

February 1, 2026 / Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members by forming leaders and creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

Mass Schedule

Monday – 7:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 4:00 PM
Sunday – 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

Live stream available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Or by appointment

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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 31

4:00 pm Leon Steigerwalt by Violette Francois

SUNDAY, February 1 Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31;

Mt 5:1-12a

8:30 am Mieczystaw & Stefania Lisek
by The Lisek Family

11:00 am Violette Agnat
by Violette & Max Francois

1:30 pm Arnaudy Camilo by The Camilo Family

MONDAY, February 2 Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

7:00 pm Ann Cirillo by Lori & John Benzinger

TUESDAY, February 3 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,

30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

12:00 pm George Greene by St. John's Seniors

THURSDAY, February 5 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

12:00 pm Justin Hopkins by Pamela Hopkins

FRIDAY, February 6 Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

9:00 am Josephine de Quiroz
by The Garces Family
and Carol Stepanek
by Baker & Hemmessy Families

SATURDAY, February 7

4:00 pm Louis & Rosemary Knaub
by Kaitlin Pecha

SUNDAY, February 8

8:30 am Sickner Milfort by Veronique Milfort

11:00 am Uldhi Bierman
by Angelina Gaudioso
and Arthur N by Your Family

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Jessica Lopez, Brian Martinez, Sal Pomara,
Arthur Poor, Walter Sanders,
Elizabeth Valentine, Niko Franz,
Andrew Thomas, Brian Olney Junior,
Lenny Rapisardi, James Goetz, Irene Chee,
Dana McCarthy, Joe Clampet

For The Souls Of Our Dearly

Departed

Michael Dwyer, Catherine Fusco,
William Mulero, Jose Neil Sipalay,
Florito Sipalay Sr., Elizabeth White,
Anthony Zanella, Anthony DeRobertis,
Virginia Khan, Michael Carcaterra,
Ann Cirillo, Mary Galayda, Blanche Gallo

*To add to this list, please email:
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Announcements for this Week

Notre Dame Schools Open House

Rescheduled

The Notre Dame Elementary and
Jr./Sr. High School Open Houses have
been rescheduled due to weather
and will now take place on
Sunday, February 1, from 1:00–3:00 PM.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace and Unity Around the World
by The Church of St. John
January 31, 2026 — February 6, 2026

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls of the Faithful Departed
by The Church of St. John
January 31, 2026 — February 6, 2026

You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other
meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.
To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.



“Life With Family” Week 1: Introduction

This weekend we begin a brief 3-week series that’s all about family life. “Life With Family” is more than a nice idea; it is God’s design. From the very beginning, God chose to reveal himself not only to individuals, but through families and within families. Our homes, our daily routines, our ordinary interactions in families – these are meant to be places where we learn to know, love, and trust him. Yet many of us feel the tension: we want a Christ-centered family, but we are not always sure how to start, or what to do when things feel messy, complicated, or resistant.

This first week introduces the whole series by reminding us that God is already present in our family story and that he wants to draw us closer to himself through it. Our Gospel reading for today, **Matthew 5:1–12a**, the Beatitudes, comes as Jesus sits on the mountain and begins to teach his disciples: **“Blessed are the poor in spirit ... Blessed are the peacemakers ... Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness ...”** These are not just “nice sayings” for holy people far away; they are a picture of what love can look like in our own homes.

Think about how the Beatitudes could shape family life. “Blessed are the meek” invites us to gentleness when tempers flare. “Blessed are the merciful” speaks directly into moments when old wounds and grudges want to resurface. “Blessed are the peacemakers” challenges us to be the ones who take the first step toward reconciliation after an argument. When we hear this Gospel at Mass, we might imagine crowds on a hillside, but Jesus also speaks these words into our kitchens, living rooms, and text threads with relatives.

At the same time, many of us did not grow up in families where faith was lived or prayed together. Maybe church felt like an obligation. Maybe prayer never happened at home. Maybe, sadly, our experience of family was marked more by hurt than by blessing. That can make it hard to imagine something different. Yet the very heart of this series is hope: **God can write a new story.** Family has shaped how we see God, for better or worse, but God is not finished. He can use us, right now, to build a new spiritual foundation in our homes.

A key step is worship and prayer together. Making weekly Mass a non-negotiable priority is one of the simplest and most powerful choices we can make. It says, “As a family, we need God.” From there, we can start small with prayer at home. A short prayer before meals, a Hail Mary before bed, a moment to share one thing you are grateful for: these simple practices begin to weave God into ordinary life. You do not need the perfect words. You do not need a perfect family. You only need a willing heart.

As we begin “Life With Family,” remember: your influence matters. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse, or young person, God can use you to bring light, healing, and faith into your family. The Beatitudes show us the kind of heart God blesses. This series will help us take small, concrete steps to live that heart at home.

Small Group Questions:

1. When you hear the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12a), which “blessed” line feels most connected to your current family situation, and why?
2. How has your family of origin influenced the way you think about God, church, or prayer positively or negatively?
3. What feels most intimidating or awkward about bringing prayer or faith conversations into your home?
4. What is one small, realistic step you could take this week to make Mass and/or prayer more central in your family life?
5. Where do you most want to see God’s blessing and transformation in your family during this “Life With Family” series?

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