

## 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

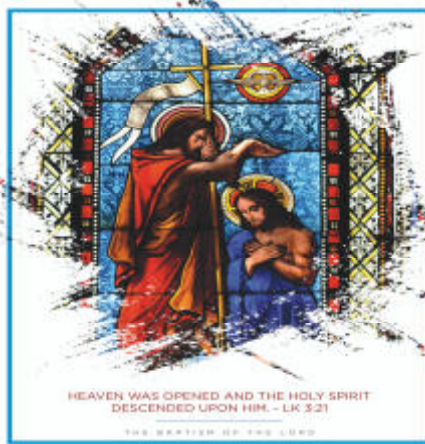
Couples should begin planning with the parish at least six months prior to the wedding date. A marriage program is an essential part of the planning process.

## 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 9, 2022

## The Baptism 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 7:00pm. Anointing Of The Sick On The First Tuesday Of Each Month.  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursday 8:45 -  
Midnight!

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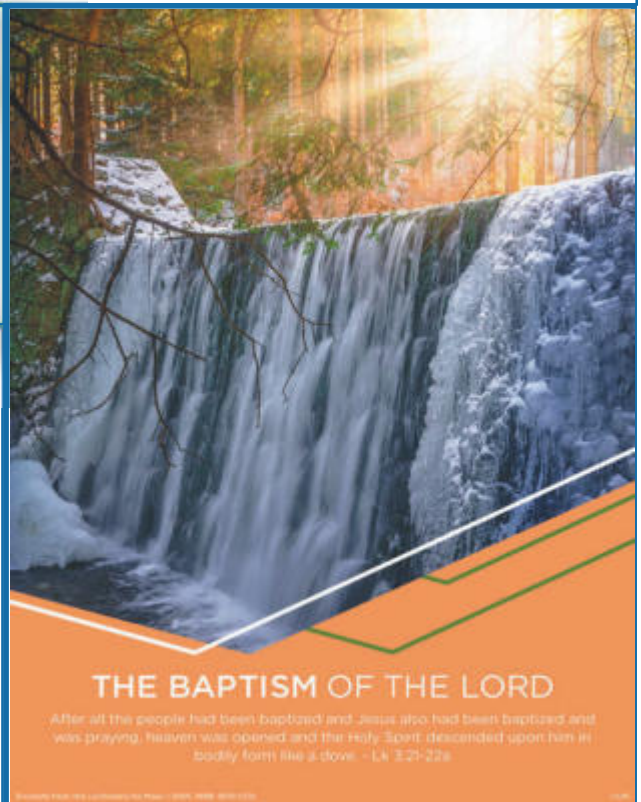
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## CONFESSIONS

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

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Slawomir Siok, SAC  
Office Mrs. Cynthia Tripoli  
Mrs. Debbie Burns  
Faith Formation: Mrs. Marybeth Simoneit  
Music Leaders: Mrs. Christy Murty  
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**January 9, 2022**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—Seasonal Proper**

**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

**Monday, January 10, Weekday**

8:00 am Nancy Martinez by Angel and Family

**Tuesday, January 11, Weekday**

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm Angela D'Amato by Anthony & Lori Casilio & Family

**Wednesday, January 12, Weekday**

8:00 am People of the Parish

**Thursday, January 13, St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 am William & Sara by Rosemary Truesdale

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, January 14, Weekday**

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

**Saturday, January 15, Weekday**

8:00 am All Souls

4:30 pm Nancy Martinez by Michael & Carole Iodice

**Sunday, January 16, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:45 am Albert Trotter by Family

11:15 am Nancy Martinez by Paul & Mercedes Catherine

**Please pray for our ill and hospitalized:** Lisa, 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!**

**Question of the Week**

How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in Baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

**THE BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST, THE MESSIAH AND SON OF GOD**  
*The Baptism of the Lord*  
*God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God*

Who is Jesus Christ?

It is a question people asked as they witnessed him preach, heal the sick, and work other wonders. It is a question people have asked through the centuries as they studied the gospels and tried to pattern their lives on his example of self-giving love. If we are to be his followers and pass on the good news to the next generation of believers, it is a question we must constantly ask ourselves.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord and, in particular, the beautiful reading from the gospel of Saint Luke teach us that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

First, Jesus is the Messiah. The words "Messiah" and "Christ" both mean "Anointed One." Throughout their history, the people of Israel have awaited the one anointed by God to lead them to freedom. This anointing meant that the Messiah would save them not by his own power, but by the power of God.

At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. The Heavenly Father was anointing Jesus with power to preach the good news, to give sight to the blind, and to bring freedom to captives. Jesus received this anointing to make it clear that he is the Messiah.

What does that mean for us today? It means that we have no other Savior than Jesus Christ. If we are to find true and lasting freedom, it is only through him. If we are to experience true and lasting justice and peace it can only be through Jesus Christ. As Saint Peter declares on Pentecost Day in the Acts of the Apostles, "No other name is given to us in heaven or on earth by which we are to be saved." This means that in everything we do, whether as individuals, as a Church or as a nation, we must look to Jesus if we are to find the justice, truth, freedom, and peace our hearts yearn for.

