

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 18, 2022

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Tom Newman, 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 am at St Peter's and 10:00 am at St John's. The topic: God is With Us

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Wednesday, Dec. 21st, is the Winter Solstice - the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 19 - Bernard Gagen
Dec 20 - Diana Mathison
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

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.

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 collection amounts for December 10 & 11 are: Holy Family, \$330.00, St. John's \$2,159.00 and St. Peter's Church, \$2,366.00, 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

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

ANNOINTING MASS

On Wednesday, December 21st, Father Golding will celebrate an anointing Mass at St. Peter's at 8:00 am and at St. John's at 9:30 am.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th - 4:00 pm - St. John's
6:00 pm - St. Peter's
8:00 pm - Holy Family
December 25th - 9:30 am - St. Peter's
11:15 am - St. John's

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Joan Nerney, Jerry Hanley, Robert Fasanaro, John Sterchak, Adam Billek, Stephen Ball, Vernon Wildenstein, Greg Froehlich, Burneda Ford, Mary Jane Mehegen, Claire Hanley, Maryann Stanczyk

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Jud 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-36
Wednesday Sg 2L6-14; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:24-30
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Christmas Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Christmas: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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

HOLY HOUR CANCELLED

Holy Hour at St. John's is cancelled for Thursday, December 22nd.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH The Fifth Commandment - You Shall not Kill

How can we sin against the respect due to ourselves?

We can sin against the respect which is due to ourselves if we should a) seriously harm or shorten our life through excesses of any kind such as violent outbursts of anger, sexual impurity, or any other addiction to the appetites of our flesh, b) needlessly endanger or harm our life, health, or good name, or that of our family, c) or attempt to take or to harm our own life through means of self-destruction or serious danger to our health. Proverbs 14:30 and Sirach 6:2 and 4 point out that fleshly appetites, like sexual impurity or habitual heavy drug-taking, can turn on us like killer-snakes. At first they entrap their victim, then they paralyze it, and finally they devour it whole. Knowing Your Faith, All Basic Catholic Beliefs by Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J. * *

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.

