

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.

**Together in Faith
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February 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday
Of Lent**

SECOND SUNDAY OF



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Ext. 304
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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!

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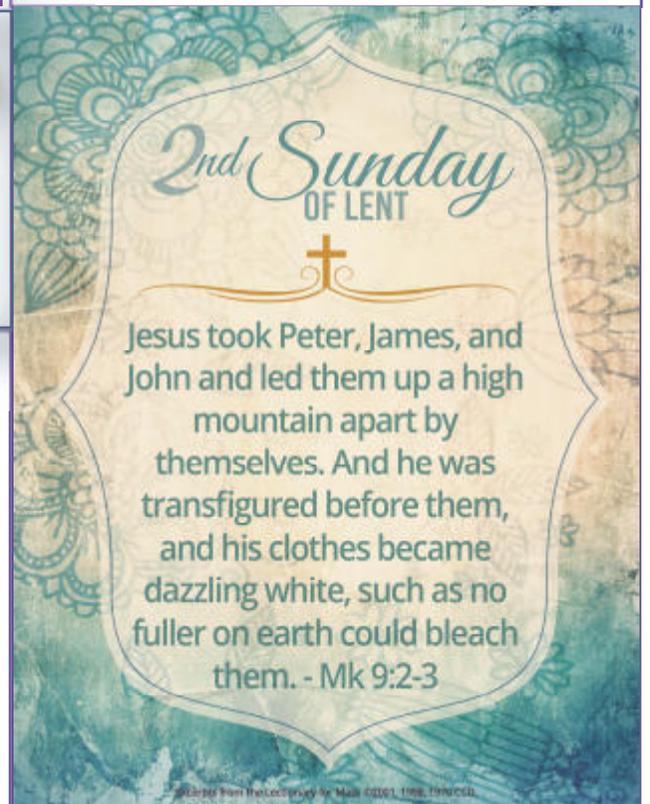
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CONFESSIONS

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

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Slawomir Siok, SAC
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February 28, 2021
Second Sunday Of Lent
Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper

Saturday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am All Souls
 3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel
 4:30 pm Vincent Furlong (Birth) by Mary & Janet Furlong

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday Of Lent

8:45 am Anna Walek by Family
 11:15 am Chester Laskowski by Bob & Marie Trainor

Monday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Amin & Monsoura Touma
 12:10 pm Sarah DeMiglio by Margaret Greenland

Tuesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Amin & Monsoura Touma
 12:10 pm Father's Day Intentions
 6:30 pm St. Jude Novena
 7:00 pm Barbara Joseph

Wednesday, March 3, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:00 am Amin & Monsoura Touma
 12:10 pm Lena Gobbo by The Muth & Gobbo Families

Thursday, March 4, Saint Casimir

8:00 am People Of The Parish
 12:10 pm Helen Vollmer by Michael Sligh
 8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, March 5, World Day Of Prayer

8:00 am Amin & Monsoura Touma
 12:10 pm Brian Kindzia by Marueen Raidy
 7:00 pm Stations Of The Cross

First Saturday, March 6, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Raymond Dolzani by Ann C. Nolfe
 3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions In The Chapel
 4:30 pm Arnold Littlewood by Bob & Marie Trainor

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday Of Lent

8:45 am Gino Violante (Anniversary) by Family
 11:15 am Brian Kindzia by Family

Please pray for our ill and hospitalized: Ann C. Nolfe, Helga, Maureen, Cotter, Sue Dokey, Philip Buffone, Pat Hahn, Lynette & Family, Tim Coughlin, Anne-Marie S., Lora Pfohl, Chris Nelson, Ron, Michele Promowicz Newman, 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 Sanctuary Light Burns With Unceasing Prayer In Front Of The Blessed Sacrament For the Month Of March For Charlene Toarmino by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Fama!

SEE, THEN SHOW

Jesus stands before them with glistening garments. Considered his closest companions, James, John, and Peter, attempt to take in what is happening before their eyes — bewildered and terrified. Their friend, Master, and Messiah, Jesus, transfigures and stands beside Moses and Elijah. Moses, one of the greatest of the lawgivers, alongside Elijah one of the greatest of the prophets. Together with Jesus, the greatest gift from God and the fulfillment of both the law and the prophets. The Apostles are stunned at what is happening before them. Their hearts perhaps still reeling from trying to fully grasp Jesus's recent teaching, "that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise from the dead" (Mark 8:31).

How often have we been baffled, bewildered, or terrified by our current circumstances or the uncertainty of our future? To maintain peace, to stay the course of hope, we must see before us, just as these three Apostles — Jesus was still there with them. Jesus, named Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). We are not called to make sense but to pay attention, see with eyes of faith, and believe. He will never abandon nor forsake us.

Peter, James, and John were witnesses to God's glory. A witness is one who first sees, then shows. Jesus had asked them to hold everything they had witnessed in their hearts until the appropriate time to show. However, even with this knowledge, James and Peter would falter in their strength of faith, it would be only John at the foot of the cross on that horrific (yet Good) Friday. Remarkably in this gospel passage, we also see the trinity in its glory together — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — as at the time of the Lord's baptism. Jesus in his glorified state, the Spirit in the cloud that overshadows them, and the voice of God coming from that cloud announcing, reaffirming, that this is His beloved Son, to whom we should listen.

