

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## April 23, 2023

### COFFEE HOUR

The next Coffee hour at St. John the Baptist will be in Father Willis Hall on May 7<sup>th</sup> after the 11:15 am Mass. ***Bakers are needed!!*** Please join us for a cup of coffee, tea, and something sweet to eat. All are welcome.

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member who is sick, hospitalized or homebound and would like Communion taken to them, in Delhi, please call St. Peter's parish office at 607-746-2503 in Walton and Downsville, please call St. John's parish office at 607-865-7394 ext. 1

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Robert Fasanaro, Stephen Ball, Vernon Wildenstein, Greg Froehlich, Burneda Ford, Mary Jane Mehegen, Claire Hanley, George Ostrowski, Richie Keiser, Hillary Zujovic, Joan, Peggy Robbin, Val Vavarone, Val DiGiovanni, Diane Patterson, James O'Dell, Lynn Hoffman, Logan Cazzolla, Lori Babcock, Concetta Tomao Hoyt, Donna Thompson, Doris Peterson, Deloris, Elizabeth McCabe, Johanna Essick, Margaret O'Leary Copeland

### 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 April 15 – 16 are: Holy Family, \$291.00; St. John's, \$2,453.00 and St. Peter's, \$3,639.00

### WORK BEE AT ST. JOHN'S

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am, there will be a work bee at St. John's to clean out the brush that is behind the Church. All able-bodied people are welcome to help with this project. Remember, many hands make light work, the more help we have the quicker the job will go. To sign up or if you have any questions, call 607-865-6724. The rain date will be May 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray for the spread of a culture of peace and non-violence throughout the world, by decreasing the use of weapons by countries and citizens. We also pray for church movements, that they will rediscover their mission of evangelization every day and place their charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### USCCB WORD OF LIFE

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

### PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Apr 24 - Edward Gannon, Adrienne Proskine, Daniel O'Connor  
Apr 25 - Dorothy J. Finn, Katherine Morosky, Col. Charles T. O'Neill  
Apr 26 - Mary Chaminzish, Betty Nelson  
Apr 28 - Adeline Colociello  
Apr 29 – Charles Cookston  
Apr 30 - Mary Dreizler, Stephanie Sessions

### OFFICE CLOSED

St. Peter's office will be closed on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
***St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr***  
Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mk 16: 15-20  
***St. Mark, Evangelist***  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:44-51  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
***St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr***  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
***St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church***  
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Born in 1347, St. Catherine was raised in Siena, Italy and devoted herself to God at an early age. Her parents wanted her to marry but at 12 years old, she cut her hair, wore a veil around the house and refused to leave. Finally, in 1363, her parents allowed her to join the Third Order Dominicans. After receiving a divine assignment to help restore the Church in 1374, she traveled to Avignon, France, where the pope and several of his predecessors had been living. She persuaded the pope to return to Rome and entrust many missions to her. A prolific writer, she composed hundreds of letters to the pope, kings, and powerful leaders advising them of their responsibilities to work toward peace and unity in the Church. An outstanding figure of Catholicism in the Middle Ages, it was especially remarkable for a woman to have such influence in her time. She is the patron saint of Rome, the patron saint of Italy and a patron of Europe.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Last week was National Conversation Week. What was your favorite conversation with your beloved? Forgot? It's not too late. Talk today. Didn't forget? Even better. Look for a new person to have a respectful conversation with – perhaps a stranger or someone you often disagree with.

### KNOWING YOUR FAITH

#### *What are some conditions for receiving Holy Communion worthily?*

Some Conditions for receiving Holy Communion worthily are: a) being in the state of grace, b) having a devotional intention, c) and observing the eucharistic fast. STATE OF GRACE: being here and now free from mortal sin. But our Communion will bring us more grace and blessings, and our spiritual growth will become greater, if we also strive to overcome any deliberate venial sins in our life. DEVOTIONAL INTENTIONS: not out of mere habit or distracting human respect, but to please our Lord, to live a more full Catholic life, to help others and, indeed, to assist the entire worldwide Church to grow. EUCHARISTIC FAST: abstaining from food and drink, except water and needed medicine, for one hour before Holy communion. Plain water never breaks the communicant's fast.

*Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullham, S.J.*

### Show Your Support for Moms and Babies

1. With a \$5 donation (per name), your name will be included on our full-page pro-life newspaper ad in the Oneonta-area newspaper, the Freeman's Journal. *The ad will be run for Mother's Day weekend on Thursday, May 11th.*

2. Make checks payable to the **Central New York Coalition for Life**. On the subject line, include your first and last name (or how you'd like to appear in the ad), plus any additional names you'd like added. If submitting additional names, feel free to include a note in the envelope

3. Mail your check to: *The Central New York Coalition for Life, P.O. Box 382, Oneonta, NY 13820 by April 25th.*

If you'd like to donate, but would like to do so anonymously (and not have your name included on the ad), please write "Anonymous" on the subject line of your check. Please email [president.cnycoalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto:president.cnycoalitionforlife@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing your names in ink in support of mothers and unborn babies everywhere!