

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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Since 1907
May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday
Of Easter
Mother's Day**



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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

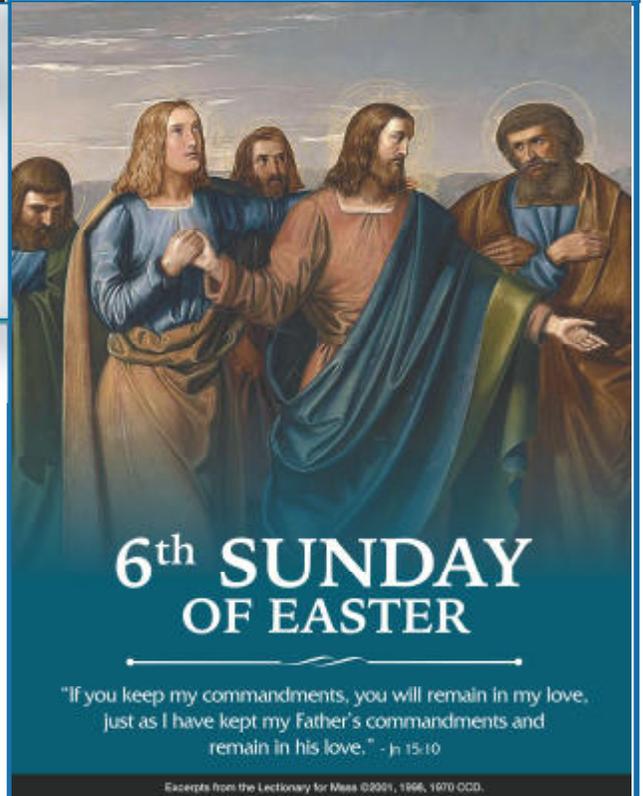
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CONFESSIONS

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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May 9, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper

Saturday, May 8, Easter Weekday

8:00 am All Souls

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Anthony Gara by Patricia Maurer

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Mother's Day

8:45 am Helen Kindzia by Family

11:15 am Patrick Driscoll by Candy & Mike Promowicz

Monday, May 10, Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. T. Henry & Helen Murphy

7:00 pm Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament/Holy Rosary

Tuesday, May 11, Easter Weekday

8:00 am Joseph & Labebee Solomon

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm Kathleen Warner by Family

7:30 pm Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament/Holy Rosary

Wednesday, May 12, Saints Nereus And Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

8:00 am Sarah DeMiglio by Janet Furlong

7:00 pm Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament/Holy Rosary

Thursday, May 13, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Our Lady Of Fatima

8:00 am Sarah DeMiglio by Marge & Bob Houldson

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm Holy Rosary

Friday, May 14, Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 am Christine Luczak by Shirley Wayda

7:00 pm Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament/Holy Rosary

Saturday, May 15, Saint Isidore

8:00 am All Souls

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Joanne Johnson (8th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, May 16, Seventh Sunday Of Easter

8:45 am Anna M. Casale by Janet Furlong

11:15 am Brian Kindzia by Greg & Dorothy Atkinson

Please pray for our ill and hospitalized: Kaia Foster, Z, Helga, Philip Buffone, 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 McDowell, Todd Littlewood, Andrew Mrzygut

The Sanctuary Light Burns With Unceasing Prayer In Front Of The Blessed Sacrament For The Month Of May For Earnest Gedeon & David Palmer by Family!

DARE TO GO TO THE FRINGES

"This I command you: love one another." —John 15: 17

Prior to becoming a member of the Society of the Divine Savior (the Salvatorians), I was a Benedictine monk for more than a decade. As a monk, I was immersed in the very practical wisdom of Saint Benedict and the Rule he wrote for his monks more than fourteen hundred years ago. One of the defining characteristics of this great saint was his balanced understanding of the human person and of community dynamics. We see this at work in the third chapter of his Rule and his insistence that the abbot of the monastery call the community together whenever there was important business to discuss: "Let the Abbot call together the whole community and state the matter to be acted upon... The reason we have said that all should be called for counsel is that the Lord often reveals to the younger what is best."

In a sense, we see the same wisdom was at work in the First Reading of this Sunday's Mass. Recall how in the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke presented that first generation of believers as living an almost idyllic existence, devoting themselves to the Apostles' teachings, "and the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers... All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need" (2:42, 44-45). But this way of life was short-lived. After a short time, those first Christians faced persecution and wrestled with questions of inclusivity and what should be expected of the growing number non-Jewish believers. While this might seem like a small issue for us today, this all-important question threatened to tear the Church apart. Recognizing what was at stake, the community had to come together to discern how to respond to the challenges they faced. So, what did the leaders of the Church do? They brought together members with different perspectives and values, prayed, debated, and listened to one another. Together they discerned how the Holy Spirit was at work in the Church — just as Jesus had promised it would be.

