

St. John the Evangelist Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2021

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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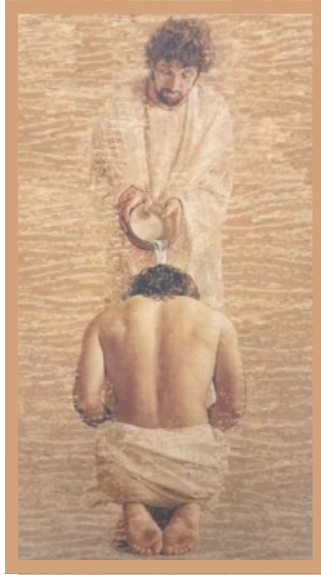
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Anita Schmidt, Jay Sorokes &
Antonia Smith

As we head into Ordinary Time, it is not so ordinary! Last weekend, in the Church's calendar, the Christmas season just came to an end. However, it is only the beginning as the Lord's light shines brightly in our lives. In a short period of time, within a week's time, we celebrated Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and the Epiphany. Then a week later, we shared in the Baptism of Christ as we all renewed all of our Baptismal Vows. We experienced many graces indeed and the joy and love gifted to us by the Lord as we readied ourselves for these not so "ordinary" days ahead. In being Baptized in the Lord, we

were given certain personal gifts chosen uniquely for each one of us. We are to be the light of Christ to those around us as we herald His mission through our words and deeds. Jesus' mission is our mission. In our Baptism, we enter into the very life of God and become a part of His plan of salvation for all.

As the Son of God, Jesus did not need to be baptized but as the image above illustrates, Our Lord, God Himself, in keeping with His Jewish faith tradition, was an example of humility and entered into the cleansing ritual that John was providing in the desert – the beginning of repentance and renewal. Jesus' entry into the waters of the Jordan, sanctified all water, life-giving to everything, so we can be made holy in the Spirit. This past Sunday, we heard this in Sacred Scripture about Jesus and His Baptism: *Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him*

in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3: 21-22



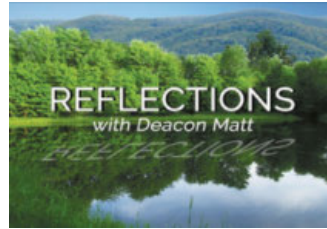
The Baptism of the Lord involved the wholeness of the Trinity as the heavens opened, words were spoken by the Father, Jesus was anointed and baptized and the Holy Spirit transformed the Jordan and Jesus began His actions and Words of the Divine as He began His mission delegated from heaven to this earth. At our Baptism, we are bathed in the Spirit as the Heavens open up, words are spoken and the Holy Spirit transforms us. We then can use the gifts given as we bring them

mission of the Lord to those around us. We are baptized in the name of the Father, and in the Son and in the Holy Spirit. The Baptismal roles in our mission are those shared with Christ as Priest, Prophet and King which we received when we become part of God's Holy Family. We should ask ourselves: Do we actively take part in this mission of Love by leading a good holy life (Priest), announcing Him to the world by sharing Him in our words and actions (Prophet), and taking care of one another (King), Shepherd. As we move forward in the Spirit this New Year, may God gaze down upon each one of us and say,

*"You are my beloved child,
with you I am well pleased."*

May you be bathed in many blessings and graces from above,

Pro & Respect Life Ministry



Reflection for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 16, 2022



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



March for Life—Friday, January 21 Watch virtually on marchforlife.org



Olean Council #338

Attention Catholic Men! Looking for new members! Knights of Columbus meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday @ 7 pm at the Parish Life Center next to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Call Fran Tripodi at 307-0428.



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 kbarber@sjteolean.org

(Isaiah 62:1-5): This passage offers a message of hope for the besieged and discouraged people of the past, in Zion and Jerusalem. It also offers a timeless message of hope to us, that our God knows, intimately and intricately, our own current suffering and the oppressions we face, also. The prophet pronounces that he will not cease to speak out until Jerusalem and Zion are vindicated, or until justice and fairness are re-established. Similarly, in the roles we receive to be prophets, via our baptisms, we are called to speak out to advocate for oppressed groups. The prophet offers a vision of glorious triumph for Zion in the sight of her enemies; a restoration to the people of the respect they enjoyed, internationally, in the past. Similarly, we can hope, work and pray for a brighter future, when the Lord returns to our nation the faithfulness, integrity and conformity to God's Laws that we once demonstrated.

(Psalm 96: "Proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations."): Our first reading of hope is followed by a joyful and triumphant hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God for His many blessings to us. We are called to share our faith and God's wonderful works and blessings to us, to all the nations. We are called to witness to God's marvelous love and miraculous power to save, heal, redeem and forgive all who call upon our benevolent God. This psalm is a reminder to us to remember the Source of all the blessings and benefits we enjoy. We live in a generation that has forgotten God and no longer thanks, worships, praises, or that even "knows" God. We must work to remedy that!

