

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

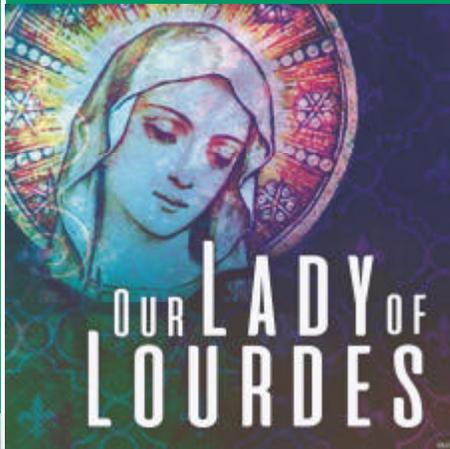
Couples should begin planning with the parish at least six months prior to the wedding date. A marriage program is an essential part of the planning process.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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

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**Fifth 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

Office Administrator: Mrs. Mary Newman

Office Assistant: Mrs. Cynthia Tripoli

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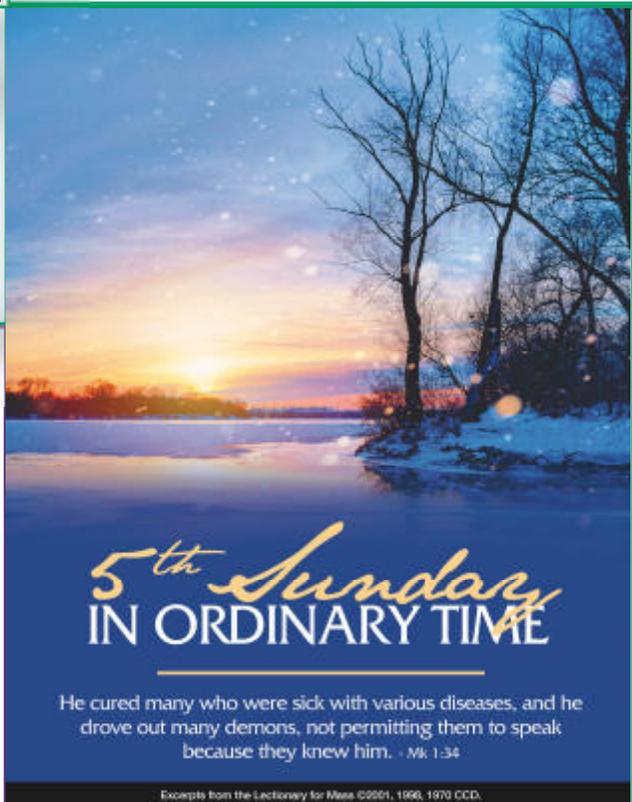
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February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper

First Saturday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki And Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am Jeffrey & Ida Garringer by Peter & Cindy Tripoli

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel

4:30 pm Brian Kindzia by Family

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:45 am Donald Coia by The Wayda Family

11:15 am Dorothy Corrigan by David & Cathy D'Angelo & Family

Monday, February 8, Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:00 am Mary Lou Korzak by Family Of Alice Hansen

Tuesday, February 9, Weekday

8:00 am Edward Miodonski by Estate

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm Elizabeth Lacey & Ronald Ferris Repose Of Their Souls by Anthony & Lori Casilio & Family

Wednesday, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 am Alice Hansen (Birth) by Children

Thursday, February 11, Our Lady Of Lourdes

8:00 am Barbara Joseph

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 12, Weekday

8:00 am People Of The Parish

Saturday, February 13, Weekday

8:00 am All Souls

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel

4:30 pm Deceased Members Of Rosary Altar Society

Sunday, February 14, Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:45 am Suanne Fieramusca Schmolke by Carl & Karen LaRock & Family

11:15 am Joseph Schiller by Family

Please pray for our ill and hospitalized: Helga, Maureen, Cotter, Sue Dokey, Philip Buffone, Pat Hahn, Lynette & Family, Tim Coughlin, Anne-Marie S., Tim, Lora Pfohl, Chris Nelson, Ron, Michele Promowicz Newman, Andrew Montoro, Gail Jakubowski, Cathy D'Angelo, Ryan Welsh, Will, Amelia Morganti, Bob & Christine Belkota, Kevin White, J. White, Little J., MCL, Doug, 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 February For The Pyra Family By Josephine Pyra!

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. Thank You!!

OVERCOMING THE DRUDGERY OF LIFE

Many people compare their everyday lives to running on a treadmill. They are always busy, always on the go, but never getting anywhere. Such people find themselves getting up in the morning, working, taking care of their children, putting supper together, and then going to bed only to start the cycle over again the next morning. Though coronavirus has slowed things down for most people, it has also increased the monotony of life for so many. There are times when we're not even sure what day of the week it is. All of it can cause us to question the meaning of our lives and wonder if all the activity is worth it.

In today's first reading, Job expresses some of the same sentiments. As he puts it, "Life on earth is a drudgery." Remember that Job, in a series of tragedies, lost his wife, his children, and all his possessions. In his grief, he couldn't find the strength to pick himself up from the ground. In a near state of shock, he compares his life to that of a slave or hireling who has no share in the profits of his work. These are sentiments we can very easily share, especially during these dark and cold winter days.

While Job poses the problem, Jesus provides the solution. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus has had a very long day. The people of Capernaum, hearing that he had the power to heal and cast out demons, were bringing the sick to him while he stayed at the house of Peter's mother-in-law. When everyone had finally left, Jesus slipped away by himself to a deserted place to pray. He needed time away from the crowds and the demands of the people to spend time alone with his father.

