

Sunday, January 31, 2021 – The Fourth 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: Kathleen Ball

COMMUNION SERVICES:

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

RESERVED MASSES:

Sat 1/30	5:30 p.m.	Anniversary Remembrance of Richard Webster <i>Req. by Marck & Maureen Webster</i>
Sat 2/6	5:30 p.m.	Birthday Remembrance of David O'Leary <i>Req. by the family of Kris & Bill Hodgson</i>
Sat 2/13	5:30 p.m.	NO INTENTION
Sat 2/20	5:30 p.m.	Walter Hackett <i>Req. by JoAnn & Russ Treutler</i>
Sat 2/27	5:30 p.m.	NO INTENTION

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

Tue – The Presentation of the Lord

Wed – Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Fri – Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Sat – Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

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.

Tax Statements

Tax statements will be available by request only. They will be ready during the first week in February. Only those who contributed using church envelopes will have a record of contributions.

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.

Lectors

The lector for this week will be Mike Zollo. Next week it will be Bill Payne.

Extraordinary Ministers

Assisting Fr. Chris this week will be Deacon Bob. Next week will be Joanne Treutler.

Attendance

Last week, we had 47 people at 5:30 Mass.

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!

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.

If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. It is a most rewarding experience.

Food Pantry

We expect to have an announcement shortly about restarting the Food Pantry. If you are interested in being involved, contact Gabby Baker at g.baker1@ppcsd.org, or give her a call.

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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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I know I usually try to give some background or explanation of the cohesion of the readings, but I don't want to do that this week. Instead, I want to talk about this church and this parish in the context of the readings today.

I am writing this letter on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. He was going to Damascus to find and imprison the followers of The Way, the followers of Jesus Christ. I know you have probably heard this before, but ask yourself now, if Paul came to your house today, would he find enough evidence to convict you of being a follower of Jesus? If he came up to you on the street and searched you, and you had to empty your pockets, would there be any evidence that you were a Christian? Or would you be let go? "Move along. There's nothing here."

Moses, in the first reading from Deuteronomy, is setting before the Israelites the law, but more importantly, the application of the laws to their daily lives. Not his law or man's law, but God's law, not to burden them or beat them down, but to guide them in God's ways. Paul does the same thing in his letter to the Corinthians. He is answering their specific questions about how this new law should be applied in their lives.

There are two ways to look at laws, or rules and regulations. One is to see how they can be obeyed to maintain a just and equitable society and keep us close to God. The other is to see how much you can "get away with" without outright breaking the rules. If we have to fast one hour before receiving Communion, is that one hour before Mass, or one hour before we actually put the Host in our mouth?

My point is, we can go along, doing what we've always done, and it will probably be okay, if we are keeping God's law. But is this all that God wants of us? Is this the best we can do? Paul drove himself constantly, always trying to reach one more soul for God. Jesus, in the Gospel, casts out a demon from a man in the temple, doing all that He can to free people from the powers of this world.

We, as individuals and as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, are also called to do our best to bring the light of Christ to everyone we meet. I have asked before to let me know if you or someone you know would like to receive

Communion, but can't come to Mass. I want everyone to experience the joy of being in communion with Jesus regularly. Would you like someone to do that for you?

Thank you and God bless you.

Magnificat for Kids

Thanks to a generous donor, we have some daily prayer books for kids 6-12 from Magnificat. They have the daily readings and a reflection geared to younger readers. Please take one if you know of someone who might use it.

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We are still doing Klink with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially marked bags so that St. John's gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford's yourself.

The Saugerties Takeout Project

The Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce has started a new program to try and support the restaurants, bakeries and food stores in Saugerties, and, at the same time, helping to feed our hungry neighbors. You buy a gift card, and then send it to the Chamber of Commerce. They will distribute the gift cards to the Saugerties Area Council of Churches or the Saugerties Central Schools to ensure they are given to families or individuals who can benefit from the food or meals. Look for posters in the stores in town, and help our neighbors if you can.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, 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, 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, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees

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.