

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 21, 2024

COFFEE HOUR

The next Coffee hour at St. John the Baptist is in Father Willis Hall Sunday, January 28th after the 11:15 am Mass. ***Bakers are needed!!*** Please join us for a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. All are welcome.

MARRIAGAE MOMENTS *Susan Vogt*

During the long, usually cold, nights of winter, plan a warm surprise for your beloved. Perhaps you both might independently choose the same surprise. What a surprise that would be!

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

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

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

Conversion of St. Paul

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:26-34

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35:41

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

ST. VINCENT OF SARAGOSSA

St. Vincent is the patron saint of Portugal. Spanish-born, he is known almost exclusively through his martyrdom by the Romans. His memory was revered by Christians throughout the Roman Empire, relics were venerated, and several churches were dedicated to him. In art, he is depicted as a deacon holding a palm or suffering the torture of the gridiron. His feast is January 22nd

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Jan 22 - Anna Jobbonski, Douglas Lane, Consuelo Greenman, Robert Karl

Jan 24 - Joseph L. D'Addezio, Robert Federico, Harry Fielder, Paul 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 Lobdell, Caroline Reese

2023 TAX REPORTS

If you would like a letter, for tax purposes, of your 2023 financial contributions to the church, contact the offices; for St. Peter's please contact Katherine at 607-746-2503 or stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com. For St. John's and Holy Family, contact info is 607-865-7394 or stjohnthebaptistwalton@gmail.com. Please let us know whether you'd like to receive it by mail or email.

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 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, disable 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." *USCCB "Living he Gospel of Life," 1998*

FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation Class this Sunday, January 21st at St. John the Baptist in Walton at 12:00 pm. Contact Katherine for additional details stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com, 607-746-2503.

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.

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for January 13th & 14th are: Holy Family \$242.00, St. John's \$1,393.00, St. Peter's \$1,649.00. Thank you for your continued support.

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

OFFICE FOR DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

The office of Discipleship Formation invites you to join them for a FREE virtual webinar.

Presentation by

Father Richard Fragomeni

A reflection on *The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul: Christ's Call to Paul and Us*

To Register, call 518-453-6670, **January 25, 2024**
[3:00 – 4:30 pm] via zoom webinar

Congratulations and Welcome to

Adeline Grace Hood

Daughter of

Dain and Sarah Hood.

Adeline was baptized
into the faith
of the Roman Catholic Church
on Sunday, January 14, 2024.

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

St Peter's 2023-24 Diocesan Appeal Assessment is \$22,784. So far, we have raised \$5,622.

St. John/Holy Family's 2023-2024 Diocesan Appeal Assessment is \$21,737.00. To date, we have raised \$6,284.00. Thank you to everyone who has donated. The current appeal ends June 30, 2024.

For those who donated to the Diocesan Appeal any time in 2023, the Stewardship Office is currently preparing and mailing tax acknowledgments - you should receive yours by the end of this month. Thank you for your contribution.

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, Linda Barr, Mike, Leslie McGraw, Ron McAnaney, Shirley Froehlich, Joe Augustine, Rose, Connie Cucciarre Ruff, Marianne P., Ruth Halton, Kullen Fuller, Gail, Theresa Schlitz. Teri Macchio, Rosemarie Falco, Steve Wood, Rita Hanley, Lily

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.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

This mass has traditionally been called the Annual White Mass, for the white coats, jackets, and uniforms often worn by those in health care. **When:** Saturday, January 27, 2024, 5:00pm **Where:** St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd. Loudonville, NY **President:** Bishop Edward Scharfenberger
There is a reception following mass. All are invited! This includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, administrators, technicians, aides, housekeeping, social work, nutritional staff, and all who work in the health care field, as well as their family and friends. Sponsored by the Albany Catholic Medical Guild

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

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance

*When did our Lord institute for us the peace-giving
Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance?*

When our Lord, Jesus, gave to His Apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins, He instituted in His Church the peace-giving Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. Thus the faithful who fall into sin after Baptism may be renewed in grace, reconciled with God, and united with the whole Church-community to share fully in all its blessings.

In this Sacrament of Reconciliation we can attain a personal encounter with Jesus Christ Who, through His priest, brings about within us: a) restoration or increase of sanctifying grace, b) peaceful union with Himself, c) forgiveness of our sins, d) remission of the eternal or temporal punishment due to sin, e) helps to avoid sin in the future, f) restoration of the merits of our good works, g) reconciliation with the church-community to share in its many blessings.

Since sin affects the life of the whole Church, not only that of the sinner, a sincere confession also reconciles the penitent to God but to one another as well. By the loving mystery of the divine will, we human beings are joined together by a supernatural solidarity wherein the sin of one person injures all the others just as the holiness of one benefits all the others. Accordingly, Penance always entails a reconciliation with our brothers and sisters in the Church-community without their realizing it.

A real conversion of heart carries with it sorrow for sin together with the firm resolve to lead a better life as expressed to the Church through the priest. We then say or do our assigned penance and try to amend our lives. *Rev. Raymond B. Fullham, S.J.*