

*St. John's the  
Evangelist Church  
October 31, 2021  
31st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Mon - Fri: 8:00 AM

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Mon - Fri** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Confessions: Saturdays -**

1:30 - 2:30 PM

**Baptisms** - Parents

requesting an infant

Baptism please call the church office.

**Marriages** - Arrangements by

the couple need to be made 6 months in advance, by making an appointment.

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All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year. "On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, [who were models among us] offer us examples of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor" (Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 109).

In the Catholic Church, we are called to imitate and venerate saints because of their heroically virtuous lives, martyrdom, or their offering of

life for others. Honoring and praying to saints fosters our faith in God and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. We especially ask for their intercession to God on our behalf. We see them as role models of the practice of our faith and ask for help to follow the way of Christ as they have done while on earth. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints bring us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them, through the will of God, to intercede for us here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed.

**PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
AND PARISH COMMUNITIES**

*The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed is celebrated on November 2 each year. Say a prayer for your loved ones and family that you are remembering.*

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from this world and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no pain, no sorrow, nor tears, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. R/ Amen.



# Pro & Respect Life Ministry



We are Pro Life from Conception to Natural Death on our journey to Eternal Life



For more information about the Pro & Respect Life Ministry or how you can get involved, please contact Jennifer Forney, jenforney@yahoo.com



St. Maximilian is the patron saint of the pro-life movement, journalists, families and the chemically addicted. Maximilian was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As a Polish Franciscan friar and priest who lived during the years of both World Wars, he accepted martyrdom. He was sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp because of his resistance work against the Nazis, and while there was subjected to special abuse because he was a Catholic priest. When a fellow prisoner, who was a husband and father, was sentenced to death, Fr. Kolbe offered to take his place. After starving for two weeks in the a bunker, he was martyred by lethal injection.



Life-Teen High School Youth meet Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm  
Edge Middle School Youth meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm  
SMA Parish Life Center  
Youth Minister—Abe Wenke  
E-Mail—OleanCatholicYouth@gmail.com



**Good Neighbor Ministry** - Do you know a vulnerable individual who may need help during these trying times? Maybe you are aware of an elderly person or a shut-in who needs a visit? Would you like to volunteer? Call the Parish Office 372-5313 or e-mail



Stephen Ministers are here for you!  
DO YOU feel alone? ARE YOU dealing with a challenging situation in your life that you need the support of another? DO YOU need someone to lean on who will listen without judgment and who will keep everything confidential? A Stephen Minister is here for you. Until the COVID-19 is under control, visits can be initiated by telephone or via internet (Zoom, FaceTime, etc.) until visits in person, which are referred, are safe.  
Call at SMA Parish office 372-4841, Ext 144.  
We are here for you.

**Grief Support**  
Christian Based  
Anyone grieving the loss of someone they love are **WELCOME**  
Oct. 20 to Dec. 29  
Wed. Evenings @ 6:30-8:30 pm  
Reservations Appreciated  
Walk-ins Welcome  
Mask and Social Distancing  
372-4841 ext. 144  
Basilica's Parish Life Center (use side door) - South 1st Street



**St. Vincent de Paul Society** is an international charitable organization that helps the poor. Each year our parishioners assist those who are poor in material goods. This includes running an annual collection and distribution of Christmas gifts to the needy families and visiting area nursing homes. Would you like to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul Society? Contact Mary Mater at 716-373-3327



The **Genesis House** offers temporary shelter to those in need of a home. We strive to create an atmosphere of love, dignity and belonging while residents explore life-giving options for their future. Through continued collaboration with other community organizations and services, the staff and volunteers at the shelter help individuals and families provide the necessities of everyday life, as well as build a foundation for a bright future centered on independence. We exist because of our community's continued support.

**Would you like to offer a Mass Intention?**  
It is a holy and noble custom to have a Mass said for a living or deceased person(s) or for a personal intention.  
We are happy to schedule your Mass intention.  
The Diocesan stipend is \$15.  
Please call 716-372-5313 or email kbarber@sjteolean.org to schedule

Pat O'Malley  
Genesis House Board Member/Volunteer/St. John's Contact  
johnpat2omalley@gmail.com

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, October 30 -**  
- 4:30 pm

