



# St. John's Church

## February 7, 2021



Consecration to St. Joseph  
Monday,  
February 15, 2021 through  
Friday, March 19, 2021

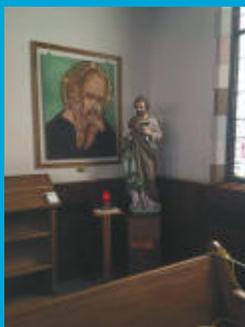
The Diocese of Buffalo will begin a 33-day  
Consecration to St. Joseph on Wednesday,

Feb. 15 that will continue through March 19. This is  
to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named  
"Universal Patron of the Church" and Pope Francis call for  
a Year of St. Joseph, as well as the Patron Saint of the  
Diocese of Buffalo, and named Cathedral.

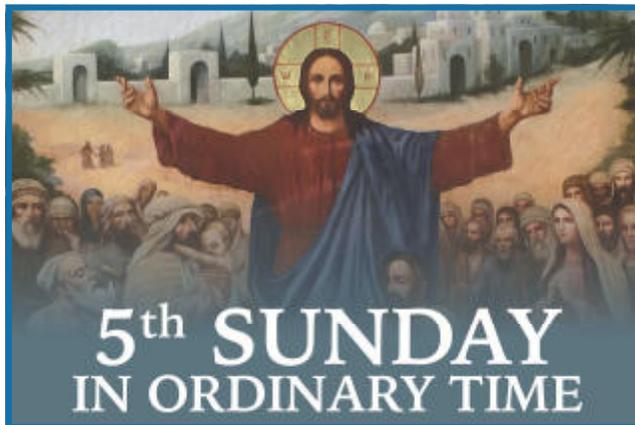
Bishop Michael W. Fisher will celebrate Mass on the  
Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19 at 12:10 p.m.,  
at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Buffalo to conclude  
the consecration.

"As your new bishop and shepherd, I am encouraging  
all of the faithful of our diocese to join together with me in  
prayer during this very special period of consecration to  
St. Joseph," said Bishop Fisher. "St. Joseph provides a  
timeless example of faithfulness and trust in God, despite  
uncertainty and even unreasonable circumstances. We  
would do well to reflect on how his witness might inspire  
our own as we seek in our day and time to reveal Christ to  
our world."

More information can be found  
at [www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-joseph](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/consecration-to-st-joseph).



As we continue to  
celebrate the year  
of St. Joseph the next  
Consecration  
is from our Diocese.  
Please continue to  
honor and pray for his  
intercession by visiting the  
statue of St. Joseph and  
saying a prayer in the back  
of the church and please  
take a prayer card for  
home.



**Legacy of Fr. John Hamel**  
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**Celebrate with Us!**

**Sunday,**  
**February 14, 2021**  
**Mass at 9:30 am**  
**FB LIVE**



Second Town Hall Meeting  
@ SJTE  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Held in the Church  
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**Confessions & Adoration**  
**Wednesdays**  
**4:30 - 5:30 pm**  
St. John's and  
The Basilica of St. Mary

(As of 1/6/2021 the Confession Hours have changed)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 6 -**

**4:30 PM † Gloria Reynolds -**  
- The Sanfilippo Family

**Sunday February 7 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM † Mary Lou Wisniewski -**  
- Judith & Colleen Wisniewski

**Monday, February 8 -**

**8:00 AM † Tony Kosinski - Theresa Budzinski**

**Tuesday, February 9 -**

**8:00 AM † Ashleigh Moronta - Healing Intention**  
- Chuck and Theresa Shaffer

**Wednesday, February 10 -**

**12:15 PM - † Dorothy Zappia - The Zappia Family**

**Thursday, February 11 -**

**8:00 AM † Mark Clarke - Tom & Joey Enright**

**Friday, February 12 -**

**8:00 AM † Thomasina Aiello - Tom & Pat Aiello**

**Saturday, February 13 -**

**4:30 PM † Francis Ryan - estate**

**Sunday February 14 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 AM † Wilfred J. Nash - BR - Family**



**Linked Parishes' Pro-Life Committee** was commissioned during the Pro-Life Vigil Mass, Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021. Complete Mass with guest speaker, Cheryl Calire available on Basilica YouTube Channel.  
**Pro-Life Committee:**  
**Diane Cecchi, Mary Cygan, Jennifer Forney, Michael Forney, Anita Schmidt, and Deacon Matt Wenke**



