

## 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 January 2, 2022

## The Epiphany Of The Lord



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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  
**Parish Council:** Mr. Andrew Touma



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Especially from the Last Supper for Mass 80001, 1998, WFO CCD

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**January 2, 2022**  
**The Epiphany Of the Lord**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022, THE OCTAVE DAY OF  
 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SO-  
 LEMNITY 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

**Monday, January 3, Holy Name Of Jesus**

8:00 am Margaret O'Laughlin by Family

**Tuesday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
 Religious**

8:00 am People Of The Parish

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm Mother's Day Intentions

**Wednesday, January 5, Saint John Neumann,  
 Bishop**

8:00 am Nancy Martinez by Mark & Linda Grozio

**Thursday, January 6, Saint Andre Bessette,  
 Religious**

8:00 am James Hahn, Sr. by Family

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

**First Friday, January 7, Saint Raymond Of Penafort,  
 Priest**

8:00 am Michael Diletti by Barbara & Larry Chiarenza

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

**First Saturday, January 8, Christmas Weekday**

8:00 am All Souls

4:30 pm Vincenzo "Vince" Anello by Margaret & Andy  
 Touma

**Sunday, January 9, BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:45 am Rudy Martinez (Birth) by Angel Martinez

11:15 am Karen Lozo by The Violanti Family

**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 January For The Pyra Family By  
 Josephine Pyra!**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Traditionally celebrated on Jan.6, this Epiphany feast is now commemorated, in many parts of the world, on the Sunday between Jan.2-8. No doubt, the rationale for this move is the need for a more populated observance, especially in places where the Epiphany is not a public holiday.

There is much to be studied about this solemnity: its origins, its baptismal nature, its threefold meaning and, of course, its cultural manifestations. Here, we only focus on the collect. For our purposes, the verbs are essential.

Collect: O God, who on this day/ revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations/ by the guidance of a star,/ grant in your mercy, that we,/ who know you already by faith,/ may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

In the collect for the Mass during the day several verbs are significant:

-To reveal by a star.

-To know you.

-To behold (ad contemplandum) beauty.

In the Orthodox tradition, this day is known as Theophany—that is, the day of the manifestation of God. In the Eastern tradition, this manifestation is threefold: the Magi following the star to the house where the child is, the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan, and the sign of water in wine at the wedding feast of Cana. The accent of these three mysteries on this day in the orthodox tradition is the baptism of the Lord.

In Roman Catholicism, we call it the Epiphany of the Lord, celebrating the, manifestation of the God of Israel to the gentile peoples, represented in the astrologers' visit to the newborn King. It should be noted that the threefold dimension of the eastern observance is given mention in the Magnificat antiphon for second vespers on the solemnity: "Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation."

The verbs of the collect are strong indicators of the significance of this feast. The revelation of Christ is a cosmic event. The star is an ancient symbol that proffers before us the vast nature of God's desire to communicate with humanity. The entire cosmos evangelizes.

The star is an invitation to be guided to the mystery of God's willingness to identify with humanity, and in humanity to be identified with all creation. The resonance of the verb "to know you" speaks of more than a cognitive experience. It is more than memorizing answers as an apologetic defense of beliefs. It is a deep knowing, in the intimate biblical way of knowing. The star summons and guides us to a wedding and plunging in the depth of death, in water and spirit. Such a knowing is more like an unknowing...infinitely comprehensible in love.

This epiphany reveals what we are given to behold, to contemplate: the beauty of God, made manifest; the beauty of the stars and the vastness of what is seen and unseen. In this sublime glory, our humanity, radiant with cosmic life, becomes "one with the divinity of Christ, who humbles himself to become one with us."

Fr. Richard N. Fragomeni

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

**Regular Collection For December 19, 2021:** \$3148.00,  
**Monthly Collection:** \$70.00, **Utilities:** \$561.00,  
**Religious Retirement:** \$185.00, **Flowers:** \$80.00,  
**Christmas:** \$90.00, **Votives:** \$32.00, **Wafers:** \$25.00,  
**Community Care:** \$50.00, **Children:** \$27.00, **Holy Days:**  
 \$55.00, **Reduce Debt:** \$2995.00!  
**Online Giving: 12/13/21—12/19/21: Regular:** \$1237.00,  
**Reduce Debt:** \$303.00, **Utilities:** \$25.00, **Monthly:**  
 \$53.00, **Community Care:** \$50.00!

**Thank You All For Supporting Our Parish!**

**The Second Collection This Week Will Be For Our Building Fund!****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 And Eucharistic Ministers**

Please stop in the sacristy and pick up your workbook and prayer book for 2022 if you have not done so already.

**Happy New Year! Is giving back on your to-do list for 2022? If so, consider becoming a Catholic Charities volunteer.** View all current opportunities at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) and become a beacon of HOPE right here in Western New York. Thank you for your support throughout the year! Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If someone you know needs help, go to [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.



**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**  
**I would like to thank everyone who donated for the flowers for our church. Our church always looks so beautiful because of your donations!**  
**It has been said, that our church is the prettiest church in Niagara Falls!!**  
**Thanks to all of St. John de LaSalle parishioners and to all who decorate so beautifully!**

**Dear Parish Family,**

**Christmas reminds us that God loves us. He always has and He always will. If you are struggling to find His presence and to make sense out of this crazy world, please turn to God! His love is the one thing in life that can offer us a strong foundation to stand strong in the face of all the storms of life that constantly surround and challenge us. When things get tough for us in 2022 (which sorry to say, they probably will), the foundation of the Lord's love can offer us comfort and stability. May the lord's love full your heart during this new year and may you find strength in the Lord for whatever challenges you might face.**

**May God Bless You!**

**Welcome!**

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us today. Whether you're a longtime parishioner, a newcomer, or just visiting, know that our desire is to extend God's loving presence to all.

If you would like to register, you can download the registration form from our website, [www.stjohndelasalle.org](http://www.stjohndelasalle.org), or call PCO—716 283-2238 ext. 302.

**The Epiphany Of Our Lord**

Today we celebrate the **Epiphany of Our Lord**. We will bless chalk, gold and incense and each family is encouraged and welcome to take a packet home to bless their homes. Instructions are included!!

**20+C+M+B+22**

This represents the three wise men,  
**Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar**  
 and also means;  
**"May Christ Bless This House"**

**Journey Toward God**

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humility to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's reading teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

**January 22nd** is to be observed as a particular day of prayer and sacrifice for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. On this Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, on Saturday, January 22nd. You may also place electric candles in the windows of your home in observation of this day of prayer.

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