† **Andy Gattiglio - Anv. -**  
*Gattiglio & Aiello Families*

† **Francis & Ann Connelly -**  
*Frank & Linda Connelly*

**Sunday, October 31 - 31st Sunday**  
- 9:30 am **in Ordinary Time**

† **Daniel Steinbronner -**  
*Karen & Floyd Rogers*

**Monday, November 1 -**  
- 8:00 am **All Saints Day**

† **Susie Noonan - Don & Nancy Schifley**

**Tuesday, November 2 - All Souls Mass**  
- 8:00 am

† **All Soul Remembrances with**  
**Candle Light Service**

**Wednesday, November 3 -**  
- 8:00 am

† **Mary Bartman - estate**

**Thursday, November 4 -**  
- 8:00 am

† **Mary Adams - SJTE Parish Council**

**Friday, November 5 -**  
- 8:00 am

† **Nelli Fusiara- The Dolecki Family**

**Saturday, November 6 -**  
- 4:30 pm

† **Marianne Lee - James Lee & Judy Suda**

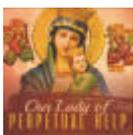
† **Chuck Kwiatkowski -**  
*Ron & Marlene Anastasia*

**Sunday, November 7 - 32nd Sunday**  
- 9:30 am **in Ordinary Time**

† **J. Patrick Quinn - Mark Quinn Family**



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns October 15-31  
for the glory of God in the  
Remembrance of  
**George J. Moses Sr. ~ Wed. Anv.**

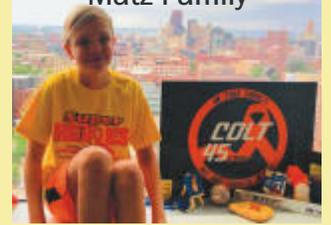


Our Lady of Perpetual Help burns  
Oct. 15-31 for the glory of God and in  
honor of  
**Susie Noonan**  
By: Tom & Joey Enright

Pray for Colt Matz who is  
fighting leukemia and for  
his younger brother Jack  
who will be  
donating bone marrow  
for his brother!  
Send prayers and cards to:

Oishei Children's  
Hospital  
Colt - OCH Room 1206  
818 Ellicott Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Pray for our Catholic  
Community Family  
Matz Family



We pray for the military  
personnel and the civilians that lost  
their lives in Afghanistan through  
terroristic actions, for comfort to  
those left behind and mourn their  
loss and for protection for those  
seeking safe refuge.



Please keep the following  
in your prayers for healing:

Sandy Aiello Frey  
Ralph Aloï  
Jackie Attard  
Rochelle Baire  
Christopher Baker  
Kathy Baker  
Beverly Blakeslee  
Daniel Brogan  
Mike Chizewick  
Linda Colletti  
Mary Jill Coon  
Gail Crowley  
Carmen DeGiglio  
Jeff Dembowski  
Dave Fidurko  
David Frey  
David Hettrick  
Sr. Dana Hollis  
Mary Lou Irons  
Thomas Jonak  
Janet Jones  
Carol Kielar  
Rev. John Mack  
Alyssa Magro  
Kathleen Martinelli  
Colt Matz



Paul Mountain  
Jean Nolan  
Richard Peterson  
Gavin Riley  
Gene Robak Jr.  
Ann Rogozinski  
Jennifer Sauter  
Joan Sauter  
Judy Shelton  
Jan Schichtel  
Colleen Spencer  
Rose Spots  
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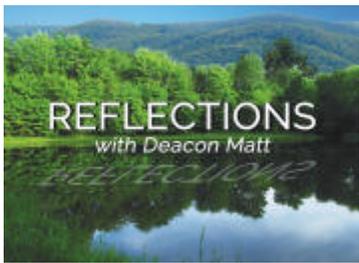


*All the Hospice,  
Nursing Home and  
Hospice Patients and  
their caregivers.*



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

Mary Adams, Michael Malick, Isobel Sirdevan  
Christopher Suda, Barbara Moore,  
Catherine Davis, and Lawrence Jonak,  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may  
perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen*



**Reflection for  
31st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time:  
October 24, 2021**

(Deut 6:2-6): When Moses cautions us to fear the Lord, our God, this is not a negative statement. Remember, that we've also been told that "to fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom." (Prov 9:10). The author explains that obedience to God brings great rewards, both in this life and in eternal life. This short passage contains one of the most critical foundations of our faith; that we must love and serve our God, the only God, whole-heartedly, and with uncompromised devotion. Jesus, Himself, identified this passage as "the greatest and first Commandment" (Matt 22:35-40). God's Will is that we love, trust, obey and prosper. May we unite our wills with God's and learn to serve and to love more perfectly!

(Psalm 18: "I love You, Lord, my strength."): This psalm gives great example for loving and serving God, as called for in the first reading. The psalmist first professes heartfelt love for God and acknowledges God as his or her main support, protector and deliverer. It's pleasing to hear the psalmist's awareness of our utter dependence upon God for sustenance and survival, itself. The author speaks with a tone of humble gratitude and with sincere love and appreciation for all blessings, graces and gifts from God. This psalm is a great reminder for us that we must never take for granted the many blessings we enjoy, such as food, water, shelter and unprecedented convenience and comfort. These blessings could all be taken away. Do we greet each day with an outlook of gratitude and awareness that all that we have comes from God and not from our own creating?

