

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 3, 2023

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Regina Ordmandy. May she rest in peace,
Amen!*

COFFEE HOUR AND FAITH FORMATION

The next Coffee Hour at St. John's will be Sunday, December 17th after the 11:15 am Mass. This coffee hour is in conjunction with the Faith Formation program, which will present their Christmas Pageant on December 17th at St. John the Baptist Church at 12:00 noon. Contact Katherine for details stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com, 607-746-2503.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

Why does the Mass also instruct us?

The Mass instructs us in points of the faith, because the Church hopes to teach even as she helps to sanctify us.

The Liturgy of the Word during Mass is a chief source of Catechetical instruction or teachings on the faith. The unfolding of the liturgical year instructs, uplifts, and forms Catholics by bringing them into relationship with the person of our Savior through the actualization of successive events in the life of Christ from His eagerly awaited birth at Christmas through His wonderful life as Mystical Head poured out at Pentecost through the action of the Holy Spirit even now acting in His Church.

We will profit more spiritually from the ineffable riches the Lord has placed at our disposal in the Liturgy of the Holy Mass when we know, love, and live it more wholeheartedly. The best way to do is by participating fully, consciously, and actively in that bountiful liturgy. *Knowing Your Faith*, Rev. Raymond B. Fullham, S.J.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend is our parish second collection for utilities. Winter weather has arrived, and so have out increased heating bills! Your generosity is both important and greatly appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday, from 5:00 am until 6:00 pm, Our Lord is exposed for Adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel at St. John's in Walton. All parishes are welcome to come adore during any of these hours, alongside our regularly scheduled adorers. Come, let us adore Him!

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for November 25th & 26th are: Holy Family \$323.00, St. John's \$1,418.00, St. Peter's \$1,787.00. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

St. Nicholas, Bishop

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

ST. NICHOLAS OF BARI

Nicholas, a third-century Greek Bishop, is one of the most venerated, colorful saints in all Christendom. Although little is known about his life, except through a myriad of legends, he is known as a benevolent man who bestowed gifts on children and, with miraculous intervention, saved lives in peril. Legend reveals the generosity of Nicholas with an account of the saint surreptitiously dropping three bags of gold into the window of his poor neighbor's home because the man could not afford dowries for his three daughters. This kind act may have been the precursor for *Santa Claus* (from the Dutch form of his name, *Sinte Klaas*). Other stories tell of sailors saved from drowning at sea through their prayers to St. Nicholas. His feast day is December 6th.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of obligation. Father Golding will celebrate a vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm at St. Peter's, on Friday at 9:30 am at St. John the Baptist and 12:00 pm, noon at Holy Family. *There will be no morning Masses on December 7th and no Mass morning Mass at St. Peter's on December 8th.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Mary Jane Mehegen, Peggy Robbin, Val Vavarone, James O'Dell, Jerry Hanley, John Meinke, Jeremy Pickens, Dale Hart, Charles Kazarian, Linda, Nancy, Patricia Fletcher, Linda Barr, Mike, Leslie McGraw, Matt McNally, Patricia Stark, Ron McAnaney, Shirley Froehlich, Linda Grauer, Joe Augustine, Rose, Connie Cucciarre Ruff

TREADMILL AVAILABLE

An electric Proform treadmill has become available to anyone who may have need of one. The treadmill is located in Walton, and would have to be picked up. If you are interested, please call St. John's office.

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Christians start the Advent season of "Waiting" for the birth of Jesus. Help each other exercise the self-discipline of waiting to celebrate. Sure, you have to prepare, probably buy a Christmas tree and presents. Perhaps try waiting to decorate the tree till Christmas Eve.

NURSING CENTER MASS

Father Golding celebrates Mass at the Delhi Rehabilitation & Nursing Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am. For more information, contact Lynn Oles, 607-743-4772

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

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

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 4 - Adam Oles, Dr. Frederick Heinegg

Dec 5 - Vabina Meyers, John D. Mokay

Dec 6 – Jeffrey Benson, Frances Neve

Dec 7 - John Gleason, Betty McGorry, Lev Obolensky

Dec 8 - John Hart, Sylvester Gilsinan, Renee Covey, Ethel Baxter, Charles Proskine

Dec 9 - Margaret Kern, Frances Murphy, William Teehan, Josephine Noonan

Dec 10 - Edith Stalter, James T. Schultz, Lorraine Norton, Wilbur Oles

UNLEASHING LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Awakening our hearts to share God's love.

Where: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 4 PM

Keynote Speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mrs. Anne Costa

Event will include: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with the Bishop, box lunch, and beverages.

Conference Information and Registration

Link: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

Early Registration: \$40. until November 30Registration: \$45. From December 1 to December 8; On-site "Day of Registration": \$50.