For Jesus, prayer was a source of strength. All the power to preach the good news, to heal and to cast out demons came from the time he spent praising and adoring his Father in secret. Like all of us, Jesus needed to step aside from his busy, demanding life to take stock of his Father's presence and love.

If we are going to live lives marked by peace and joy, prayer is vitally important to us. It will bring clarity to our minds when we are confused and calm to our spirits when we are anxious. Prayer is like an incubator cultivating faith, hope, and love within our spirit.

Our lives are about much more than what we do day in and day out. Our lives are rather about who we are — children of God made in his image and likeness. Through prayer, we will see ourselves being renewed and transformed daily by God's presence and power. Our lives will be marked, not with monotony or drudgery, but with the joy and peace which come with the Holy Spirit.

Douglas Sousa

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Glorious Saint Joseph,

Model of all those who are devoted to labor,

Obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance

For the expiation of my many sins;

To work conscientiously,

Putting the call of duty above my inclinations;

To work with gratitude and joy,

Considering it an honor to employ and develop,

By means of labor, the gifts received from God;

To work with order, peace, moderation, and patience,

Without ever recoiling before weariness or difficulties;

To work, above all, with purity of intention,

And with detachment from self,

Having always death before my eyes

And the account which I must render of time lost,

Of talents wasted, of good omitted,

Of vain complacency in success,

So fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example,

O Patriarch Joseph.

Such shall be my watchword in life and in death.

Amen.

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

Sunday, January 31, 2021: Regular Collection: \$2753.00 (50%)
Monthly Collection: \$40.00, Utilities: \$10.00, Votives: \$44.00,
Debt Reduction: \$51.00, Children's Collection: \$4.00, Mail:
\$761.00, Catholic Relief Services: \$275.00, Community Care:
\$25.00.
Online Giving: 01/25/2021—01/31/2021: Regular Collection:
\$545.00.

The Second Collection This Week (02/07/21) is for Debt Reduction and for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The Second Collection Next Week (02/14/21) is Our Monthly Collection.
Ash Wednesday, February 17th, Collection Is For Community Care Spring Food Drive.

Since the collapse of the former Soviet Union in 1991, Countries in Central and Eastern Europe have been working to rebuild their religious life as well as government structures, social welfare activities, and economies. Catholics of that region who endured decades of anti-religious persecution under Soviet rule are in urgent need of help. Each year, the Collection for Central and Eastern Europe supports seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, and pastoral centers, as well as church construction and renovation in 28 nations that were once under communist control.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up in most parishes on Ash Wednesday; some dioceses select different dates to avoid conflict with local activities. Our parish will take up a collection the weekend of February 6 & 7. If you are unable to donate at this time you can always send or drop off your donation to the PCO.

2021 APPEAL

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, housing, medications and clothing. Your donation to **Appeal 2021** can help us continue to give food to the hungry, clothes to the naked and shelter to the homeless. For more information about Catholic Charities and our other services and programs, visit ccwny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419. Catholic Charities is **HOPE for All seasons**. To make a secure online donation, go to ccwny.org/donation.

February 8—World Day of Prayer, Reflection, and Action against Human Trafficking With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated February 8th as an annual day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods. This day is also one of awareness and action: our prayers are strengthened three-fold when we accompany them with a willingness to become aware of the problem and become involved in erasing this evil.

February 8—The Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita

Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation."

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.

St. John's Community Care

We are once again giving Easter food baskets to those in need. This will be on March 27, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. However, our food supplies are critically short, and we need your help. We are also looking for drivers to deliver to the elderly, homebound and disabled.

We need your donations!**Food and/or funds (approx. cost \$25)**

The food items we need to fill these baskets include the following:

1 box instant potatoes	1 large can sweet potatoes
1 box stuffing	2 cans of vegetables
2 cans of fruit	1 can of cranberry sauce
1 box of dessert	2 cans of soup

And of Course

Turkeys!

(Turkeys, turkey breasts, hams or ham steaks)

ANY of the above items you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Please be generous and help your neighbors in need, Thank You for your support!!!

From your Community Care Group

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!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on February 17th. On Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, which is observed everywhere as a fast day, ashes are distributed.

Ashes are blessed and imposed after the homily. These ashes are of branches of the olive tree, or, according to custom, of the palm tree or other trees, which have been blessed the previous year.

Apart from Mass, a liturgy of the Word precedes the rite of blessing, concluding with general intercessions, the Lord's Prayer, a concluding prayer, a blessing, and a hymn.

The ordinary minister for the blessing of ashes is a priest or deacon. Others (extraordinary ministers of holy communion) may assist with the imposition of ashes where there is genuine need, especially for the sick and shut-ins. One of the following formulas is used: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

COVID-19 Protocol for Ashes

As stated on January 10th, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ashes should not be imposed on a person's forehead in the usual manner. Instead, the European custom of sprinkling ashes on the crown of a person's head should be employed. As of January 12th, this was further clarified and affirmed by a note published by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments:

The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes.

He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything.

Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general.

The priest then puts on a facemask, cleanses his hands, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places.

The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

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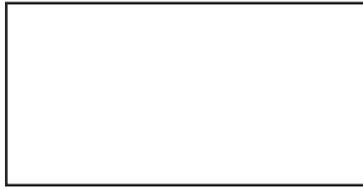
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