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns Feb. 1-15 for the glory of God in the Remembrance of **Gloria Reynolds**  
By: Lonnie Gleason

Our Lady of Perpetual Help burns Feb. 1-15 for the glory of God and in remembrance of **Bud & Mary Pezzimenti**  
By: Family



**Let us lift up in prayer all the men & woman in the military serving our country**





*Our parish extends its condolences to the Tri-Catholic community families of*

Helen Worth, Timothy LaRue, Vernon Rounds, Anthony Kosinski, Frederick Evans, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Robert Bailey, Beverly Geise, Anthony Gallo, Theo Dunshie, Dean Neudeck, Bernard "Bernie" Baldwin, Irene Krahe, Dr. Michael Jonak, Janet Luzzi, and Gloria Reynolds,

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*



Please keep the following in your prayers for healing:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
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| Ralph Aloj          | Jean Nolan           |
| Jackie Attard       | Richard Peterson     |
| Kathy Baker         | Gavin Riley          |
| Daniel Brogan       | Donna Rippel         |
| Linda Colletti      | Gene Robak Jr.       |
| Gail Crowley        | Ann Rogozinski       |
| Carmen DeGiglio     | Jennifer Sauter      |
| David Frey          | Joan Sauter          |
| David Hettrick      | Dave & Jan Schichtel |
| Sr. Dana Hollis     | Colleen Spencer      |
| Gary Jakobik        | David Tominez        |
| Joan John           | Rob Umbenhour        |
| Janet Jones         | Jeff Veno            |
| Carol Kielar        |                      |
| Dave Krahe          |                      |
| Barb Lang           |                      |
| Rev. John Mack      |                      |
| Kathleen Martinelli |                      |

*All the Hospice Patients and their caregiv-*



## Reflection for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**in Ordinary Time: Feb. 7, 2021**

**(Job 7:1-4,6-7):** Job paints a moving picture of life for a grieving person. It's difficult to think positive thoughts and to embrace hope when we're full of physical, emotional or spiritual pain. When Job describes life being "quicker than a weaver's shuttle, he uses the Hebrew word for thread, "tiqua", which sounds just like the Hebrew word for hope. This symbolizes that, as Job's life swiftly passes, like rapidly diminishing thread from a weaver's shuttle, it may be accompanied by diminishing hope due to mounting losses as life goes on. This passage is followed by Job's addressing God, asking why all these things must happen; his family's deaths, his massive loss of property and his physical illness. Job has great emotional wounds, as well. Soon after this passage, Bildad the Shuhite tries to comfort Job with encouraging words about leaning on his faith as his ancestors did in times of trial. We also might benefit from considering this. It's normal to question God and to plead with Him for answers when we are suffering, but let's be reminded of and inspired by the faith of generations before us who often suffered much greater tragedies than we have, but kept the faith.

**(Psalm 147):** "Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted." This hopeful psalm invites us to praise God for His goodness and graciousness. The second stanza radiates great encouragement and solace: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds. When the psalmist tells us that God tells us the number of the stars and calls each by name, he's reassuring us that God is attentive; knowing and being aware of all things. Our God knows all and is aware of all things. That should give us comfort when we're suffering and grieving. The third stanza fosters even more confidence in God, extolling God's mighty power, boundless wisdom and love, casting down the wicked and lifting up the lowly.