(1 Cor 12:4-11): Today, St. Paul encourages us to rejoice in the diversity of gifts, virtues, talents and ministries that God has given to individuals; but all to be used for the benefit and betterment of all, not just the person receiving that virtue. Specific gifts are focused on as examples, such as the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, the gift of healing, mighty deeds, the gift of prophecy, discernment of spirit, tongues and interpretation of tongues. The message is that we all have our virtues and talents and that they are meant to be shared; for the benefit of us all. We will be judged, not by how we "have" our gifts, but how we share our gifts... how we use them to serve and benefit others.

(John 2:1-11): After focusing on how we're called to identify, own and share our talents and virtues, we read the story of the miracle of the wedding feast at Cana. This was Jesus' first public miracle and it was preceded by Jesus' Mother, Mary's recognition of Jesus' "talents," His ability to create a miracle to fulfill the need; (replenishing the wine), that is called for by this situation. The message of Jesus' positive response to a request of Him to share His talent is just as important as the miracle of turning the water into wine.

It seems that Jesus may have been shy about performing the miracle. Scripture suggests that He was humble; wanting to blend in and certainly not wanting to make a hero or a spectacle of Himself. However, out of obedience and respect for His beloved Mother's wishes; Jesus acquiesces and performs the miracle; resulting in a kind of embarrassment that He had to endure as a result. He became an instant celebrity. What talents are we called to share? How will we respond?

Ponder that.

Deacon Matt

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, January 15 -
- 4:30 pm**

- † **Chuck Kwiatkowski** - *Jim Lee and Judy & Brian Suda*
- † **Marie Anastasia - BR** - *Dave and Lena*

**Sunday, January 16 -
- 9:30 am 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- † **John & June Ksionzyk** - *Paul & Diane Ksionzyk*
- † **Nancy Finley - BR** - *Peggy & Steve Reitz*

**Monday, January 17 -
- 8:00 am**

- † **James & Maryann Sirianni** - *Gloria & Jerry Dzurhoff*

**Tuesday, January 18 -
- 8:00 am**

- † **George J. Moses Sr/BR** - *Wife, Carol & Family*
- † **Chuck Clarke** - *wife, Annie*

**Wednesday, January 19 -
- 8:00 am**

- † **Paul Cashimere** - *Carol Lindamer*

**Thursday, January 20 -
- 8:00 am**

- † **Tracy Veno** - *Dave & Joyce Veno*

**Friday, January 21 -
- 8:00 am**

- † **John & Frances Wheeler** - *Mary Ann Loskey*
- † **Louis Radakovich** - *Tom Mahar Family*

**Saturday, January 22 -
- 4:30 pm**

- † **Doanld Lewicki Sr./BR** - *wife, Helen & Family*

**Sunday, January 23 -
- 9:30 am 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- † **Kathy Dolecki - Anv.** - *The Dolecki Family*

**Please keep the following
in your prayers for healing:**



*Remember
Our
Sick*

- Colt Matz
- Paul Mountain
- Jean Nolan
- Thomas Nolan, Sr.
- Richard Peterson
- Gene Robak Jr.
- Ann Rogozinski
- Jennifer Sauter
- Jan Schichtel
- Colleen Spencer
- Rob Umbenhour
- Jeff Veno

- Ralph Aloia
- Shawn Anastasia
- Kathy Baker
- Beverly Blakeslee
- Daniel Brogan
- Mike Chizewick
- Mary Jill Coon
- Gail Crowley
- Carmen DeGiglio
- Jeff Dembowski
- Dave Fidurko
- David Frey
- David Hettrick
- Sr. Dana Hollis
- Thomas Jonak
- Janet Jones
- Carol Kielar
- Alyssa Magro



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



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

Ryan John, Alice Joann Crowley, Nancy Klimczyk,
Helen Monachino, Linda Coletti, Anne Kloc,
Louis Frungillo and Susan Morris Polk,

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

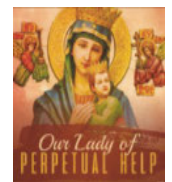
We life up in prayer each day
those who are serving our
country, especially those in harms
way and who cannot be with their
families this
Christmas Season



Our Lady of Perpetual Help burns
Jan 1-15 for the glory of God and
in honor of

Chuck Clarke

By: Carol Moses



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
January 1-15 for the glory of God
in the Remembrance of

Susie Noonan

By: Ron & Marlene Anastasia



BAPTISM OF THE LORD





Christmas Flower Memorials

*All the members of my family
By: Susan Jurenko*

*Carl & Barbara Veno
Carl & Sharon Veno*

*John & Margaret M. Chokrach,
John P. & Jean E. Chokrach,
William Sorokes, Helen Kromar,
and all the members of the
Chokrach & Sorokes Families
Margaret A. Chokrach*

