

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.

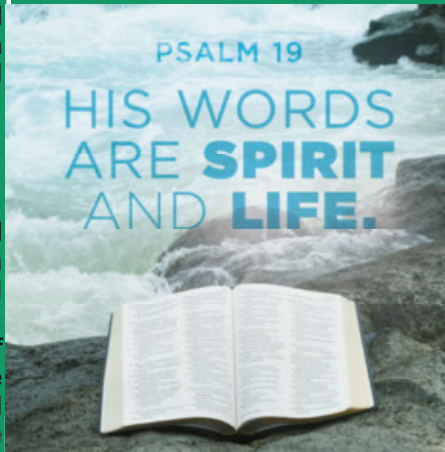
MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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

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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



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9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
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Pastor. Ext. 308
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

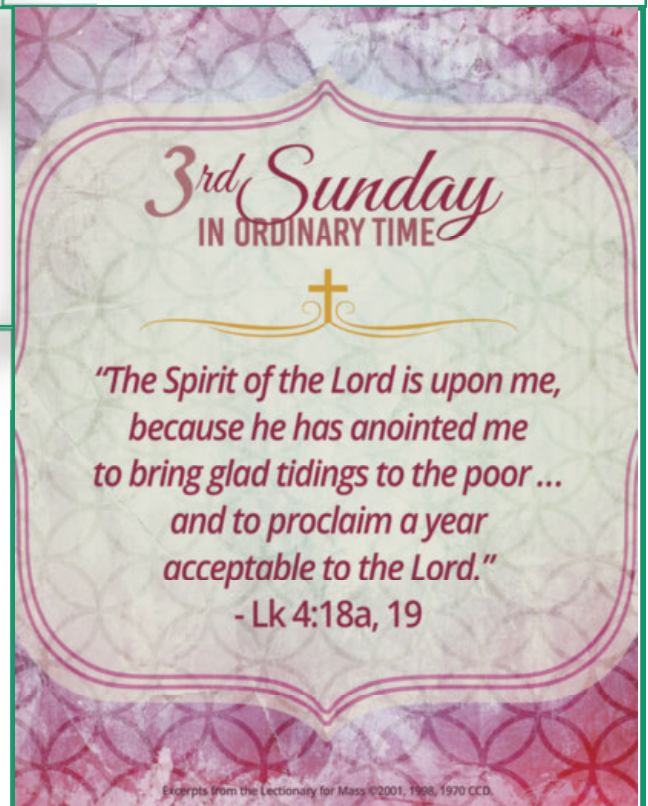
Restroom w/changing table located near daily chapel; is another restroom in the west foyer.

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
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Liturgy of the Hours—Pss III Seasonal Proper

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

8:00 am All Souls

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions

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 Chiarenza

Monday, January 24, Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

8:00 am People Of The Parish

Tuesday, January 25, Conversion Of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:00 am Margaret Trevino by Angel Martinez

6:30 pm St. Jude Novena

7:00 pm Michael D'Antonoli by Anthony & Lori Casilio & Family

Wednesday, January 26, Saints Timothy And Titus, Bishops

8:00 am Nancy Martinez by The Trainor Family

Thursday, January 27, Saints Angela Merici, Virgin And Religious Founder

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

8:45 am—Midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious And Doctor Of The Church

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

Saturday, January 29, Weekday

8:00 am All Souls

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Rosemarie Romano by the Monaco Family

Sunday, January 30, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45 am Genio Violanti by Family

11:15 am Hollis Rule by Barbara & Larry Chiarenza

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!

THE SPIN CYCLE—By Fr. Mark Suslenko

Jesus came into this world to show us God's kind, beautiful, suffering face. God, who cares deeply about the poor, the captives, the blind, and oppressed is truly a servant-God. God, majestic in His transcendence is also tender in His immanence. God is the God of the journey who never leaves His people. God simply waits. Generation after generation has wandered and fumbled to find their way. As we continue to stumble over the "gods" we create and often prefer, God simply reminds us that He is here.

