

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 4, 2022

ST. JOHN 'S COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, December 18th, there will be a coffee hour in Father Willis Hall, following the 11:15 am Mass. **Bakers are needed!** Please join us for a cup of coffee, something to eat and fellowship. All are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Faith Formation class will be Sunday, December 18th at 8:30. The topic: God is With Us

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

“One advantage of marriage...is that when you fall out of love with each other, it keeps you together until maybe you fall in love again.” (Judith Viorst) What stirs you back to your love when it becomes routine? Try it soon.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 5 - Vabina Meyers, John D. Mokay
Dec 6 - Jeffrey Benson, Frances Neve
Dec 7 - John Gleason, Betty McGorry, Lev Obolensky
Dec 8 - John Hart, Sylvester Gilsinan, Renee Covey, Ethel Baxter, Charles Proskine
Dec 9 - Margaret Kern, Frances Murphy, William Teehan, Josephine Noonan,
Dec 10 - Edith Stalter, James T. Schultz, Lorraine Norton, Wilbur Oles
Dec 11 - Terence O'Leary, Frank Garti, Silvano Lanzoni

Teaching Mass

On January 15th, Camp Breakaway, a ministry of Pyramid Life Center, will host a teaching Mass event at Christ Our Light in Loudonville from 2 - 6 pm. This past summer, campers at Breakaway participated in a Synod session and requested to learn more about the Mass. When young people ask, we listen! Bishop Scharfenberger has agreed to join young people (6-12th grades) for this special day. All youth are invited. The day will include small group sessions explaining each part of the Mass and culminate with Mass celebrated by Bishop Scharfenberger at 5pm.

ST. PETER'S OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office at St. Peter's is temporarily closed. For all bulletin announcements, to schedule a Mass,

for prayer chain requests and any other questions or services kindly contact Teresa O'Leary, the administrative assistant at St. John the Baptist in Walton. Teresa can be reached at 607-865-7394 ext 1, or email at stjohnthebaptistwalton@gmail.com

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for the November 26 & 27 are: Holy Family, \$542.00, St. John's \$1,523.00 and St. Peter's Church, \$2,214.00. Thank you.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Communion to the sick, hospital and shut-in visits. If you have a family member who needs Communion taken to them, please call St. Peter's parish office at 607-746-2503

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

St. Peter's lector workbooks are now available to be picked up in the sacristy.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Awakening our hearts to share God's love.

When: Saturday, December 10, 2022

Time: Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am. Event runs from 9 am to 4 pm

Location: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY

Keynote Speakers: Sisters of Life

Retreat includes: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

Cost: \$40.00 per person; College age or younger women are FREE.

Register Here: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Joan Nerney, Al Furrer, Jerry Hanley, Robert Fasanaro, John Sterchak, Adam Billek, Nancy Greene, Stephen Ball, Ann Foschi, Carl Ionotti, Vernon Wildenstein, Greg Froehlich, Burneda Ford, Mary Jane Mehegen, Barbara Robinson, Laurie Laing, John Hanley, Claire Hanley

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Dec 5th - 6:00 pm, communal reconciliation, at St. Peter's

Dec. 6th - 6:00 pm, individual reconciliation at St. Peter's

Dec 7th - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Peter's,

Dec 8th - 9:30 am, Mass at St. John's

12:00 pm, Mass at Holy Family

Dec 12th - 6:00 pm , communal reconciliation at St. John's

Dec 13th - 6:00 pm, individual reconciliation at St. John's

There will be no 8:00 or 9:30 am Mass on Wednesday Dec. 7.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

St. Nicholas, Bishop

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Our Lady of Loreto

Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

ADVENT

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) said: **"Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas..."**

GRIEF MINISTRY

Mission Statement: To provide a listening ear, compassion and possible recommendations and/or direction for a positive life journey moving forward with the help of our Faith! For more information contact Kathy Scribani at 607-376-1633

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

St. Peter's ministry schedules for the first half of 2023 are available to be picked up in the sacristy and in the conference room.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

The Fifth Commandment - You Shall not Kill

The Fifth commandment forbids us to harm the body or soul of others or our own.

When is a sin committed against the physical or spiritual harm to others? A sin is committed against physical harm to the body or spiritual harm to the soul of others a) when someone assaults others physically, wounding or killing them; b) or when someone abuses, frightens, or hurts them emotionally or leads others into sin; then the abuser of others must try to repair any harm done to them. The killing of a human being may possibly become allowable in legitimate self-defense, or when absolutely necessary, or in defense of one's country when, however, the death of another is not directly intended, - Knowing Your Faith, All Basic Catholic Beliefs by Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.” *Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, the documentary produced by the Knights of Columbus on the life of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the work of the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity, was a box office hit during its Oct. 3-4 U.S. theatrical release, earning more than \$1.2 million. An encore presentation in U.S. theaters, and debut in Canada and the United Kingdom took place Nov.2nd.