

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

COMMUNION SERVICES:

8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday

RESERVED MASSES:

Sat 1/16	5:30 p.m.	Deceased members of Daly family <i>Req. by Maureen O'Neill</i>
Sat 1/23	5:30 p.m.	Raoul DiBlasi <i>Req. by Maureen O'Neill</i>
Sat 1/30	5:30 p.m.	Anniversary Remembrance of Richard Webster <i>Req. by Marck & Maureen Webster</i>

WeShare Donations

If you would like to make a one-time donation set up automatic weekly donations, please consider setting up an account through WeShare. You may find further information here:

<https://sjechurch.weshareonline.org>

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Mon – Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Tue – Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Wed – Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder

Thu – Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Communion Service

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Communion Calls

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don't feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. She continues to work from home.

CONFESSION

Father Chris will hear confessions on Saturday evenings at both St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Church. Please see him before Mass to let him know you would like him to hear your confession.



CHURCH ENVELOPES

There is an average of 30 church envelopes used weekly. Approximately 99 are mailed out to parishioners. **As a reminder, the only way for parishioners to receive tax credit in the system will be by using**

church envelopes. Loose checks are no longer recorded. If you would like envelopes, please contact Alison 217-3333 or email her at smssjrectory@gmail.com

Christmas Decorations

We would like to thank Bob Howe for putting up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary and Judy Defino and family for the beautiful wreathes that were behind the altar. Donna Anderson and the Altar Rosary Society arranged for the Creche in front of the altar and the special altar cloths. Judy Defino arranged for the poinsettias around the sanctuary also. The poinsettias were given to a local nursing home after they were removed, so they have brought joy to many more people. We thank Elaine Arvidson for her efforts in this. And thank you to the many other people who helped and participated in the preparation, celebration, and decorations for Christmas. God bless you all.

Religious Education

Religious Education is being offered as a remote home study this year due to the pandemic. Please keep all students and families in your prayers.

Lectors

The lector for this week will be Bill Payne. Next week it will be Vanessa Loviza.

Ministers

Assisting Fr. Chris this week will be Deacon Bob. Next week the Extraordinary Minister will be Libby Salerno.

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From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Several years ago, during the Pauline Year, I prepared a weekly reflection on the readings for the week. I know there were people who didn't like it and didn't read it. But I continued for the year, and it was very enlightening for me and hopefully useful for you. I will strive to have a letter, commentary, or reflection every week for our bulletin and, hopefully, it will be enlightening for me again and useful for you as well.

I daresay we are all familiar with the first reading, God calling to Samuel while he was still a young child. Samuel responded, "Speak, for your servant is listening." What simplicity! No ego, no annoyance, no doubting. "What do You want of me, God? What can I do for You?" Each of us is given the opportunity to ask God these same questions, every day. What can I do to advance the knowledge of and respect for God today? We are not called to be Samuel, the anointer of David as king of Israel. But we are called to be His witness today and every day.

Paul says this in his First Letter to the Corinthians. The body is for the Lord. You are members of Christ, joined to the Lord. You, each of you, has been purchased at a (great) price. Glorify God in your body. How can God be glorified in this out-of-shape, overweight, old body? By each of us letting the Holy Spirit be in this temple created by God, and let the power of the Holy Spirit come out of me and be evident to everyone I meet. I don't have to do anything, just let the Holy Spirit speak and act through me.

In the Gospel, we have the calling of the first disciples. John the Baptist, of course, was the first person to point to Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ. But Andrew, one of his disciples, was the first to evangelize someone else. He went to Simon and said, "We have found the Messiah", and brought Peter to Jesus. Ask yourself, have I ever brought someone to Jesus? It's not up to you to "convince" them to believe, or to change their heart or their life. Samuel didn't try to change anyone. Neither did Paul or John the Baptist. All they

did was witness, to bring people to God/Jesus. Then let the Jesus and the Holy Spirit take over. That's their job. Yours is to simply show them God is in you, and God loves them.

Pray today. Pray for the President, for the President-elect, for this country, for the Church, for one another. That is our task. The rest is up to God.

God bless each one of you.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

Bulletin Information

If you would like something included in the bulletin, please email Alison at smssjrectory@gmail.com no later than 10AM on Wednesday mornings. Submissions will not be accepted after that time.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, Judy Fiero, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, "Smokey" Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Shirley Carle, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung, Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333.

Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.