a new place.

The readings today call us to something radically different. In the first reading, God calls Jonah, but what is striking is that the call seems to imply that Jonah isn't given all the information right away. "Set out for the great city of Nineveh and announce to it the message that I will tell you." God doesn't say, "Announce the message I've already mapped out for you word by word so you can say yes, fully knowing every turn this journey will take." God simply says that He will tell him. So, even if it was brief, there is a sense that Jonah had a moment of just having to trust God and taking Him at His word, not knowing exactly what would come next.

What would it be like in Nineveh? How long would it take the people to turn back to God? However, this wasn't what Jonah needed to do or know to fulfill God's plan. He simply needed to act. He just needed to say yes and move forward with trust.

In the gospel, we hear the call of the Apostles, which take on this same tone. Jesus beckons them to simply follow him. This call doesn't come after a long convincing discourse on how following him will practically take place. There are no lists of steps they need to complete before they can officially be his Apostles. There is just a radical call to drop their very livelihood and, in that moment, decide without knowing the course whether they will follow Jesus or not. The roads they will end up traveling with the Lord are unknown to them, and that isn't the point. The point is that they are called by God, and in that moment, they have a decision to trust the one who is calling them, or to hesitate and feel the need to be in control and know exactly which way this "yes" will take them.

In both readings, there is another worldly response by the prophet and Apostles. Rather than following a base gut reaction to want to know all the details and what would come next, they boldly follow the call of God and trust that He would take care of the rest. This is the same call that Jesus is asking of us today. In our everyday lives, will we trust God in what He sends us, or will we try to control everything?

St. Paul gives us the encouragement we need to decide in the second reading. "The time is running out." His admonition is urgent, reminding us that deciding to follow Jesus isn't something we calculate and plan every detail before acting on, like other things in life. It's a call we respond to with trust and faith because God is good and only desires our good. The world we live in is not stable. It will not satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts. It will not provide us with what our souls need to live. Jesus is saying to you and to me, "Come, follow me." It is up to us to let go of our inclination to maintain control of every little bit of how our lives will unfold. God is trustworthy and true, and when He calls us, He will provide all the means necessary for our happiness and holiness.

Let's be bold like the examples in the readings this weekend. Jesus is calling to us right now, today! Let's answer that call by whatever form it comes. It could be to put down the phone during meals and be present to family. It might be to stop making excuses and help serve at the soup kitchen downtown. Maybe it's to finally confess that really difficult sin that we've been struggling with. Or maybe it's reaching out to a person who looks lonely. Whatever it is, big or small, let us have the courage to let go of our own plans and simply act by responding to Jesus' call, "Come, follow me" with deep trust in our unfathomably loving God.

Angie Windnagle

PRAYER

O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me.

I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me, and I shall meet with peace.

-Prayer of St. Edith Stein

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

Sunday, January 17, 2021: Regular Collection: \$3593.00 (65%)
Monthly Collection: \$292.00, **Utilities:** \$372.00, **Votives:** \$43.00, **Immaculate Conception:** \$5.00, **Debt Reduction:** \$46.00, **Children's Collection:** \$5.00, **Solemnity of Mary:** \$12.00, **Mail:** \$1181.00.
01/11/21—01/17/21: Regular Collection: \$665.00.

There is no second collection this week.

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
 8477 Buffalo Ave.
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Thank You For Your Continued Support!!

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!

The Mobile Food Pantry Will Be Starting Up Again, It Will Be In St. John's Parking Lot Every Second Friday Of The Month!!

The next date will be February 12th, at 1:00 PM!

Appeal 2021 is underway! Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2021 Chair Rick Cronin, and Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$10 million goal, as well as **HOPE for all seasons** as the campaign theme and St. Ignatius Loyola as this year's patron saint. Your donation to the Appeal can support Catholic Charities of Buffalo and Fund for the Faith. Your donation stays in Western New York. Your gift helps those in our communities who are struggling to live, work and support families, and those who need spiritual care and support. You help provide **HOPE for all seasons.** And it couldn't be easier: visit www.cwny.org/donation or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419 today!

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!

Poverty Awareness Month Continues, take time to learn more about poverty in the United States, understand the root causes, and how people are helping themselves and others out of Poverty USA.

<http://www.povertyusa.org/learn>

Share Your Faith: Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America at Mass (January 23-24). For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have participated in the Collection for the Church in Latin America as a concrete expression of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean. This year the needs of the Church in Latin America are even greater in the wake of the COVID pandemic. Your contribution to the collection on the weekend of January 23-24, no matter how small, is a chance for religious sisters and brothers throughout the Americas. Join the conversation on Twitter #1church1mission and connect with us on Facebook and Instagram. Learn more visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Saint Paula Feast Day: January 26th!

The patron saint of widows, Paula was a wealthy Roman widow with five children at age 32. Another widow introduced her to St. Jerome, a priest and papal secretary to St. Damasus. Jerome became her spiritual director, urging a life of asceticism and charity. When he learned she was fluent in Greek, he enlisted her help in translating Greek biblical texts for his new Latin version of the Bible. Paula had joined the circle of nobility-born Roman women in Jerome's orbit, and followed him to the Holy Land when he left Rome. She taught herself Hebrew, and exhausted her wealth building a monastery, three convents and a hospital in Bethlehem.

FISH FRIES ARE COMING!!

I would like to gently remind the "Fish Fry Crew" that Lent is coming soon. Our First Fish Fry will be held on Friday, February 19th from 4:00—7:00 PM. All dinners will be \$12.00. Preparation will take place for the first fish fry Thursday, February 18th from 6:00—8:00 PM. If you would like to become a part of our crew stop in during prep time and let us know!!! The more volunteers the better! Due to COVID, this year all dinners will be TAKE-OUT ONLY! We will take orders by calling 716 283-7916, from 3:00—6:30 PM. You will then pick-up your orders at the door of the center. We will have someone there to take payment and distribute the dinners. There will not be any desserts available, due to the fact that we cannot have any "home baked" items this year.

Please remember to tell your family and friends and I thank you for your continued support of our parish, St. John de LaSalle.

Prayer To Overcome Indifference!

All too often, Lord,

We turn away from the world's many problems,
 which seem too big, too complex, or too far away.

Forgive us our indifference.

It is easier, Lord,

to see only what is around us:
 our lives, our homes, our challenges.

Forgive us our isolation.

Help us to see with your eyes:
 eyes which notice one another
 and help us understand.

Help us to dream your dream:

of communities that reach out
 in dialogue and where
 diverse people creatively cooperate.

Help us to be people of
 solidarity and action,

so moved by prayer, encounter, and understanding
 that peace can become a reality. Amen.

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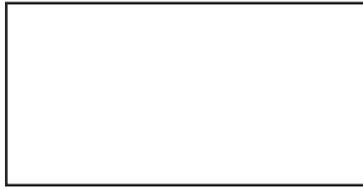
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