

St. John the Evangelist Church Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 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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Happening this Week Prayer for Christian Unity January 18, 2022 -January 25, 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an eight-day period of universal solemnity, designed to pray for Christian harmony in a unique way. Its history spans 114 years.

The celebration is conducted each year with a different religious theme. The theme for 2022, which will take place January 18-25, is "We saw the star in the east, and we came to worship him," taken from the story of the Epiphany in the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel.



Prayer for Christian Unity

God of every nation, creator of every human life, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, has been made manifest in human history by becoming one of us and one with us. Born in a stable, born in homelessness, he is our King and Lord. The Magi bore witness to the Light of hope coming into the world as they faithfully followed the star, coming from foreign lands in the East, until arriving in Bethlehem of Judea.

The solidarity of God with created humanity in this gift of Epiphany calls us to a life of solidarity with the homeless, the refugee, the weakest and the rejected. We are all human beings worthy of redemption and prepared by that redeeming love to the glory of your Kingdom. Help us, O gracious Lord, to do this in unity and peace.

As we who bear the name of Christian, from the days of the church at Antioch, hold a special place in our hearts for the ancient Christian communities in the land we call holy, remind us to continually respond to our baptismal promises to you, who said through your Spirit at the Jordan,

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Help your Church, merciful One, to be a light for unity within itself and a beacon of hope for all humanity. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign as One God for ever and ever.

Amen

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which are referred, are safe. Call at SMA Parish office 372-4841,Ext 144. We are here for you.



Reflection for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 23, 2022

(Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10): It's ironic that the Persian King, Artaxerxes sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem in 445 B.C. to rebuild its walls. Walls around a city are both a symbol of, and have as their actual purpose creation of boundaries and protection of those within them. The legal and social version of "walls" are laws. Laws that are just and fair, like walls are meant to establish boundaries for behavior and human interaction that create order, protect individuals from harm and promote the common good. In families, parents have rules to protect family members from harm. Rules are established out of love and tender desires to safeguard the welfare of family members. Reflecting on this interesting passage, we see that the disobedient people are encouraged to ponder on and thank God for the gift of the Law. The Law reflects the love, wisdom and even the Presence of God. Similarly, we might take time to thank God for the Laws of our Catholic faith, which also reflect love, concern and caring for individuals, as well as the community.

(Psalm 19: "Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."): In this psalm, we continue our focus on the benefits of the Law for imparting the wisdom of God and good judgment. The Law is celebrated for bringing order and clarity that promotes peace and happiness and a serenity, born of the experience of being loved. Fear of the Lord, as promoted here, is more out of reverence and respect for God and acknowledgment of God's infinite power and authority. Fear of God is not a reflection of mistrust but a sobering reflection of God's justice, which is an essential component of God's righteousness. Ideally, we obey the Law, primarily out of love and reverence, rather than out of fear.

(1 Cor 12:12-30): After reflecting on the nature of and benefits of the Law in the first reading and in today's psalm, we might take time to reflect on how we are all united under the Law. The Law is meant to bring justice and fairness for all. In obeying and reverencing the Law, we are brought to a communal state of unity and peace. As St. Paul states, "we are all given to drink of one Spirit." With the analogy of the parts of the body being equal of importance and inter-dependent upon one another, we are given to understand the essential social and spiritual need of justice and concern for all in order to form a fully functional and healthy Church and society. When we disregard justice for vulnerable groups, such as the unborn and the poor, we undermine the foundation of society itself.

(Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21): In today's Gospel message, Luke recognizes and proclaims Jesus as the human embodiment of the Law and God's very Presence among us. Jesus quotes Isaiah's words about His Mission and purpose: to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives and recovery/healing of sight for the blind (Isaiah 61:1-2). Captives are promised freedom and all are promised a year "acceptable to the Lord." As the human embodiment of the Law, Jesus promises to create a more loving, fair and just social order; a Law that is wiser, infinitely loving and compassionate, with promises to promote the common good. This week, we may be called upon to reflect on how well we obey the Law. Are we fully obedient or are we "selectively obedient;" only obeying parts of the Law that are "politically correct" for our times?