Secondly, Jesus is the Son of God. After the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus, God's voice from heaven is heard, "You are my beloved Son."

When we call Jesus, "Son of God", we are not saying that he is like God, or that he is very close to God. Rather, we are saying that Jesus IS God. As we say in the Creed, he is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. Whatever we can say about God, we can say about Jesus. He is eternal. There has never been a time when he has not existed. He is All-Powerful. There is nothing he cannot do. And he is All-Knowing. He knows the future and knows our hearts. There is no limit to his power.

For this reason, we do not only revere Jesus as a great man, but we worship him as our God. We bow our heads when we hear his name. We kneel when he appears before us in the Eucharist. We pray to him, entrust our needs to him, and praise him.

Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God. We look to him to save us and we worship him as Almighty God. Just as John the Baptist pointed to him, so we must point him out to others as the only Savior of the World. Just as John the Baptist led others to him, we are to lead our family and friends to recognize him as the Messiah our hearts long for. Just as God from heaven declared that he is the beloved Son, so we are to declare to others that Jesus is the God we should follow and obey.

*Douglas Sousa*

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

**Regular Collection For January 2, 2022:** \$4270.55,  
**Monthly Collection:** \$127.00, **Utilities:** \$68.00, **Catholic Relief:** \$10.00, **Christmas:** \$195.00, **Community Care:** \$50.00, **Children:** \$15.00, **Holy Days:** \$676.00, **Building Fund:** \$708.00!  
**Online Giving: 01/01/2022—01/02/2022: Regular:** \$536.00, **Monthly:** \$28.00!

*Thank You All For Supporting Our Parish!*

**The Second Collection This Week, January 9th, is Our Monthly Collection!**  
**The Second Collection Next Week, January 16th, is for Utilities!**

**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!*

**PRAYER!**

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*We acknowledge you as the Messiah,  
 The Son of God.*

*Through your anointing with the Holy Spirit  
 Give us power to preach the good news,  
 To heal the sick, and to free the captives.  
 As Son of God, give us a renewed sense*

*Of our dignity as adopted daughters and sons of God.*

*May we look with hope to our promised inheritance  
 As we work to make your Kingdom a reality.*

*Amen.*

**ALL IN THE FAMILY!**

*At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating—who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold?*

*Sometimes, it can even be painful—perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.*

*But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.*

*You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father? Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter? We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.*

*—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**January 18th!**

Tuesday, January 18th, marks the beginning of the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. In a time when the sad divisions that separate the Christian Churches seem even stronger perhaps it is a good time for us as a parish to pray for the unity of all Christians. **After the 7:00 pm Mass We Will Have Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament and The Holy Rosary to Start Off This Week of Prayer!**

**January 22nd!**

Saturday, 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**. You may also place electric candles in the windows of your home that evening as a symbol of your participation in this day of prayer.

There will be a Youth Rally, March and Mass for Life with Bishop Fisher on January 22, starting at 3:30 pm. This will be in-place of the Diocese sending a group of individuals to the March for Life in DC this year. We are honored to have St. Gregory's be the gathering place for this inspiring, peaceful, and vibrant event. All are welcome to attend. We ask for parental oversight to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. We ask that you dress appropriately as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Everyone is encouraged to make signs. We kindly ask that you share this information with your faith and school communities.

**Schedule of Events:**

- 3:30 Youth Rally in Ministry Center
- 4:15 March for Life and Rosary on Maple Ave.
- 5:30 Mass in the Church with Bishop Fisher
- Reception to follow in the Ministry Center
- Youth Rally March and Mass for Life Website

**Our Lady of Fatima Shrine**, 1023 Swann Road, Lewiston, NY is hosting its **16th Annual Festival Of Lights Benefit & Basket Auction** on Sunday, January 16th, 2022. In support of the Shrine's Renovation, the evening will consist of Basket Auction featuring over 300 baskets, Door Prizes, catered dinner by the Como Restaurant and much more. Tickets available by calling (716) 754-7489. Doors open at 5:00 pm with Wine Tasting, followed by Appetizers at 5:45 pm and dinner at 6:15 pm. **BASKET AUCTION PREVIEWS:** Friday, January 14th from 11:00 am-7:00 pm, Saturday, January 15th, 9:00 am—6:00 pm and Sunday, January 16th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The Shrine Cafeteria will be open for service on Friday, 11:00 am—&00 pm for Friday Fish Fry and Saturday, 10:00 am—6:00 pm with a variety of specials. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. May the Advent season bring you to a peace-filled and most holy Christmas and New Year.

Very Rev. Peter M. Calabrese, CRSP

**Lenten Fish Fry!**

Our first **Lenten Fish Fry** will start on Friday, March 4th! We are looking forward to another successful fundraiser for our parish and if you are willing to help in anyway please call the PCO—283-2238 ext. 302. Thank You!!!

**Bible In A Year With Father Mike Schmitz!**

Join Father Mike—Ascensionpress.com, and read the Bible from Genesis thru Revelation in one year. It is 24 minutes out of each day and also includes a Psalm Reading and a reflexional at the end of each day with Father Mike!



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