

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 22, 2023

### ST. JOHN'S COFFEE HOUR

The next coffee hour AT St. John's will be on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB

### 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

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

"I urge you...that you be united in the same...purpose." (1Cor. 1:10) Spouses don't have to agree on everything, i.e., favorite meals, politics, how to wash the dishes – BUT, what is the ultimate purpose of your life together? Agree on that. Perhaps write a short marriage mission statement today.

### 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.

### 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

### 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!

### 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

### MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for January 14 & 15 are: Holy Family, \$410.00, St. John's \$1,506.00 and St. Peter's Church, \$1,708.00. Thank you.

### 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 24 - Joseph L. D'Addezio, Robert Federico, Harry Fielder, Paul M. Ryan  
Jan 25 - LeRoy Budine, Sophia Frohnhoefer, Daniel J. O'Keefe  
Jan 26 - James Gramento, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Vas  
Jan 28 - Lilia Garin, Carolina Coons, Geraldine Fabris, Jack Rosino, Cecil G. Lobdell, Caroline Reese  
Jan 29 - Lorin Skiff, Hilario Garin

### 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](mailto:stjohnthebaptistwalton@gmail.com)

### Congratulations and Welcome to

### **Peter Fulton Gielskie**

son of

Alan and Katherine Gielskie.

Peter was baptized  
into the faith  
of the Roman Catholic Church  
on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

### THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Life*

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Wednesday Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

*The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

Thursday: 2 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25

*Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops*

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

*St. Angela Merici, Virgin*

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN LIFE

Beginning on January 22, 1973 with Roe v. Wade, and during the nearly 50-year period following the Supreme Court decision, nearly 64 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath. Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection, and federal laws fail to protect the lives of unborn children. January 23 is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance for Catholics in the United States, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, directs: In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

### KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM

Last year, Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego & Schoharie Counties, provided heating assistance to over 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 where 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 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 paper 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.

### KNOWING YOUR FAITH

"You shall not commit adultery."

"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife."

What should persons think about when sexually tempted? When tempted against purity, people should change their thoughts to something more wholesome, calmly think of Jesus and other holy or pleasant things. Thoughts of death and eternal judgement have helped some tempted people, while thinking of sports or songs have helped others. It is well known that threats to chastity can come from harboring bad thoughts, from conversations, and touches as well as from bad magazines, pictures, movies, TV or anything which can harm decent thinking. A sincere prayer, said slowly and calmly may help along the lines of the following: "O Mary, my Mother, I come to you for help. I dedicate my eyes, ears, heart, hands, and my entire self to your divine Son's Sacred Heart. Please direct my thoughts toward some good reading, or taking a walk, or phoning a friend. And thank you, dear blessed mother, for your help in conquering this temptation. Amen." It would also be well to pray from time to time to Saints who fought valiantly when tempted like St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Maria Goretti or Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the American Indian maiden. - Knowing Your Faith, All Basic Catholic Beliefs by Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.