Peter's response at the Transfiguration illustrates he is not a man without failings, as he says to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here; let's make three tabernacles, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Yes, Peter is not perfect, and we should take great comfort in that. The beauty, glory, and majesty were revealed to him, this imperfect man. His first reaction to erect tents and freeze the moment clearly shows he is missing the entire point of what Jesus is trying to show him. Yet, we know that Jesus will come to forgive and use Peter to establish the Church. Through the grace of God and the power of the Resurrection, Peter will eventually see.

During our Lenten journey, we, too, are shown the glory of God and given an outpouring of grace. However confused we may be about our circumstances or whatever we lack in understanding our faith, we can also eventually see with eyes of faith and learn to listen to Jesus.

Peter, John, and James would eventually fulfill the plans God had for them in not only witnessing but showing and evangelizing the world. We, too, have a role to play in evangelization. No matter how beautiful our faith is, it is not given merely for us; once the Lord transforms our hearts, we must go forward and share that good news with others. Once we have witnessed God in our own lives, when we have seen what He can do and have grown to believe — we now must show others. Just as the three Apostles shared the same Good News in their unique way, we too must discern how to be a witness in our life and times.

This moment in today's Gospel is not just a moment in their history but in every Christian's. It reveals the glory of Jesus and what awaits all who persevere in faith — accepting the law and the prophecies. In believing Jesus is the beloved Son of God, in whom God is well pleased and opening our ears and hearts to listen to him.

Allison Gingras

PRAYER

Jesus,
 may the contemplation of your
 Transfiguration to the Apostles
 transform my faith.
 Seeing you in your glory,
 may I be infused
 with the grace necessary
 to share it with others.

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!

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

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have kept our Church running during this pandemic.

Regular Collection For February 21, 2021: \$3230.50 (59%)
Monthly Collection: \$223.00, **Utilities:** \$536.00, **Children's Collection:** \$4.00, **Catholic Home Missions:** \$50.00, **Easter Flowers:** \$50.00, **Good Friday:** \$10.00, **Holy Thursday:** \$30.00, **Easter Sunday:** \$40.00, **Palm Sunday:** \$130.00, **Community Care:** \$2482.00, **Debt Reduction:** \$72.00, **Votive:** \$39.00, **Mail:** \$715.00.
Online Giving: 02/15/2021—02/21/2021
Regular Collection: \$587.00, **Community Care:** \$343.00, **Utilities:** \$25.00.

There is no second collection this week!

The second collection next week—March 7th, is Debt Reduction.

Also, there is an envelope for March for Easter Flowers. It will be greatly appreciated if you could donate towards the Easter Flowers for our Altar!!

2021 APPEAL

If you are feeling overwhelmed trying to keep up with your child's medical care and physical, dental and/or mental health appointments, Catholic Charities can help. **When you are in need, we are hope.** Through our Health Home Care management program, children and their families in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties are given access to a network of providers, health plans and community-based organizations that work to ensure the child's needs are met. These needs may include physical, dental, mental health or simple support. To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, visit carecoordination@ccwny.org or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419. **HOPE for All Seasons.**

We have received from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the following decree:

In accord with the norms established by the Holy See, the following text is declared to be the definitive approved English translation of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 54, and is promulgated by authority of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

The Collect

54, Next the Priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God's presence and may call to mind their intentions. Then the Priest pronounces the prayer usually called the "Collect" and through which the character of the celebration finds expression. By an ancient tradition of the Church, the Collect prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, 56 and is concluded with Trinitarian ending, or longer ending, in the following manner: If the prayer is directed to the Father: *Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;* If it is directed to the Father, but the Son is mentioned at the end: *Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;* If it is directed to the Son: *Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.* The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation *Amen*. At Mass only a single Collect is ever said. The revised text of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 54, was canonically approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on January 29, 2021, and was subsequently confirmed by the Apostolic See by a letter of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on February 3, 2021 (Prot. n. 228/20). The above texts of the concluding formulas enter into use as of Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. From the date forward, no other English translation of these texts may be used in the dioceses of the United States of America.

Message from Diocese of Buffalo

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, NY, Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203 or an email to nor.info@frcdb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled *Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, NY, Inc., Erie County Index No. 814747/2020*. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

Throughout Lent, we will meditate on the Passion of Our Lord at **Stations of the Cross, each Friday at 7:00 pm**. Also during Lent we will celebrate **Mass every Monday thru Saturday, at 8:00 am, and Monday thru Friday at 12:10 pm**.

We all should go to confession at least once a year to ready ourselves for the Solemnity of Easter. We will have a **Penance Service, Monday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm**. There will be several priests available to help you make a good confession. Please mark your calendars!!

How can we receive a Holy Communion and where we should consume a Holy Communion?

In the United States, the body of Bishops determined that Communion should be received standing, and that a bow is the act of reverence made by those receiving. Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing. Holy Communion we should consumed at the Altar or at the first step of Communion next to the priest. We should not walk with Holy Communion to the pew and keep in our hands.

Rosary Altar Society Meeting!

There will be a Rosary Altar Meeting on Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 pm. We always welcome new members, so if any women of the parish would like to join us please come to our meeting!!!

The Mobile Food Pantry!

The Mobile Food Pantry will be in St. John de LaSalle Parking Lot on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Look for the Mobile Food Pantry at this location on the second Friday of every Month!!

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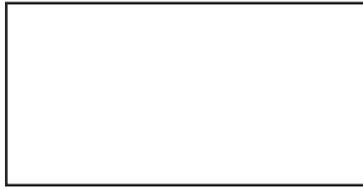
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