It's a challenging reflection! Ponderously, Deacon Matt





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 22 - 4:30 pm

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

Sunday, January 23 -

- 9:30 am 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Kathy Dolecki - Anv. -The Dolecki Family

Monday, January 24 - - 8:00 am

† Susie Noonan – Theresa Budzinski

Tuesday, January 25 -

-8:00 am

† Ron Pilarz - Diane Cecchi

Wednesday, January 26--

- 8:00 am

† Lucy Capito/ Anv. - Family

Thursday, January 27 -

- 8:00 am

† Mary Adams - Carmella Bartimole

Friday, January 28 -

- 8:00 am

† Jo Lee & Jimmy Lee-

Jim Lee and Judy Lee Suda

Saturday, January 29 - 4:30 pm

† Jeffrey Wolcott - wife, Jane & Family

Sunday, January 30 -

- 9:30 am 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Bud & Mary Pezzimenti -

Paul & Diane Ksionzyk

Lector Ministry - January 29 & 30

4:30 pm - Steve Yatzkanic

9:30 am - Dan Hinz

Ministers of the Holy Eucharist January 29 & 30

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

Greeter Schedule January 29 & 30

4:30 am - Theresa Shaffer

9: 30 am - Kathy Brewer and Karen Rogers



Remember Our Sick

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

<u>Please keep the following</u> in your prayers for healing:

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



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



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

Laurie (Sam) Schultz, Mary E. Eaton, 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.

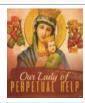
We life up in prayer each day
those who are serving our
country, especially those in harms
way and who cannot be with their
families this
Christmas Season



Our Lady of Perpetual Help burns Jan 16-31 for the glory of God and in honor of

Chuck Clarke

By: Bonnie Hadley





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns

January 16 - 31 for the glory of God in the Remembrance of

Paul Cashimere

By: Ron & Marlene Anastasia

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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 Ron and Mary Mater at 716-373-3327



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

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

| RCIA - | Contact: Varma Childs |
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| Rite of Christian | 716-372-068g |
| Initiation of Adults | smaolean/RCIA.org |

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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Contact Fr. John or Fr. Peter if you have any questions.

Altar Server Ministry

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| Grade: High School Graduation: | |
| Address: | |
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| Home Phone: | |
| Mom or Dad or Guardian or Your cell | |
| phone: | |
| Mom or Dad or Guardian or Your email address: | |
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| If between the ages of 9 and 17, I give permission | |
| for my son/daughter to be an altar server: | |
| Mom/Dad/Guardian signature: | |
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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.

Pat O'Mallev

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

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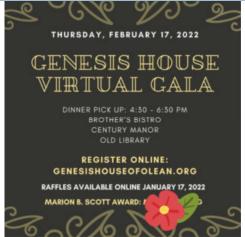
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| Sat. Jan. 16 | Confession & Adoration - 1:30-2:30pm - SJTE |
| Sun Jan. 16 | Olean Catholic Youth—Life Teen/HS - 6:30-8:30 pm - PLC/SMA |
| Wed Jan. 26 | Confessions and Adoration @ SMA 4:30-5:30 PM |
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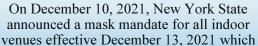


GOOD NEWS

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

NYS Mask Mandate reinstated for all counties

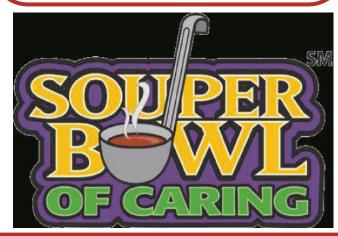


will be reviewed January 15, 2022. At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic Churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo regardless of your vaccination status.

If you would like your 2021 Contribution Statement Please call Katie in the Parish Office 372-5313 or email a request to kbarber@sjteolean.org

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





YOU CAN HELP OLEAN'S FOOD PANTRIES!

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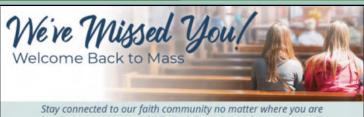
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