

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 15, 2023

ST. JOHN'S COFFEE HOUR

This Sunday, January 15th, there is 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.

FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Faith Formation class will be Sunday, February 5th at 8:30 am at St Peter's and 10:00 am at St John's. The topic: What's happening at Mass/Mass parts.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Martin Luther King emphasized that our differences need not divide us. How are you and your beloved different, yet complement each other? (Perhaps one gives attention to detail vs. seeing the whole picture, one is a quick thinker vs. thorough planner, and extrovert vs. self-reflective...)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Joan Nerney, Jerry Hanley, Robert Fasanaro, John Sterchak, Stephen Ball, Vernon Wildenstein, Greg Froehlich, Burneda Ford, Mary Jane Mehegen, Claire Hanley, Thomas O'Leary, George Ostrowski

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

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for January 7 & 8 are: Holy Family, \$265.00, St. John's \$2,954.00 and St. Peter's Church, \$3,523.00. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S HOLY HOUR

The holy hour at St. John the Baptist in Walton will return to Thursday afternoons, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, in the main church. We hope you will find some time to join us. All are welcome!

ST PETERS RECTORY RENOVATIONS

The renovation of the floors and downstairs bathroom located in St. Peter's rectory has begun. The upstairs bathrooms are available. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Jan 16 - Tony Resta, John Lilholt, Florence Martin, Barbara Henn
Jan 17 - Rocco Possemato, Thomas Conway, Elizabeth Bianchi
Jan 18 - James F. Wood, Thomas Latronica
Jan 19 - Celeste Downey, Peter Svegal
Jan 20 - Elmer Junge, Fred Timmons
Jan 21 - Louis Miele, Gaston (Gus) Pelletier, Dorothy DeSalvo, Ben Misiewicz, Anna E. Scott, Lillian Kelley
Jan 22 - Anna Jobbonski, Douglas Lane, Consuelo Greenman, Robert Karl

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

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 2023 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Theme: Let's Fulfill the Dream
When: 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 15, 2023
Where: First United Presbyterian (the "Red Door" Church) 381 Main Street, Oneonta (corner of Walling Ave.)
Inspiration! Music! Song! Birthday Cake & Refreshments! Open and Free to All! Sponsored by the Oneonta Area Branch of the NAACP

Congratulations and Welcome to

Winston Evan Rockefeller

son of

Chad Rockefeller and Karen Acevedo.

Winston was baptized
into the faith
of the Roman Catholic Church
on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
St. Anthony, Abbot
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-5
Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

ST. AGNES

Born in Rome to a noble family, St. Agnes was one of the first martyrs for the Christian faith. Though she was a beautiful young woman with many admirers, she wanted only to be a bride of Christ and consecrated herself to Him at a young age. Because she refused to marry, she was turned in to the authorities for being a Christian and sentenced to beheading. She died in 304 at the age of 13. According to St. Ambrose, she "went to the place of her execution more cheerfully than others go to their wedding." She is depicted with a lamb at her side because she suffered the same fate as Christ, the Sacrificial Lamb. Each year the Church celebrates her feast day on January 21 with a papal blessing of a pair of lambs. The lambs soft wool will be used to make "pallium", the vestment the pope places on the shoulders of new archbishops on June 29 each year.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Some medical equipment has become available to anyone in our parishes, who is in need. The available items are walkers, crutches, an electric hospital bed (with sheets), commodes and a shower chair. If you can use any of these items, please call St. John's parish office at 607-865-7394 ext. 1.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

*"You shall not commit adultery."
"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife."*

Who are required to be sexually pure by the 6th and 9th Commandments? In the sixth and ninth commandments God forbids sexual impurity, immodesty, and anything which can lead to such sins. Basically, all people are called to be pure according to their state in life and loving intercourse is encouraged between those who are validly married. But the unmarried are not allowed to take to themselves those rights which are reserved only for the married. God requires all unmarried people to be sexually pure in thought, desire, and touch; also in what is read, seen in movies or on TV and in all conduct, thereby showing respect for our own or someone else's body with its proper dignity.
- Knowing Your Faith, All Basic Catholic Beliefs by Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

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