THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2022

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Hanley. May he rest in peace, Amen.

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

"Be patient, brothers and sisters...Do not complain about one another." (James 5:7-9) In marriage we know all too well each other's faults. When tempted to complain, perhaps match your complaint, whether spoken or thought, with some genuine praise.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 12 - Ellen Barthe, Guido Liberati, Jennie Atkinson, Robert Gilbertsen

Dec 13 - Teresa Marie Favret, Joseph Tubridy

Dec 14 - William Session, John J. Kelly

Dec 15 - Margaret Meinke, Charles Passarella, George Warsh

Dec 16 - Mary Lupia

Dec 17 - Timothy Crowley

WELCOME

Deacon Michael and Dr Denise Freeman are welcoming into their home for a Christmas Eve dinner and cheer those who do not have special plans or a place or person to celebrate with. Our home is open to you from 7 - 10 pm on 12/24 Christmas Eve. 118 Townsend Street Walton NY. Please do not feel a need to bring anything. This is our gift."

Kindly RSVP to St. John's office at 607-865-7394, ext. #1.

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 December 3 & 4 are: Holy Family, see next week's bulletin, St. John's \$1,609.00 and St. Peter's Church, \$2,459.00. The fuel collection amounts: St. John's \$696.00, St. Peter's \$875.00. 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

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Dec 12th - 7:00 pm, communal reconciliation at St. John's

Dec 13^h - 7:00 pm, individual reconciliation at St. John's

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, Claire Hanley, Maryann Stanczyk

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Wednesday Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-

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St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36 Saturday: Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

ST. LUCY,

St. Lucy was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian; she is the patron saint of persons suffering from eye disorders and is portrayed carrying a tray containing two eyes. Her name was introduced into the Canon of the Mass by Pope Gregory I. Her feast day is December 13.

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

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

The Fifth Commandment - You Shall not Kill

Besides evil deeds, what else does the Fifth Commandment forbid of us? Furthermore, the fifth commandment forbids not only evil deeds but also malicious thoughts, impurities, bad desires, and actions which could lead to evil deeds, such as hatred, anger, desire for revenge, and quarreling, abusive language, sexual impurity, and wishing harm to another. - Knowing Your Faith, All Basic Catholic Beliefs by Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J. **

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A delegation of 220 pilgrims from the United States joined more than 12,000 soldiers from more than 40 countries in Lourdes, France, during the weekend of May 17-19 to participate in the 61st Annual International Military Pilgrimage. The U.S. pilgrims, which included 51 battle-wounded soldiers and veterans along with 72 "warrior pilgrims," were sponsored through the joint efforts of the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. The Knights have conducted a week-long "Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage" in conjunction with the international event every year since 2013. The event allows nonwounded, wounded, ill, or injured military personnel, together with their designated caregivers and volunteers, to travel to the Marian shrine for a time of rest, prayer and healing.