**(1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23):** Paul reflects on his mission to preach the Gospel and share the faith and God's encouragement. Perhaps, in view of the first two readings we are being similarly called to be beacons of hope to others who are suffering from illness and grieving for losses of loved ones and/or losses of their own health, independence and abilities. When Paul says "To the weak I become weak, to win over the weak" he reminds us that we help others when we have compassion for them, rather than judge them. When we share our stories of dealing with similar struggles and offer understanding, support and encouragement rather than judgment, we are more persuasive to others about turning to God and to the Church for guidance, comfort, support and companionship.

**(Mark 1:29-39):** Today's Gospel gives a powerful testimony to what Jesus can do to help in all the kinds of suffering described in this weekend's readings. Jesus can physically and spiritually touch us and heal us, as He did Peter's mother-in-law. He can take us by the hand and "raise us up." Raising us up might mean physically healing us to return to Earthly ministry, as Peter's mother-in-law did when she resumed waiting on others. It might mean healing us and raising us up to eternal glory by taking us to Heaven. Otherwise, "raising us up" might just mean spiritually raising us up, so that we offer up our suffering as a sacrifice for ourselves and for others. This, also is a healing; albeit a spiritual healing. Offering up suffering has great power!

How are we doing in our role as *prophets*, that was given to us at Baptism? Are we speaking up for what is right and protecting the vulnerable, by speaking up for justice and peace? Use it wisely.

Appreciatively,

*Deacon Matt*



**Deacon Matthew Wenke**  
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## Church and Area Events

**Feb. 14 (Sun.)** Celebrating the Legacy of Fr. John Hamel as we move toward the 145 Anniversary of his installation as the first resident pastor in Olean. Celebrating Mass Feb. 14 @ 9:30 am at [SJTEolean.org](http://SJTEolean.org) & **FB LIVE**. At the 11 am mass @ [SMAolean.org](http://SMAolean.org) & **FB LIVE** and . There will be a dedication of a beautiful antique Mass kit donated by James Stadler gifted to him by his great-grand-mother Barbara Sparrer who lived during the time of Fr. Hamel's presence in Olean.

**Plenary Indulgence Opportunity** - on the 4th Anniversary of the designation of St. Mary of the Angels as a minor Basilica by Pope Francis.

## Plenary Indulgence

### Who can gain an Indulgence?

Catholics in full communion with the Church may obtain a plenary indulgence for themselves or for a soul in purgatory by carrying out in the Basilica an act of devotion

(Mass, adoration, Rosary, for example) with sincerity, following conditions set by the Church and be earnestly striving to eliminate all attachment to sin, whether mortal or venial.

#### Three Conditions for Receiving an Indulgence:

1. Sacramental Confession within 20 days prior or following the day the indulgence is sought
2. Reception of Holy Communion, preferably on the day of your visit to the Basilica
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father

**Days that the plenary indulgence can be received at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels are listed on their website:**

[www.smaolean.org/our-privileges](http://www.smaolean.org/our-privileges)

**Feb. 16 (Tues.)** Second Town Hall Meeting with Fr. John - 4:30 -5:30 pm [sjteolean.org](http://sjteolean.org) & **FB LIVE**

**Feb. 22 (Fri.)** Feast of the Chair of St. Peter - 12:15 pm Mass - SMA & FB LIVE - We celebrate with particular care this day highlighting the bond of communion our Basilica holds with the Roman Cathedra of Peter.



## NOTES FROM OUR PARISH

- ◆ Thank you to all of you who are able to continue supporting the parish with your online, direct deposit and mailed in contributions!!
- ◆ Don't forget to make your reservation for the upcoming weekend Masses. Go to [sjteolean.org](http://sjteolean.org) or call the Parish Office. - 372-5313
- ◆ Live streamed Masses - please follow us in [sjteolean.org](http://sjteolean.org) and Facebook for live streamed Masses.

