

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 19, 2021

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*Please join us in our Celebrations*

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 pm at St. John's  
6:00 pm at St. Peter's  
8:00 pm at Holy Family  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am at St. Peter's  
11:15 am at St. John's  
Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am at Holy Family  
9:30 am at St. Peter's  
11:15 am at St. John's

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31<sup>st</sup> - 4:00 pm at St. John's  
5:30 pm at St. Peter's  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - 4:00 pm at St. John's  
5:30 pm at St. Peter's  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00 am at Holy Family  
9:30 am at St. Peter's  
11:15 am at St. John's

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Faith Formation class will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Church; 8:30 am at St. Peter's and 10:00 am at St. John's. The topic will be "Defend Your Faith". Any questions, contact Katherine at [stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com).

## COALITION FOR LIFE

The Central New York Coalition for Life is reaching out to all who might be willing to pledge a monthly or one-time donation to help promote, educate and support others in the pro-life cause. With these funds we would like to reach out to the public on a more continual basis. In particular, we would like to have billboard advertisements placed throughout the area, among other events we have organized on an annual basis. Would you be willing to be a supporter? If so, please make checks payable to the Central New York Coalition for Life, P.O. Box 382, Oneonta, NY 13820. Thanks! We are hoping that with prayers, financial generosity, and teamwork, we will be able to continue our mission to protect the sanctity of life.

## MONEY MATTERS

The collection amounts for December 8<sup>th</sup> were: Holy Family Church \$122.00, St. John the Baptist Church, \$255.00 and St. Peter's Church, \$484.00.

The collection amounts for December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> were Holy Family, \$421.00, St. John's, \$7,475.00 and St. Peter's, \$ 1,254.00. Thank you for your generosity.

## WEBSITES - St. John the Baptist Church

<http://stjohnthebaptistwalton.com/>  
St. Peter's Church, <http://stpeterschurchdelhi.com/>

## KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM

In 2020, Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego & Schoharie Counties, provided \$29,937. in heating assistance to 85 households, including 215 individuals, who otherwise would have been left out in the cold, by providing these families and individuals with one-time heating/utility assistance when there was no other help available. Catholic Charities is conducting a fundraising campaign entitled "**Keeping Our Community Warm one Brick at A Time**". We are selling paper bricks for a fireplace, which will be displayed in the front window of the Oneonta Catholic Charities office. We are asking community members to consider sponsoring this fundraiser by purchasing a brick for the fireplace, at a cost of \$25.00 per brick. **100%** of the money raised will be used in our local community to help keep children, seniors and adults warm this winter. Bricks can be purchased at the Oneonta office at 176 Main Street or you can mail a check to Catholic Charities, 176 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820. Thank you for your kind consideration.

## SECOND COLLECTION

On January 1 & 2, there will be a parish second collection for fuel, to help defray the cost of heating our parish buildings. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you.

## ADORATION CANCELLED

Adoration, recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, at St. John's has been cancelled for the following Fridays: December 17<sup>th</sup>, December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Adoration will resume again on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## ST. JOHN'S COFFEE HOUR.

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a coffee hour after the 11:15 am Mass. **Bakers are needed.** Your baked goods can be dropped off in the kitchen on Saturday evening or before Mass on Sunday morning. Please join us in Father Willis Hall; all are welcome.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

December 21<sup>st</sup> is the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight, but for some it can be a time of personal depression. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't. If you are among those who are currently struggling in your marriage or life in general, accept the power of prayer.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. The next Knights' meeting will be in February. 607 267-8336

## MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

If you are interested in taking a bus to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 20 - 21, please call Paul Wenner at 607-779-8803. With the rise in gas prices, the cost of a seat has gone up but it is hoped that it can be kept under \$100.00. Pick up will be in Oneonta, Stamford, Hamden and Walton. We will be spending the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> at a Knights of Columbus Hall in Maryland. At least 25 seats must be reserved by December 15<sup>th</sup> in order to reserve the bus. To reserve a seat, or for more info, call Paul at 607-779-8803.

## THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45  
Wednesday: 1Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 7:24-30  
Friday: 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16; Lk 1:67-79  
Saturday: Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

## SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The Bishop and his staff are looking for folks from the vicariates to help roll out the listening sessions for the Synod on Synodality

Dear Friends:

Thank you as always for your service. We are looking for people to help with the synodal process in our diocese. They might be able to serve on the Coordinating Committee, be facilitators or assist in any number of ways throughout the upcoming process. In particular, we are looking for committee members to help us shape the gathering, listening and sharing in our diocese. The goals of the committee are to:

Facilitate discussions throughout our vicariates.

Help formulate questions to foster dialogue.

Identify to whom and how we should reach out to groups. Track that we are following the Pope's and Bishop's intentions in the process.

We need to move quickly in a very short time period. Our next committee meeting is in two weeks, I know this is a busy time and I hate to ask, but I know of the great talented and dedicated people we have in our diocese and what a wonderful asset they will be to this special mission. Thank you so much for surfacing candidates to help our process.

If you are interested in this ministry, please speak with Father Golding as soon as possible. Peace,  
Thanks!

## PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 21 - Joseph Tubridy  
Dec 22 - Herbert Kuppens, Joseph Tomao, Anna Trinca, Eleanor Brooks  
Dec 23 - Thomas McNally  
Dec 24 - Elizabeth Mills, Francis P. Morello, Rose Schwinn  
Dec 25 - Mary Carroll, Ethan Yakalis, Loretta Smith  
Dec 26 - Father John Burns, Joseph Richards, Mary Simms

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Donald Lawrence, Mitchell Spring, Troy Comfort, Richard Parsons, Theresa Alvarez, Bob Fasanaro, Shirley, Joan Nierney, Rita Hanley, Jerry Hanley, Joanne & Jack Betwarda, Andy Brown, Caitlin Stowe, John Linneman, Peggy, Barbara Geywits, Dorothy Perz, Ed McGrath, Phil, Jason O'Neil, Thomas Nimo, Bryson, Terry, Darlene Tomao, Kevin Lacey, Robert Cox, Les Theis, Dominic Criscuolo, Alicia, Kaiden, Ed G., Sharon Guenther, Tom, John Meinke, Mary Finn, John Froehlich, Gloria Slavinski, Mary Anne Falcone, Rory Flannery