

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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January 16, 2022

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Emergency Only 579-4949
Office Ext. 302
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!

Non Gluten Eucharist Available On Request

Restroom w/changing table located near daily chapel; 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



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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Liturgy of the Hours—Pss II Seasonal Proper

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**Monday, January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot****Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

8:00 am Zofia Switoij by Father Slawomir Siok

**Tuesday, January 18, Week Of Prayer For Christian
Unity Begins**

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm Susan Pratt by Niagara IMA Niagara Chapter
& Anthony & Lori Casilio**7:45 pm Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament/
Holy Rosary****Wednesday, January 19, Weekday**

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

**Thursday, January 20, Saint Fabian, Pope And
Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 21, Saint Agnes, Virgin And Martyr

8:00 am People Of The Parish

**Saturday, January 22, Day Of Prayer For The Legal
Protection Of Unborn Children**

8:00 am All Souls

4:30 pm Sarah DeMiglio by Angel Martinez

**Sunday, January 23, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

8:45 am Paul Baiano by Margaret Touma & Family

11:15 am Mary Ellen Amato by Barbara & Larry

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!**

WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

If you're anything like me, it seems like it has been months since we celebrated Christmas. The busy and rich holy days gave way to New Year's resolutions, as we returned to work, school, and ministry. Even the memories of our recent celebrations of Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord are quickly fading. And yet, on this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the gospel story of the wedding at Cana forms the third part of a sort of Epiphany trilogy and carries the themes of these two Christmastide feasts into the green days of Ordinary Time: manifestation and transformation.

These three Epiphany events — the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus by John, and the miracle at Cana — are, as Pope Francis has described them, "the three signs that the liturgy brings in these days in order to speak to us about the manifestation of God: God makes himself known." As we know, the story of the Magi coming from the East reminds us that the child born in Bethlehem was born for all peoples, and the baptism of Jesus is the revelation that he is the Father's "beloved Son." So, then, what do we learn from the miracle at Cana? What truth is revealed in this Sunday's gospel?

To answer this question, we have to pull back the lens, as it were, to take in a broader view of salvation history.

Throughout the Old Testament, we read of how God continually called straying women and men back into right-relationship with Himself. The Hebrew Scriptures are filled with signs and stories that reveal God's covenant-love — His relationship — with His Chosen People: the rainbow after the great flood (Genesis 9:1-17), Abraham's star-filled sky (Gn 15), the giving of the Law to Moses (Exodus 15 and 24), and the promises made to King David and his descendants (1 Samuel 7:12-13). Each of these stories remind us that while the People of Israel violated this relationship time and again, God's love and mercy remained constant. Even the first reading of this Sunday's Mass reminds us of God's abiding and merciful love: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you (Isaiah 62:5)."

But those signs and symbols of the Old Testament were only representations of God's love. On that first Christmas night everything changed. In Jesus — who is the Word-Made-Flesh — God "made his dwelling among us and we have seen his glory" (John 1:14) and the miracle at Cana was the first time that Jesus manifested — remember, this is an Epiphany — his own transforming power and his glory. This is why Adrian Nocent, OSB, could write these beautiful words in his celebrated commentary on the liturgical year: "We were once water, now we are wine, and are judged worthy of the wedding feast ... We are being invited, then, to meditate on this renewal of our selves, of our institutions, and of everything around us, but we must bear in mind that the renewal will come in its fullness only at the wedding feast of the last day."

Cana marked a beginning and in the transformation of the water into wine we discover that Jesus wasn't simply another prophet or holy man. He was God's "Beloved" and he holds the power to transform — to recreate and renew — the elements of earth and, more importantly, the hearts, minds, and souls of his followers.

In the coming weeks of Ordinary Time, we will hear the stories of how this transforming and saving work, begun in Cana, changed the lives of Jesus' disciples, as we're invited to reflect on how that transforming power continues to shape us today.

Br. Silas Henderson, SDS

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

Regular Collection For January 9, 2022: \$3986.00,
Monthly Collection: \$822.00, **Utilities:** \$32.00, **Catholic Relief:** \$5.00, **Children:** \$9.00, **Holy Days:** \$146.00,
Building Fund: \$143.00!
Online Giving: 01/03/2022—01/09/2022: Regular:
 \$477.00, **Monthly:** \$100.00, **Utilities:** \$5.00, **Building Fund:** \$5.00, **Community Care:** \$30.00!

Thank You All For Supporting Our Parish!

The Second Collection This Week, January 16th, is for Utilities!

There is no Second Collection Next Week, January 23th!

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!

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!

PRAYER

(In honor of Our Lady of Cana)*

All-holy Father,

in your divine wisdom and love
 you chose that the Blessed Virgin Mary
 should play her part

in the mysteries of our salvation;
 grant that by heeding the words of Christ's Mother
 we may do what he commands
 in the Gospel he has given.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(from Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary, volume 1)

*For centuries, Christians in certain countries have honored the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 6, under the title "Our Lady of Cana." The most recent collection of Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin includes a special votive Mass for this Christmas season honoring Our Lady under this title. In the commentary for the Mass, we are invited to reflect on how the Mother of Jesus was chosen to play her part in the mysteries of our salvation and how she fulfills her role as mother of the whole human family as she begs her son to help us in our own needs.

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:** Saturday, January 15th, 9:00 am—6:00 pm and Sunday, January 16th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. 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

On **Sunday, January 30th**, we will have our annual collection for the **Church in Latin America**. Latin American Catholics are often characterized by their warm, humble and passionate hearts. They have been blessed by a rich culture as well as natural resources. However, in these times of economic struggle, poverty and violence are still major obstacles in their daily lives. Your support helps give hope to people in the region, especially the youth who seek to live in faith. It is more important than ever that we support the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please give generously in January 30th, second collection.

Question Of The Week?

What gifts that the Spirit gives me can I use to make a transformation in my life or for those I know?

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