### Ministers of the Holy Eucharist February 13 & 14

4:30 PM - C. Moses  
9:30 AM - J. Baglione

### Lector Schedule February 13 & 14

4:30 PM - K. Fitzgerald  
9:30 AM - D. Scholla

### Greeter Schedule February 13 & 14

4:30 PM - R. Alberts  
9:30 AM - A. Clarke & D/C Hinz

**The Diocese is ordered by the bankruptcy court to publicize this announcement.  
Thank you for your cooperation.**

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.*  
Case No. 20-10322

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

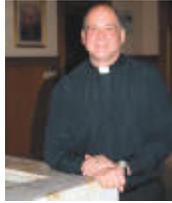
If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceesofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

*A Message from our Regional  
Administrator/Pastor*

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716-372-4841 ext.



***Town Hall Notes from Fr. John . .***

A couple of months ago, on the 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. John Hamel becoming the first resident pastor of the Church of Olean, we held our first Town Hall meeting. Beginning Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, on the day designated as a time to celebrate love and life, we will again highlight the history of our Olean parish family as we also look to celebrating the Roman Catholic Community of Olean as we move toward the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. John Hamel's legacy within our area. Also, we will celebrate with our sister parish family in our linked parish community of faith as St. Mary's marks the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its designation by Pope Francis as the 83<sup>rd</sup> minor basilica in the United States. And, during this same week, I am happy to host a second town hall meeting with our parishioners on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in St. John's Church. The Sunday liturgy and this community event will be live-streamed.

During our first town meeting a couple of months ago, the following topics were shared with participants joining us in person and on-line.

- Under the shepherding of Fr. John Hamel, the growth of the parish family proceeded from a small village to a notable and thriving City of God. Like our ancestors, we are missionary disciples sent forth to bring the Lord's Word and His Mission to Olean and surrounding areas but also we are commissioned to go forth and leave an imprint on the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond [our reputation as a welcoming, warm and caring people, a people strong in our faith and willing to share it with all community residents and visitors is growing as our impact on others is being shared by word-of-mouth and through technology].
- A vision for the future was presented with all which included continuing and furthering our reputation of being . . .
  - ✦ a welcoming community which exudes hospitality and joy;
  - ✦ a place of service to others, being life-giving in our many community and parish ministries including the Stand for Life, Gianna Molla Center, Genesis House, Stephen Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Jesse Tree, Christmas Dinner, Morning Star, Altar and Rosary Society,
  - ✦ a sacred place striving for excellence in sacred worship, praise and devotion;
  - ✦ a hub for respite, retreat, healing and spirituality.

- The Olean Roman Catholic Community was discussed as a cooperating and sharing community of faith using our gifts from individuals and groups from our linked parish families of the St. John the Evangelist and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. We are seen as a growing City of God continuing its development in the Southern Tier and beyond.

**Future Needs were shared:**

- for more family involvement as it is seen on the decline beyond what may be experienced by the effects of the COVID pandemic;
- for stability and continuity of parish life;
- for sensitivity of those in leadership positions to others and their diverse life circumstances;
- reach out to the homebound to inform them and stay connected to parish life;
- continued connectedness between pastoral leadership and parishioners;
- increase adapted and creative ways to reach out to our most vulnerable people;
- to meet the challenges of our global Church, our Diocese of Buffalo and our local parish communities through input and action from all of the baptized as we are all priestly people;
- to provide more creative liturgies such as Outdoor Masses, zoom/interactive worship and praise experiences;
- examine providing music through outreach to help uplift spirits and to help bring healing;
- the importance of getting to Our Lord more intimately, to know ourselves and each other more deeply in order to share the gifts we bring forth to be missionary disciples no matter our age;
- to open even more fully opportunities of communication to better our participation in worship and community events and to be aware of our linked parish communities and their functioning.

**Next week:** Our collaborative progress toward the future vision and suggestions made.

God's Blessings and His graces,

**Second Town Hall Meeting here at  
St. John's Church  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Held in the Church**

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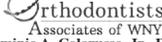
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