

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

COMMUNION SERVICES:

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

RESERVED MASSES:

Sat 1/23 5:30 p.m. Raoul DiBlasi
Req. by Maureen O'Neill

Sat 1/30 5:30 p.m. Anniversary Remembrance
of Richard Webster
*Req. by Marck & Maureen
Webster*

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

As a reminder, the only way for parishioners to receive tax credit in the system will be by using church envelopes or WeShare. Loose checks are no longer recorded.

If you would like envelopes, please contact Alison 217-3333 or email her at smssjrectory@gmail.com

JACK ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the next several months we will be collecting loose change at St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. John's. This spring we will be accepting applications from graduating seniors from these parishes who will be continuing their education. If you are interested in mailing in a donation, please send it to: St. John's Jack Rose Scholarship, 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Thank you!

Tax Statements

Tax statements will be available by request only. They will be ready by February 1st. Only those who contributed using church envelopes will have a record of contributions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Father Chris will celebrate his birthday on Monday, January 25th! We wish him a year filled with happiness and blessings!

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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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I have two topics I want to talk about this week, the readings, of course, and our purpose here in church. And hopefully, to tie them together somewhat.

The first reading is from the prophet Jonah. We all know Jonah, he got swallowed by the whale. But why? Because he disobeyed God! God said, "Go to Ninevah", and Jonah got on a boat heading away from Ninevah. The whole book of Jonah is only four chapters and about two pages long. But the Jews considered this book of disobedience and then submission to God's will important enough to include in their Testament. That's important. Just because we have disobeyed God before, maybe many times, does not mean we can't come back to Him now and be His obedient servant. He is waiting for us.

Paul, in the second reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that all this world is passing away. It is not important in the whole scheme of things. What's important is holding on to the Word of God.

And this is what Jesus proclaims in the Gospel. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Be proclaimers of the Word. Believe in Jesus. Try to bring others to Him. Be like Andrew and the first Apostles.

That is the second topic I want to talk about today. We have reduced attendance now, by government edict and by peoples' concern for their health. But what do we hear today in the Gospel? "The kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus gave Himself to us in the Eucharist. This is what separates us from all other faiths and denominations-the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist. Many people are now watching the Mass on TV, EWTN, St. Patrick's, other sources. They hear the Word, but they can't receive the Eucharist. I would like to start to bring the Eucharist to these people.

Who are they? The people who used to sit next to you back in January and March of last year, who aren't here now. Who are they? You would recognize them, maybe even know them. Please, let me know who they are. I want to start to reach out to parishioners who have not come back, for whatever reason. If they are not comfortable coming to church, then we will arrange to bring Communion to them. I want them to again receive the Eucharist, to be united again with Jesus Christ in His gift to us. We are the Body of Christ. Let us bring that Body together again. Please help this parish to find the people who are not here and bring Christ to them.

Thank you and God bless you.

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.