

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

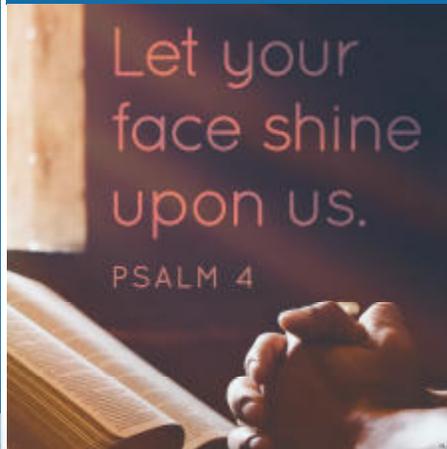
Couples should begin planning with the parish at least six months prior to the wedding date. A marriage program is an essential part of the planning process.

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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April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday
Of Easter**



**PASTORAL CARE OFFICE
716-283-2238 EXT. 302/301**

Monday through Friday:
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Pastor..... Ext. 308
Emergency Only 579-4949
OfficeExt. 302/301
Faith Formation 283-5140
Ext. 306
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
Faith Formation: Mrs. Marybeth Simoneit
Music Leaders: Mrs. Christy Murty
Mr. Jeff Paterson
Trustees: Miss Janet Furlong
Mr. Michael Casale
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April 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper

Saturday, April 17, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Ann C. Nolfie by Friends From St. John de LaSalle Parish

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

4:30 pm Alfred Drozek (Birth) by Family

Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday Of Easter

8:45 am Patrick Driscoll by Phyllis Violanti & Family

11:15 am Kurt Von Voetsch by Aunt Ruth DesJardin & Family

Monday, April 19, Easter Weekday

8:00 am Edward Miodonski by Estate

Tuesday, April 20, Easter Weekday

8:00 am Brian O'Laughlin by Family

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm People Of The Parish

Wednesday, April 21, Saint Anselm, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

8:00 am Barbara E Roffle by Paula E Mayo

Thursday, April 22, Easter Weekday

8:00 am Philip Rotella (Birth) by Mike & Valerie Zafuto & Family

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 23, Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop And Martyr

8:00 am Marjean Leissle by Louie Destino Family

Saturday, April 24, Saint Fidelis Of Sigmaringen, Priest And Martyr

8:00 am All Souls

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

4:30 pm Deceased Members Of The O'Connor Family by The Family

Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday Of Easter

8:45 am Clarence & Rita Raidy by Maureen Raidy

11:15 am Vicky D'Angelo by Connie Andreini

Please pray for our ill and hospitalized: Z, Helga, Philip Bufone, Pat Hahn, Lynette & Family, Daniel P., Tim Coughlin, Anne-Marie S., 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 April For The Deceased Members Of The Rotella, Hayes And Zafuto Families! By Mike & Valerie Zafuto & Family.

The 2021 Breaking Bread Missalettes' are available to purchase at all masses. To defray the cost of shipping, Father is asking for a \$5.00 donation. Thank You!!!

HOPE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR BODIES

In this last year we have all been reminded of our mortality countless times as we have watched the COVID-19 pandemic sweep over the world. But as part of the Body of Christ, there is a hope that awaits our mortal bodies, and to see it, we need look no further than this Sunday's readings!

"The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses!" The promise of Christ proclaimed by Peter is not only good news for us in the present moment — the redemption from sin — but good news for us for eternity, too. As Catholics, our theology of the end is very specific. While our bodies and souls separate at death, we do not continue on as glowing, disembodied spirits for all of time. The resurrection of Christ foretells our own destiny — the resurrection of the body.

The Apostles lived in a world where, to paraphrase Thomas Hobbes, life was often "nasty, brutish, and short." Among the powerful and privileged, the highest priority was bringing glory to the family name and producing enough strong offspring to continue the line. The rich could hire alchemists and magicians in the quest for immortality and eternal youth. Without modern medicine, any injury could be potentially life threatening and every illness suspected to take a severe turn for the worse. When Jesus hung upon the Cross that Good Friday, even the most hopeful among them had no reason to suspect that — once he was taken down — there would be any more to the story.

It comes as no surprise, then, that Jesus emphasizes what he does when he appears to the Apostles. "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I. Touch me and see ... they gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them." Jesus' return is no ghostly apparition. He has not emerged from the tomb as a luminous being, pure spirit shed of its earthly shell. Jesus is still Jesus. He is still fully God and fully man. When Jesus conquers death, he does so as a human being in his very flesh and blood. Not only that, but he is a human being who still bears the scars of inflicted violence.

In the face of suffering, the thought of sloughing off our mortal coil may feel all too promising. Yet, by his resurrection, Jesus reinforces our bodylines. He does not negate it. Jesus redeems us through the offering of his life and the gift of his body. Through his example, we see that our bodies have moral potential. We act out our sin or sanctity, our vice or virtue, through our bodies. In the second reading, John speaks of just that. "He is expiation for our sins ... the way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments." In other words, while the grace of God is living and effective in our life, our choices matter. And we enact those choices in and through our bodies. Our hands extend an offering to the poor. Our feet operate the gas pedal in our car to move us to church on Sunday. Our brains process the decision to obey God or to deny Him.