In the end, rather than closing ranks and opting to exclude those who might not comfortably fit within the community, the Church's first leaders imagined a new way forward and began to welcome Gentiles into the community of believers. (This Sunday's story of Peter and Cornelius the centurion is an important early example of this inclusivity.) Humbly recognizing both their own limitations and opportunities before them, the leaders looked beyond the enclosed circle of the original believers to welcome those who many believed couldn't or shouldn't be included within the Church. This willingness to "look beyond the boundaries" was held up as the ideal for the Church by Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio only days before he was Pope in 2013. In a speech delivered during the "general congregations" preceding the conclave, he said: "Evangelizing pre-supposes a desire in the Church to come out of herself. The Church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also in the existential peripheries: the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance, and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents, and of all misery." As Pope Francis, he has continued to call Christians to move "beyond the boundaries," in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelium Gaudete*: "God is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. He takes us to where humanity is most wounded, where men and women, beneath the appearance of a shallow conformity, continue to seek an answer to the question of life's meaning. God is not afraid! He is fearless! He is always greater than our plans and schemes. Unafraid of the fringes, he himself became a fringe (cf. Phil 2:6-8; Jn 1:14). So if we dare to go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there. Jesus is already there, in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, in their wounded flesh, in their troubles and in their profound desolation. He is already there" (no. 135).

In the end, what's at stake in all of this is the fundamental mission of the Church: to proclaim and live the love of God through acts of service and to love one another after the example of Jesus. Like Benedict's monks and the Apostles, each of us is called to do our part in realizing this mission, but we are also called to reach across the boundaries — whatever form they might take — and invite others to join us in living out this mission.

Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS

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 May 2, 2021: \$5824.00 (106%)

Monthly Collection: \$87.00, **Utilities:** \$92.00, **Debt Reduction:** \$337.00, **Catholic Home Missions:** \$2.00, **Children's Collection:** \$12.00, **Votive:** \$72.00, **Easter Flowers:** \$14.00, **Holy Day:** \$55.00, **Mother's Day:** \$978.00, **Father's Day:** \$30.00, **Mail:** \$1218.00.

Online Giving: 04/26/21—04/30/21: Church Offering: \$280.00.

Online Giving: 05/01/21—05/02/21: Church Offering: \$377.00, **Community Care:** \$10.00, **Monthly:** \$28.00.

The Second Collection This Week—May 9th, is Our Monthly Sacrifice.

The Second Collection Next Week—May 16th, is for Utilities.

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

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. Tickets are \$10.00, based on the NY Lottery Evening Draw Numbers. \$2,500.00 Given Away!

Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.—\$50.00

Wednesday Hump Day—\$75.00

Saturday & Sunday—\$100.00

4th Of July—\$500.00

Thank You For Your Continued Support Of Our Parish!

ROSARY ALTAR MAY MEETING!

The Rosary Altar May Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 13th AT 6:00 PM.** After the meeting we will then go over to the Church for the 7:00 PM Mass since it is a Holy Day Of Obligation, **The Ascension Of The Lord!** Our June 10th Meeting will be our installation dinner and will be held at the LaSalle Yacht Club. Look for further information in the weeks to come!

Catholic Charities Update:

To date we have raised \$35,948 from 159 donors. That's 94% of our \$38,178 goal. We need to raise an additional \$2,230 to achieve our goal. If you haven't given yet won't you please help us achieve gold star status from the Diocese by making a pledge today. 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 the gift of food. Catholic Charities runs nine food pantries, seven in Erie County and a pantry in both Franklinville in Cattaraugus County and Wellsville in Allegany county. Your donation of non-perishable food items can help feed hungry individuals in your community. In light of the pandemic, all donations must be scheduled ahead of time. To schedule a time to drop off your donation, call 716-218-1400, ext. 2005. To find your nearest pantry, visit www.cwny.org/food. **Appeal 2021** is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.cwny.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**

***We Thank You, Heroic Mothers,
For Your Invincible Love!
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!***

We wish all our mothers a Happy and Healthy Mother's Day!

Loving God,

As a mother gives life and nourishment

To her children,

So you watch over your Church.

Bless our mother.

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, her family,

May honor her always

With a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lady Of Fatima

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13!

Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War 1, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the Pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary,

You were pleased to appear to the children

Of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love

For the recitation of the Rosary.

By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption

That are recalled therein

May we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask,

Through the merits of Jesus Christ, our

Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.

All Bingo Players are asked to attend a **very important meeting** at Volare Lodge on **Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 P.M.** It is important that everyone attend, whether you are planning to work Bingo or not. If you are unable to attend, please call Terry at 716-400-4125. New Bingo workers are also welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served!

First Holy Communion!

We will be celebrating First Holy Communion on May 16th at the 11:15 am, mass. There are seven children from our parish who will receive the Holy Eucharistic for the first time!

Holy Name Men's Club will be meeting on May 13th (Holy Day of Obligation Ascension Thursday) at 6:00 pm, for anyone who needs to attend mass. We now have several new parish help assignments. During this meeting, we will be trying to schedule some of these activities. Also, we may have a new social service item coming for April 22, 2022, relative to celebrating St. Joseph and the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Buffalo.

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!!

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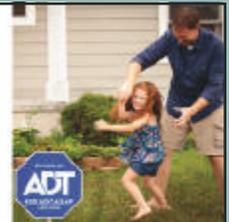
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