What was the reaction when Jesus stood in front of those assembled in the synagogue when he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing?" Some may have thought he was presumptuous, arrogant, or even insane. Others who listened more with their hearts than their heads may have thought differently. They could have experienced the genuine, perfect, and unconditional love that resonated in his flesh and knew, without a doubt, that they were in the presence of someone wonderful and remarkable. Jesus is the ultimate and perfect testament to God's love. His actions and words give witness to this truth. St. Augustine tells us what this love looks like, "It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men." Love finds its pinnacle in Jesus' complete and humble offering of himself on the cross. This is where Love's sacrifice and transformation meet. This wedding of death and life reveals the mystery of God's unconditional love and mercy. These are the signs for which human beings are constantly looking. Only God, through the gift of eternal life, can give life meaning.

God always finds us. He does not want us to stay lost. He sends messengers, servants, prophets, teachers, signs, promptings, and witnesses to get our attention so that His message can be delivered. Yet repeatedly, pride and arrogance convince us that we can do anything and everything without Him. Perhaps by setting pride and arrogance aside, we might recognize something deeper about ourselves and see just how lost we really are. We will see what binds us and our sinfulness. God wants to release us from all of that baggage! Not only that, but God wants to release us from what centuries of human baggage has caused: world organizational systems and accepted standards of operating that continue to keep people poor, oppressed, captive, and blind to truth. We need to be freed not only from what we are doing to ourselves but from what we are doing to others! We do not have to look far to see the devastation. Anger, frustration, starvation, and violence are widespread in our nation and worldwide. Places once known to be safe are now places of anxiety and fear. Division, corruption, and exploitation exist within all institutions. People are confused over who they are and what true happiness means.

Wars are waged, and more violence continues to be threatened. God's creation is hurting. It's looking more like what we created than what God has entrusted to our care. Human life as a sacred gift from God has become an increasingly unpopular truth. Corruption and exploitation exist at the highest levels and "sins of the flesh" run rampant. We fail to accurately calculate the devastating cost to humans across the world and throughout all generations.

Are we ready to let go of the control? Of the need to be right? Of the need to be ruggedly independent? We cannot live without God's Mercy, His unconditional, eternal, and ever-present love. We do not always get it right; the world does not get it right. The world is like a washing machine stuck on the spin cycle, relentlessly rotating, never quite getting where it needs to be. It forgets what it is supposed to do. It doesn't work. It is broken.

God, as Emmanuel, came into the brokenness of our world to help us fix it. The followers of Jesus, baptized in Christ and made in God's image and likeness, have yet to learn that to be a servant, one must share. Here's a true story: A woman visiting friends went to the local parish for early Sunday Mass. She proceeded to sit in a pew and in short order received a tap on her shoulder. "Excuse me, you are in my seat. Can you please move?" She got up and went to another pew. Beginning to pray and prepare for Mass, she receives another tap on the shoulder with the same request. "Excuse me, you are in my seat. Can you please move?" What is this, she thought to herself? She got up and moved again. Feeling a bit perturbed at this point, she was astonished when the exact same scenario happened a third time!

What happened to the woman in this story is a microcosm of exactly what is wrong with our world. These "people of God" who asked this woman to move believed they were doing nothing wrong. This stranger encroached on space believed to be rightfully theirs. After all, they are the regular, faithful contributors to this parish and are, thus, entitled to reserved seating, right?

Wrong. Entitlement has become one of our most significant problems and sins. We have become entitled to entitlement! In God's kingdom, nobody is entitled to a seat, yet all are seated. Isn't that wonderful? Maybe that is what the first hearers of Jesus' proclamation in the synagogue understood: that everyone has a place. No one is without a seat and what we do in the small matters of our lives affects how the big ones play out. While we may not have directly exacerbated the plight of someone suffering in another part of the world, we can easily be responsible for making someone in our community feel unwelcome, unappreciated, and unloved. All actions and attitudes are connected to the whole, resulting in a ripple effect on life beyond our comprehension. Until we understand the meaning of love and grasp our reluctance at times to receive it, we will remain tethered and aimlessly spinning. We stay broken and lost. Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner!

