

Sunday, January 31, 2021 – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Alvin Rumble

COMMUNION SERVICES:

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

RESERVED MASSES:

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

Mon – Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Wed – Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Thu – Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

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.

Blessing of Throats

We will have the Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise after Mass this week. Instead of processing out, Fr. Chris and Deacon Bob will remain in the front. Just come up in order and we will give you the blessing, if you wish.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next weekend to support Peter’s Pence for the Works of the Holy Father.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, 246-4913.

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 Bill Payne. Next week it will be Vanessa Loviza.

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Attendance

Last week, we had 45 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Believe it or not, today is February 6, and in ten days we will have Ash Wednesday. Time has not slowed down since 2020! It's good to see so many of you coming back to participate in the community of the church and to receive the Eucharist.

Over the past few weeks, we have been reading from the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, and we're still in the first chapter. On January 10, it was Mark 1:7-11. We skipped the 17th, and on January 24th, it was Mark 1:14-20. Last week, it was Mark 1:21-28. Today it is Mark 1:29-39. My point is that we are following exactly what Jesus did as He began His ministry. This is an exact record of His days. He went from being baptized by John to beginning His preaching in Galilee by calling His first disciples. Then He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath to preach and cast out a demon from a man possessed. Then today, "on leaving the synagogue", He went to the house of Simon and Andrew, and first, cured their mother-in-law of a fever.

There's an important point in this verse. "Then the fever left her and she waited on them." In today's world, some may take offence that she was sick and then had to get up and wait on them. But the word used for "waited on them" in Greek is "Diakonei." This, of course, is where the English word "Deacon" comes from. Remember the first deacons, men chosen to distribute the bread to the needy and to visit and comfort the sick. They were chosen because they were recognized as good men, close to God. I think Simon's mother-in-law was the same way. She wasn't forced or ordered to serve Jesus and His disciples; she wanted to! Consider that she probably had heard of what Jesus had been doing the last few days in her town, His electrifying preaching as One with authority, His miracles, His healings. I think she was honored to be asked to serve the One who was identified by John as the Messiah.

Imagine if your children brought someone you didn't know but had heard great things about, like the Dalai Lama, to your house to have dinner with you. Would you feel imposed upon: "Great, now I have to start cooking, and I don't even know what I have or if it's enough for this crowd. They should have let me know they were coming." Complaining and moaning. Or would you be thrilled to have someone of such importance come to your humble house and be willing to be part of your family meal? I think Peter's mother felt the same way.

Jesus is coming to your house. Today, and tomorrow and tomorrow. He is with you and in you. Be with Him and in Him. Bring that sense of service to everything you do. Realize that you have the opportunity to bring Jesus into every house, every office, every Zoom meeting, every room you come in to. Let Jesus shine in you and through you today, and bring that sense of service to every person you meet.

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.

Clynk

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, Joe Nista, Frances Riccio, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey

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

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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.