

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

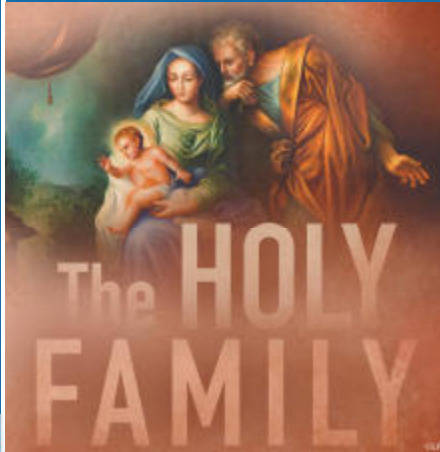
Couples should begin planning with the parish at least six months prior to the wedding date. A marriage program is an essential part of the planning process.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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

Together in Faith Since 1907 December 26, 2021

The Holy Family



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

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

Pastor. Ext. 308
Emergency Only 579-4949
Office Ext. 302/301
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 Mrs. Cynthia Tripoli
Mrs. Debbie Burns
Faith Formation: Mrs. Marybeth Simoneit
Music Leaders: Mrs. Christy Murty
Mr. Jeff Paterson
Trustees: Miss Janet Furlong
Mr. Michael Casale
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December 26, 2021
The Holy Family
Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper

Saturday, December 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

8:45 am Deceased Members Of The Drozek & Tripoli Families by Peter & Cindy Tripoli

11:15 am Nancy Martinez by Family

Sunday, December 26, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:45 am Patricia Nolan by the Family

11:15 am Diane Scalia by Sisters

Monday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle And Evangelist

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 am Edward Miodonski by Estate

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm Mother's Day Intentions

Wednesday, December 29, Fifth Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity Of The Lord

8:00 am People Of The Parish

Thursday, December 30, Sixth Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity Of The Lord

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 31, Seventh Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity Of The Lord

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

4:30 pm Joan Nolfe (9th Anniversary) by Sister

Saturday, January 1, 2022, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 am All Souls

4:30 pm John Sorice by Mom & Sisters

Sunday, January 2, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:45 am Nancy Martinez by Mike & Candy Promowicz

11:15 am Gail Andres by Patty Felton

Please pray for our ill and hospitalized: Richard, Dot Swift, Jill Dombrowski, Stacey, Matthew II, Mary Ann Bergquest, Baby Jack, Sharon, Baby Gregory, Shannon, Uncle Gary, JoAnn Spears, Michelle Foster, Deirdre Raduns, Donna Cutwa, Preston Montroy, Alfreda Gautreau, Kaia Foster, Z, Helga, Philip Buffone, Pat Hahn, Lynette & Family, Daniel P., Anne-Marie S., Chris Nelson, Ron, Michele Promowicz Newman, Gail Jakubowski, Cathy D'Angelo, Ryan Welsh, 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, 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 December For The Hansen & Burden Families By Sharon!

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In My Father's House

Every person is subject to the law of nature and to the Creator who orders all things for the good. The first reading today from the Book of Sirach and its alternate, taken from the First Book of Samuel, demonstrate that the workings of the holy are intimately invested in the lives of men and women, perhaps most evidenced in the family. Through a variety of circumstances, however, not always under our control, people will find themselves in less than perfect family situations.

Although God wills human relationships according to the laws of charity, where fathers and mothers live with their children in mutual honor and love, the flaws of human nature and the scars of sin make these relationships fall short of God's desire for us.

Whatever troubles the human heart, in or outside a family, the Father's loving embrace leads us through discernment in the Spirit. Not an easy go for everyone. The earlier verses before our selection today from 1 Samuel disclose a dark story of the devout Hannah, mocked by Peninnah for her barren condition (seem as divine punishment) and by the priest, Eli, who falsely accuses her of drunkenness when she is praying. Nevertheless, Hannah presses on in her petition for a child, aware of the one thing necessary: her relationship with God. This is the purity of heart that can keep us going because of steadfastness of faith and its consolations.

The Holy Family models for us the contours of faith that are not static but move inside the prayer of the Trinitarian God -Father, Son and Spirit. Surely, we this prayerful interrogation of God's will in Mary's response to Gabriel in Nazareth, in Joseph's obedience to the angel in the dream and, of course, the young Jesus breaking away from the routine of family to listen to the absolutely unique relationship with God. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" is not a statement of rebellion but of discernment, a call to another house, the law of God unfolding in a definitive relationship between the Father and the Son.

The working of the family will carry with it a share of hardship, even the cross at times. But in a certain sense, the human relationships that God has given us in the natural order also set the stage for how we will discover his will in our lives. We could call this mutual discernment under the best of circumstances. There is nothing better when a family supports one another and then are motivated to love others in the world in works of charity and good works learned in the home. But even when these relationships falter or fail, God is present in prayer to move us into a house where the Lord whispers in our ear "You are mine."