(Heb 7:23-28): In this holy and ponderous passage, the eternal and all-powerful and Godly priesthood of Jesus is proclaimed; as compared to the time-limited priesthoods of mere men. Human frailty and preponderance to sin is compared to the sinless priesthood of Jesus. Unlike mere humans, Jesus, Who is divine, has no need to sacrifice for His own sins. When Jesus sacrifices, it is the purest sacrifice, as His Sacrifice of Himself is purely out of love and mercy for others. Still, Jesus gifts us by allowing the Church on earth to participate in the mystery of the Cross and its sacramental self-sacrifice. Mortal priests all have to offer repentance and sacrifice for their own sins; as well of those of flocks assigned to them. The human priesthood, a gift of God; while imperfect, is still a divinely-inspired institution. Contrastingly, Jesus is proclaimed for being forever able to redeem and save needy souls, for all time. Pondering God's unfathomable generosity, we might take time to reflect this week on the wisdom and power and tender love of our Heavenly Father, such that He gave up His only-begotten Son, for our salvation!

(Mark 12:28b-34): This little Gospel passage says it all, in Jesus' own words. It all boils down to love. That is our purpose and mission, here on Earth... to love and serve God, whole-heartedly. How are we to do this? We are to serve God by loving and serving our fellow humans, as if they were/are our Lord, Himself. That's not always easy, given that we're prone to human frailty, as is observed in previous readings from today's Mass. However, the fact that it's sometimes difficult is no excuse for not carrying out our mission as best we can. This week, as ever, let's pray to be filled to overflowing with love. That will make everything else seem easier and more "do-able." *"Love is our hope!"*

*Deacon Matt*

Deacon Matt



**November 4**

**Happy Birthday Fr. John  
May you have a Happy, Healthy and  
Blessed Birthday Year!**

**May God give you comfort,  
strength and wisdom  
as you continue to lead  
our flocks as our  
Loving Shepherd!**

**Lector Ministry November 6 & 7**  
4:30 PM - Mary Ann Power  
9:30 AM - Carol Lindamer

**Ministers of the Holy Eucharist November 6 & 7**  
4:30 PM - Ann Rybicki  
9:30 AM - Carol MacWilliams

**Greeter Schedule November 6 & 7**  
4:30 PM - Theresa Shaffer  
9:30 AM - Diane/Paul Ksionzyk and Janine Scholla

**AT OUR PARISH and SMA**



**LIVE Stream**



|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Sat.<br>Oct. 30 | <b>SJTE - Confession &amp; Adoration - 1:30 - 2:30 pm</b>           |
| Sun<br>Oct. 31  | Olean Catholic Youth—LifeTeen/HS - 6:30-8:30pm - PLC @ SMA          |
| Tue.<br>Nov. 2  | All Souls Mass ~ Candle Service<br>8:00 AM @ SJTE<br>12:15 PM @ SMA |
| Wed.<br>Nov. 3  | <b>Confession &amp; Adoration - 4:30-5:30 pm - SMA</b>              |
| Sat.<br>Nov. 6  | <b>SJTE - Confession &amp; Adoration - 1:30 - 2:30 pm</b>           |
| Sun<br>Nov. 7   | Olean Catholic Youth—LifeTeen/HS - 6:30-8:30pm - PLC @ SMA          |



**FAITH FORMATION**

**We will be welcoming back students very soon!**

**Grades K-8** - We are in the process of finalizing the plans for in-person classes for the 2021 - 2022 Faith Formation School Year! We are working to ensure our students and teachers are safe when classes begin. Parent letters are being finalized and will be mailed out this week.

**Grades 9 - Conformation** : As linked parishes, new for 2021-2022, St. Mary's and St. John's will be providing a joint opportunity for students in both parishes. As we finalize the high school faith journey, we will be inviting parents to a meeting outlining the enhanced high school program.

**Watch your mail for the upcoming meeting date and time.**

Questions, please email Ann Sorokes at [asorokes@sjteolean.org](mailto:asorokes@sjteolean.org)

Help For Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>.

**Know the 10 Warning Signs**

Come join us at STHCS to hear from an Alzheimer Association speaker on recognizing the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer and dementia

**NOVEMBER 4TH 1 PM - 2 PM**

Register on facebook or by calling 716-372-6614 ext 306

**Southern Tier Health Care System Inc.**

\*\* refreshments included

*St. John's Parish Family*

**JESSE TREE 2021**

For HOPEfully one more year, due to the continuing concerns of the pandemic, our JESSE TREE will be limited to monetary donations.

The need is still there, so any amount is appreciated. Please send your checks to:

the Parish Office (933 N. Union) made out to: ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (with JESSE TREE in the memo)

OR

Drop your donation in the church collection box by **SUNDAY DEC. 12<sup>th</sup>**

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