

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 23, 2024

ST. PETER'S COFFEE HOUR

St. Peter's will host a coffee hour on Sunday, July 7th after the 9:30 am Mass. Please join us!

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

St. Peter's 2023-2024 Diocesan Appeal Assessment is \$22,784. So far, we have raised \$8,424. St. John's Assessment is \$21,737., to date \$9,254. has been raised. If you have not already joined your fellow parishioners in giving to the Diocesan Appeal, there are three ways to make your gift:

- Reply to the Appeal mailing you received at home;
- Make your gift online at www.thediocesanappeal.org {write in 'comments' if you want to direct to an area(s) of focus};
- Or mail a check payable to "Diocesan Appeal" to 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

Thank you to everyone who has donated. The current appeal ends June 30, 2024.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

- June 24 – Ida Kelly, Norma Lull
- June 25 - Pasquale Cavallo, Frances Rose, John McDevitt, Thomas Morley, Elizabeth Schuller
- June 26 - Frank Adamo, Grace Hayes
- June 27 – John Lambert, Louise Rose, George Pliauplis
- June 28 - Frank Parente
- June 29 - Rose D'Angelino, Robert Wahl
- June 30 - Jillian McLaughlin

LAST CALL! ST. JOHN'S LECTORS, SACRISTANS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The St. John's new ministry schedule will run from August, 2024 through January 2025. Please call Doreen at 607-865-6724, with any scheduling conflicts by June 30th. Thank you for your continued gift of time and talent!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday, from 6:00am until 6:00pm, 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. O Come let us adore Him!

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts June 15th & 16th are: Holy Family \$459.00, St. John's \$2,530.00, St. Peter's \$2,341.00. Thank you for your continued support.

THE ROSARY CORNER

There are approximately 300 families between our three parishes. Consider if each of us prayed one rosary a day - we would be giving Mary 300 crowns of roses. Now multiply that by the number of members in each family - so many crowns of roses! Wouldn't that make Mary and Jesus smile! "The Rosary is like a crown of roses, like a diadem with which the faithful decorate the head of their queen." -Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Mary Jane Mehegen, Dale Hart, Linda Barr, Mike, Teri Macchio, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, Maurine Frich, Abby Richardson, Dan Haley, Roberta Lacey, Millie Cohen, Will, John Meinke, Kevin Collins, Al Furrer, Alyson Bruse, Ed Snow, Mia Morris

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

MATRIMONY

What do the Bride and Groom declare in the presence of the authorized priest and two witnesses?

The bride and groom declare in the presence of the authorized priest and two witnesses that they take each other as husband and wife "for better or for worse until death do us part."

The couple to be married should first obtain a marriage license from the civil authorities after having their blood test. Some countries might also require a civil marriage, but this does not exempt the couple from the grave obligation to be married by a Catholic priest. In the eyes of the Church, Catholics are not married until they are properly married "in the Church," which means in the presence of an authorized Catholic priest. Also, although the Rite of Matrimony does give reluctant approval in special circumstances for a marriage to take place outside of a nuptial Mass, a truly Catholic marriage should certainly be celebrated with a uniting Mass wherein the marriage-ceremony takes place just after the Liturgy of the Word. *Knowing Your Faith*, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

For some people, prayer comes easily. For others it's a challenge. For many couples praying together is even harder. If couple prayer is new to you, experiment today. Maybe start with a written prayer and eventually transition to heartfelt spontaneous prayer.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." USCCB, "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

Congratulations and Welcome to

Abigail Grace Magnis

daughter of

Tyler and Molly Magnis.

Abigail was baptized
into the faith
of the Roman Catholic Church
on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 57:66, 80 *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr & Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

ST. PETER and ST. PAUL

The Church celebrates Saints Peter and Paul on the same day because of their remarkable influence on the early Church. St. Peter was among the original twelve apostles of Jesus. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Cephas, meaning "rock", because he would become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. In the Gospel, Peter is depicted as impulsive and bold. Though he denied Jesus three times before the Crucifixion, he repented of his betrayal and courageously assumed leadership of the early Church. St. Paul, a devout Jew, originally persecuted the early Christians. But after encountering a vision of the Risen Lord, he was convinced that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah of the Hebrew people. He became an enthusiastic minister of the Gospel and was largely responsible for spreading Christianity to the gentile world. Both Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome. Their feast is June 29.

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

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday July 2nd**

We will meet every other Tuesday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Where: Father Willis Hall, St. John the Baptist, Walton

Presented and Facilitated by Deacon Mike Freeman

No cost, but feel free to bring refreshments!

For more information, see the gold colored flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule. For more info call/text Deacon Freeman at 607-353-0095.

Bible Journey Readings can be found on the parish website.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join the Delaware County Women for a weekend retreat at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna, NY. The Retreat begins Friday evening, Sept 27, 2024 and runs through Sunday afternoon, Sept 29. The cost is \$225.00 or \$210.00 for 65 & older and \$90.00 for virtual. A non-refundable advance deposit of \$50.00 is required with reservation. There are brochures and applications in each Church vestibule. For more information, contact Jan Bowker at 607-437-2401

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RAFFLE

On July 6th and 7th Catholic Charities representatives from our parishes will sell tickets for the annual raffle after all Masses. Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each and there are four money prizes: first prize is \$1000.00, second prize is \$500.00, third prize is \$300.00 and fourth prize is \$200.00. The winning tickets will be drawn on September 11th. In the past, there have been several winners from our parishes. **This year you could be the lucky winner, but you have to be in it to win it!!**

Catholic Charities celebrates over 100 years of assisting the poor and vulnerable in our area and the proceeds from this raffle enable us to continue our mission. Pamphlets are available outlining the organization's continuing role. Only 300 tickets will be sold for this raffle. *Thank you for your support and good luck!*

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

St. Paul's Church in Hancock announces the 2024 summer movie lineup and invites everyone to join them. The movie is free at the Hancock Cinema and popcorn and soda may be purchased there. All movies begin at 7:00 pm.

July 25 – The Way

July 16 – TBD

Aug 6 – The Chosen, Season 4

Aug 13 – The Chosen, Season 4

Aug 20 - The Chosen, Season 4

Aug 27 - The Chosen, Season 4