Our bodies matter. Life matters! Christianity is not a denial of the material world but a participation in its sanctification. This Third Sunday of Easter, be aware of the choices you make in and through your body. How do you reveal your love to your friends? What decisions do you make about the food and drink you consume and offer to others? To whom do you offer them? When you look at your own wounds — physical and emotional — how do they affect the way you see the world and interact with those around you? Remember, we worship a resurrected God. We are disciples of a resurrected Savior. "Of this we are witnesses." Will we choose a life for all the world to see?

Anna Carter

PRAYER

Lord, You have given me a body for it to help me fulfill my mission on earth and for eternity.

By baptism, it was consecrated just as was my soul.

Today I renew that consecration and submit my body to your service. Help me acquire over my body absolute control, so that it will always be an instrument, not a tyrant.

Give it strength and endurance.

Help me reject whatever is harmful to it:

too much eating, drinking, smoking, abuse of drugs or sex.

Help me have the will to deprive it at times of normal pleasures as acts of sacrifice and as exercises in character building. May the frequent contact with Your Body in the Holy Eucharist make it sound and pure.

Amen.

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 April 11, 2021: \$4406.00 (80%)
Monthly Collection: \$827.00, **Utilities:** \$75.00, **Easter Flowers:** 35.00, **Debt Reduction:** \$155.00, **Holy Thursday:** \$187.00, **Good Friday:** \$362.00, **Easter:** \$60.00, **Catholic Home Missions:** \$15.00, **Donations:** \$260.00, **Palm Sunday:** \$47.00, **Mail:** \$995.00.
Online Giving: 04/01/21—04/11/21: Church Offertory: \$595.00, **Community Care:** \$55.00, **Utilities:** \$5.00, **Reduce Debt:** \$5.00, **Monthly:** \$128.00, **Donation:** \$503.00.

The Second Collection This Week-April 18th is for Utilities. The Second Collection Next Week-April 25th is for The Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Eucharistic Adoration:
The Pandemic has effected all of us and Eucharistic Adoration has not been spared. Most of our members are senior citizens so our ranks have severely thinned since last April. A number of us are covering more than one hour in order that all the hours are filled. We are in great need of new and younger members if this ministry is to continue without scaling back our hours of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The hour in most urgent need is 6:00-7:00 PM. If you can help us cover this hour, or are interested in a different time slot or would like more information about Eucharistic Adoration please call Pat Slish at 236-0317. Thank You!

News From Canisius High School!
 The following Canisius High School students have achieved the honor roll for the third quarter marking period:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Andrew Buchman	12
Michael Dobrasz	12
Stephen Dobrasz	12
Michael Zafuto	12

Congratulations to these students, and please keep them in your prayers!!!

Rosary Altar News!!
The Rosary Altar will once again be holding a monthly lottery for the month of JULY 2021!!



Tickets will be available before and after all weekend masses, and also in the Parish Office, Monday—Friday, 8:00-4:00.

The Mobile Food Pantry Will Be In St John de LaSalle Parking Lot on May 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM!

Please Mark Your Calendars For Sunday, May 2nd, 3:00 PM! Bishop Michael Fisher will be Confirming Students From St. John de LaSalle, St. Raphael and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes. Please invite your family and friends, we have a big parish even with social distancing.

Catholic Charities Update:
To date we have raised \$30,417 from 134 donors. That's 80% of our \$38,178 goal. We need to raise an additional \$7,761 to achieve our goal. Thank you to all who have donated and if you haven't donated yet, any amount you can give will help. Thank You and May God Bless You!

Give back and start a new friendship at the same time. The Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County and Home Visitation Program in Genesee County, as well as the Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) in Erie County are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and to give people and opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5-to-15 minute call. These friendly calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone, and can help them maintain their independence. If you know of someone in Orleans and Genesee counties who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, call 585-343-0614, ext. 18 for Friendly Phones and 585-481-5224 for Home Visitation Program. If you live in Erie County, you can connect with TAP by calling 716-218-1400. **Appeal 2021** is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**

April 22 Is Earth Day!
As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- Support families and future generations
- Love the poor and vulnerable
- Advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- Be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- Care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more! usccb.org/environment, wearesaltandlight.org/cst101, catholicclimatecovenant.org

Holy Name Men's Club!

What a great opportunity to actively help our Parish! We need your help! Just by being a part of this group, you can do so much to help and support our Parish. We meet on the second Thursday of each month in the school basement. There are two categories of membership: active participating and inactive contributing ("Contributing" only requires an annual donation of \$10 per year). Our purpose is to help/assist the parish, even without joining multiple parish functions. What an easy way to be active to support our Parish. If you can help in any way, or if you would like to join, PLEASE call Walt Garrow, 316-7826. We plan to have a group sports entertainment event. That may be to go to the Blue Jays, or Buffalo Bills, or purchase a large flat screen TV for the Center and have our own sports party there. Join us, or volunteer, to help!

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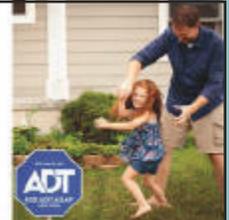
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