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

Regular Collection For January 16, 2022: \$4384.00,
Monthly Collection: \$160.00, **Utilities:** \$664.00,
Catholic Relief: \$45.00, **Children:** \$8.00, **Holy Days:**
 \$15.00, **Votives:** \$83.00, **World Mission:** \$25.00,
Building Fund: \$210.00!
Online Giving: 01/10/2022—01/16/2022: Regular:
 \$1069.00, **Monthly:** \$53.00, **Utilities:** \$25.00!
Thank You All For Supporting Our Parish!

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

The Second Collection Next Week, January 30th, is for Church In Latin America Sunday!

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!

MARCH LOTTERY!

Once again the Rosary Altar Society will be selling Tickets For The Month Of March Daily Lottery Numbers!!! If you are interested in purchasing tickets please see the person who will be at the Baptismal Font before and after all weekend masses, or you may purchase tickets in the Parish Office, Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, or by calling Cindy Tripoli—425-7404!! This is a wonderful fund raiser for our parish and thank you for your support!!!

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity—January 18-25!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian Unity. By annually observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

Question of the Week!

In what ways am I poor, oppressed or held captive? How does the Lord's promise speak to me? How can I bring tidings to those who are poor and oppressed?

PRAYER!

Dear Jesus,

*Help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.
 Flood our souls with your Spirit and Life.
 Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly
 that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.*

*Shine through us and be so in us that every soul
 we come in contact with
 may feel your presence in our souls.
 Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!*

*Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine,
 so to shine as to be a light to others.
 The light, O Jesus, will be all from you;
 none of it will be ours.
 It will be you, shining on through us.*

*Let us thus praise you in the way you love best,
 by shining on those around us.
 Let us preach you without preaching,
 not by words but by example, by the catching force,
 the sympathetic influence of what we do,
 the evident fullness of the love
 our hearts bear for you.
 Amen.*

Saturday, January 22, is the feast day of St. Vincent Pallotti, the founder of the Society of Catholic Apostolate, colloquially referred to as "Pallottines" (priests, brothers, sisters and lay associates).

St. Vincent was born in 1795 in Rome, Italy, where he died in 1850. Pope Pius XII declared Vincent "Blessed" in 1950, and Pope John XXIII declared him "Saint" in 1963. St. Vincent was an innovator. His studies of Sacred Scripture, tradition and theology convinced him that the mission and responsibility of spreading the faith was incumbent on all baptized people, lay people, as well as clergy. To carry out his ideas, he established the Society of the Catholic Apostolate.

In 1835, St. Vincent Pallotti had a vision of a renewed Catholic Church where lay people, religious and clergymen were working together to promote the Apostolate of the People of God: *Union of Catholic Apostolate*. The first and second part of his vision (male and female consecrated societies) were approved by the Popes a long time ago, but the union had to wait for a new Pentecost which descended on the Church in the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). On November 14, 2003, Pope John Paul II, through the

Pontifical Council of Laity (Vatican), officially approved the Union of Catholic Apostolate.

Today, throughout the world, we Pallottines number about 2,400 priests and brothers, some 4,000 sisters and approximately 175,000 associate lay persons. The mission of our Society is clear and simple: **"The sanctification of all people and the spread of the Catholic faith, to be brought about primarily through the reunification of all Churches of the East and West."** Jesus' prayer was: **"that all may be one, Father, as you and I are one."**

As we celebrate the memory of this Roman priest, we are also, in a sense, celebrating our standing as disciples, indeed, as apostles, heeding the command of Jesus to "go and teach." Let us follow the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti; through Baptism, we are called to be Apostles of Jesus' Good News and of His compassionate mercy. Pray for Pallottines so they may fulfill St. Vincent Pallotti's Apostolic vision.

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