*Mr. & Mrs. James D. Keenen,
Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Yazak,
Victoria Yazak and W. Zeznick Sr.
Walt & Kathy Zeznick & Family*

*Francis & Margaret Mahar Sr.,
Louis & Amelia Radakovich and
Daniel Mahar
The Tom Mahar Family*

*Ann & Jack Worth
Deceased members of the
Moses and Worth Families
John & Jackie Reed*

*Mike & Adele John,
Sandy & Bob Obuszewski,
Bob Johnson, Calvin Batt,
And the Housey Family
Gail Beyer*

*Mary E. Moore, William T. Moore and
Charles & Ceil Mikowicz
Cindy & John Mikowicz*

*Don Lewicki Sr., and
The Deceased Members of the
Lewicki & Bysiek Families
Helen Lewicki*



*The Cecchi Family
Arieta Fowler Shwaluh
Diane Cecchi*

*Carmella & Rocco Sgro
Deceased members of the
Bilotta Family
Virginia Sgro*

*Clara & Ed Pfeiffer
Tom Routly, Olive & Bill Coon,
and Francis Coon
Mary Jill & Jim Coon*

*John & June Ksionzyk
Francis "Bud" & Mary Pezzimenti
Paul & Diane Ksionzyk*

Susie Noonan and Paul Cashimere

COMING SOON.....

Rosary & Memorial Garden

The Rosary and Memorial Garden Committee has been meeting and working hard to create a plan to be implemented this spring. Next week we will publish details. We will be looking for donations and volunteers for a variety of services and input. The committee is very excited to share our thoughts.

Committee members are :
John and Kathy Baglione,
Ann Clarke,
Rick and Carm Mikolajczyk
Rose Mikolajczyk
Pat O'Malley
Peggy Reitz



AT OUR PARISH and SMA

LIVE Stream



Sat. Jan. 16	Confession & Adoration - 1:30-2:30pm - SJTE
Sun Jan. 16	Olean Catholic Youth—Life Teen/HS - 6:30-8:30 pm - PLC/SMA
Mon. Jan. 17	Parish Office Closes for MLK Jr. Day
Wed Jan. 19	Confessions and Adoration @ SMA 4:30-5:30 PM
Sat Jan. 22	Confession & Adoration - 1:30-2:30pm - SJTE

Let US KNOW!!!

We celebrate this week
John Capito
who turned 99 years young!!
Happy Birthday John!!



GOOD NEWS

Do you know of someone with a special birthday, anniversary, or any Special Occasion!! Please drop me a line so I can share the good news with our Parish Family!!

Call Katie at the office 372-5313 or Email me at kbarber@sjteolean.org

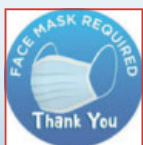


Attention Altar Servers We Need You

Grades 4 and up. Come and serve at Mass in 2022! Please contact Fr. John or Fr. Peter. Call Katie at the Parish Office at 372-5313

Training will be included

NYS Mask Mandate reinstated for all counties



On December 10, 2021, New York State announced a mask mandate for all indoor venues effective December 13, 2021 which will be reviewed January 15, 2022. At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic Churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo regardless of your vaccination status.

Pray for Colt Matz who is fighting leukemia. His younger brother Jack donated bone marrow for his brother in November. We are praying for positive results.

Send a card to:
Colt Matz & Family
Ronald McDonald House
780 W Ferry St.
Buffalo, NY 14222



Lector Ministry - January 22 & 23

4:30 pm - Steve Yatzkanic
9:30 am - Dan Hinz

Ministers of the Holy Eucharist January 22 & 23

4:30 - Jeremy / Kari Fitzgerlad
9:30 am - John Baglione

Greeter Schedule January 22 & 23

4:30 am - Theresa Shaffer
9:30 am - Kathy Brewer and Karen Rogers



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank our Parish Family for their donations brought in over the past year with non – perishable food collections taken each first Sunday of the month, the returnable cans brought in and down to the Redemption Center, the items dropped off at the store and the monies put into the “Poor Boxes” located at the church entrances! They were able to assist local families during Christmas and during these difficult times! Every little bit helps and they are very appreciative of all that you do!

May God Bless you all!



Road to Renewal: You may have seen the article prepared from a press release by the Diocese of Buffalo highlighted in the *Olean Times Herald* about the plan for renewal. You have been hearing about the Road to Renewal several months now. It has been determined that we are to be in Phase Two of implementation of our family of parishes in this part of the Southern Tier Vicariate. As you are aware, our “family” includes St. John the Evangelist, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and St. Bonaventure. The Administrative Team for this initiative has decided that our date for implementation of the family plan is October, 2023. Please pick up new additional information located at both entrances.

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