

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 29, 2023

ST. JOHN'S COFFEE HOUR

The next coffee hour at St. John's will be on Sunday, February 12th, 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 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.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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

"On your wedding day you laid your life into the hands of you spouse without knowing what the future held." (Leif Kehrwald, *Marriage & the Spirituality of Intimacy*) How have you been called to love your spouse in unexpected ways?

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.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

This year, the feast of St. Blaise falls on First Friday, February 3rd. Father Golding will be blessing throats during both the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses.

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, George Ostrowski, Tammy Jamieson, Richie Keiser, Hillary Zujovic, Joan

ST. JOHN'S HOLY HOUR

The holy hour at St. John the Baptist in Walton has returned 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

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

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend the second collection is the parish collection for utilities. As the Church has received the large increase in utility rates, we ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you for your support.

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.

SPECIAL INTENTION

The special intention of Pope Francis for the month of February: *We pray for every parish. May our parishes, placing communion at the center, increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome toward those most in need.*

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for January 21 & 22 are: Holy Family, \$160.00, St. John's \$1,698.00 and St. Peter's Church, \$1,520.00. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Jan 30 - Marin Quill, Evelyn Smith
Jan 31 - Joanne Mackris, Barbara Stoutenberg, Mary Sisson, Mary Radeker
Feb 1 - Lena Cassidy, Pauline Mahoney, William Cheevers, Arlene Heinegg, Walter Ingraham
Feb 2 - Nicholas Magnan, Gertrude, Bertrana, Vivian O'Hara, Leonard Boscia, Burton Aikens
Feb 3 - Ronald Condon, Nora Rossley
Feb 5 - Arline Anslow, Evelyn Anderson

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 1:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
St. John Bosco, Priest
Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
The Presentation of the Lord
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon who was righteous and devout. „It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not die before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. ...When he met the child with Mary and Joseph, he took the child into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel: (Lk 2:25-32).

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 steal”
“You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.”
What do the 7th & 10th Commandments forbid? The seventh and tenth commandments forbid harming or desiring to harm others in regard to their goods and property. “Goods and property” make up everything which a person owns: home and land, clothing, athletic equipment, tools, etc. God gives humans the right to personal ownership and others may not violate this right. The owner, however, should also be considerate of those less well off. “Your almsgiving should be in proportion to your means. If you have been blessed with great abundance, give much; if you possess little, do not be afraid to give even some of that” (Tob 4:8). - Knowing Your Faith, All Basic Catholic Beliefs by Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL HEALING LITURGY, DIOCESE OF ALBANY

Where: Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY
Date: **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**
Time: 7:00 pm Prayer and Praise
7:30 pm Liturgy, Healing Prayer to follow.
Presider: Fr. Daniel McHale
There will be individual prayer teams available after Mass.