By Father Guerric DeBona

The Sanctuary Light Burns With Unceasing Prayer In Front Of The Blessed Sacrament For The Month Of January For The Pyra Family By Josephine Pyra!

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

Regular Collection For December 12, 2021: \$4271.00,
Monthly Collection: \$756.00, **Utilities:** \$30.00,
Religious Retirement: \$46.00, **Flowers:** \$395.00, **All Saints Day:** \$10.00, **Immaculate Conception:** \$60.00,
Solemnity Of Mary: \$22.00, **Christmas:** \$253.00,
Votives: \$56.00, **Wafers:** \$40.00, **Community Care:** \$140.00, **All Souls Day:** \$10.00.
Online Giving: 12/06/21—12/12/21: Regular: \$542.00,
Reduce Debt: \$600.00.

Thank You All For Supporting Our Parish!

There Is No Second Collection This Week!**Our Bingo Updates:**

We now hold our **St. John de LaSalle BINGO** in our Parish Center on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Please let your family and friends know of our new location. Bingo is one of our highest fundraisers, donating our profits to the Church!

We are in need of floor workers for the first and fourth Tuesday's of each month. Can you give us 3 hours of your time (6:00 pm—9:00 pm) on these Tuesday's. If so, please call Terry at 716-400-4125.

Thank You For All Your Support!

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

please stop in the sacristy and sign up for your preference to serve at the Christmas Liturgy. Also if you have not yet picked up your workbook and prayer books, they are in the sacristy for pick-up.

St. John de LaSalle Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!!

On Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 12:30 pm, we will be having a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Koban's Restaurant, 3045 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls. If you are interested in attending please call the PCO—716-283-2238 ext. 302, no later than December 30, 2021!

Meat Choices Are;
 Chicken Parmigiana
 Or

Boneless Breaded or Charbroiled Pork Chops
 Included Also;

Garlic Toast, Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert & Coffee

Baptism News!!

On Sunday, December 26, 2021, **Emily Margaret Nixon** will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Her proud parents are, **Russell & Allison Nixon**. Please keep them all in your Prayers! May God Bless The Nixon Family!!

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." (Matthew 2:10) As we celebrate Christ's entrance into the world, we reflect on what it brought us all: faith, hope, love, light, exceeding joy. We wish you all of these and more, today and every day.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Catholic Charities.

Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world.

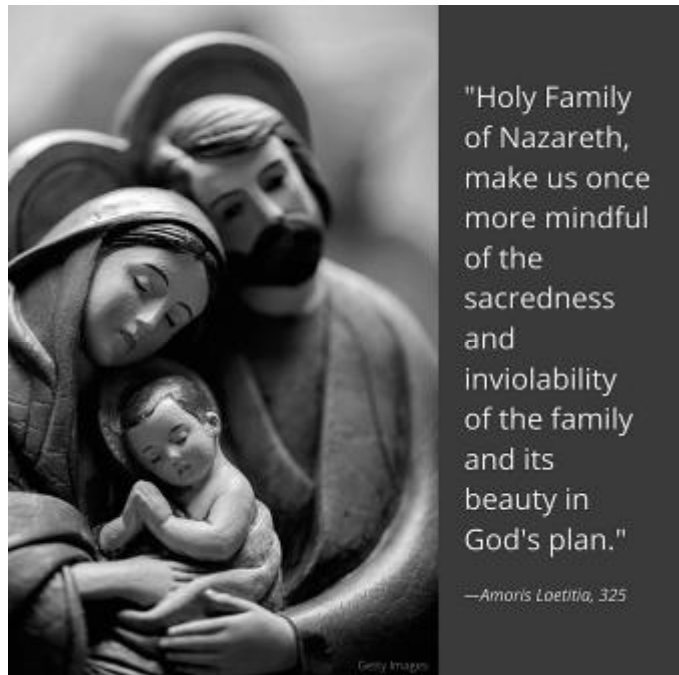
Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children—share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas!

This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amaris Loetitia, 325

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

I would like to inform you all that we made our \$40,000.00 goal to repay the Diocese of Buffalo for the Debt that we inherited from previous years. On Wednesday, December 15th, 2021, the check was sent in and Praise God we are starting 2022 Debt Free!

I would like to take this time to say Thank You to All The Parishioners of St. John de LaSalle who made this goal happen. I am very humbled and grateful to you all for answering my plea to help with this large amount.

May God Bless You All and I Will Be Praying For You All To Have a Blessed, Healthy, Happy, New Year!!!

Yours In Christ!

Rev. Slawomir Siok, S.A.C.

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