

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 18, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters,

Over the past few months it has become increasingly clear to all of us that St. John's Church is in urgent need of repair. The signs of the deteriorating roof have become more evident, with major leaks in our sanctuary and next door at Father Willis Hall.

After careful consideration and multiple estimates, we have selected Alpine Metal Roofing to undertake the necessary repairs. Their estimate for the total project, which covers the Church, Father Willis Hall, the office and the rectory is \$108,000.00. Addressing the office and rectory now not only ensures their structural integrity but also presents a cost-effective opportunity to complete these repairs while the contractors are already onsite.

Additionally, our front steps require immediate attention. Despite challenges in finding available qualified masons, we have received some estimates and are nearing a final cost estimate for this crucial repair. It presently appears the cost is in the range of \$15,000. That would bring our total to approximately \$123,000.00.

St. John the Baptist Church is more than just a building, it is the heart of our parish community, a place where we gather to worship and celebrate our faith. It is where we come together as one family, united in our love for God and each other.

As we face this challenge, I prayerfully request your financial support, every dollar counts towards preserving the sanctuary that holds so much meaning for all.

Please join me in ensuring that St. John the Baptist remains a beacon of faith and hope for generations to come. Together, let us answer this call to action with generosity and devotion.

Kindly make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Church, on the memo line, please note Capital Improvement. Envelopes are in the back of all three of my Churches.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Edward J. Golding

## 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

## SHARE THE HARVEST

Would you like to share some of your garden harvest? There is a basket at St Peter's Church entryway to gratefully accept your donations. Perhaps you would like some fresh produce? Please help yourself. The basket will be there until the middle of September.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Dale Hart, Linda Barr, Mike, Teri Macchio, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, Maurine Frich, Abby Richardson, Roberta Lacey, Millie Cohen, Will, John Meinke, Kevin Collins, Al Furrer, Alyson Bruse, Ed Snow, Mia Morris, Nancy S, Camille, Barbara, Lainey, Peter Michael Sehen, Helen Pratti, Phyllis Howe, Marilyn Olson, Anthony

## KNOWING YOUR FAITH THE SACRAMENTALS -

### **MANY LITTLE BLESSINGS**

*Which are the chief kinds of Sacramentals?*

**The chief kinds of Sacramentals are: blessings of various kinds, exorcisms and blessed objects of devotion. The most frequently used objects for use as Sacramentals after they have been blessed as such are: Holy Water, ashes, candles, palms, crucifixes, statues, rosary beads, scapulars, and images of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and many other saints.**

The main purpose of the Church's blessings on Sacramentals is to invoke God's favor and blessings on certain persons, places and things. Some examples of these are: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, blessing of the sick, of fields, of harvests, of automobiles or boats as well as the blessing of children and youths by their parents.

Blessed articles ought to be treated with reverence, in a spirit of faith, and trusting in God's goodness for the blessings we desire. *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.*

## MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> are: Holy Family \$370.00, St. John's \$2,608.00, St. Peter's \$2,622.00. Thank you for your continued support.

## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Holy Family, St. John's and St. Peter's Churches will be starting up again in September with classes for grades K through 10. If you are a parent interested in volunteering, or would like to make sure you receive notifications about the program, please contact Katherine at St Peter's parish office.

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

Aug 19 - Lillian Jessie, Harold Lincourt, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard

Aug 20 - Helen Vasisko

Aug 21 - Dorothy Dessereau, Mark Benedetto, Henry Tassitano, Diana Kress, Mary DeFilippo

Aug 22 - John Firment, Michael Giovanniello

Aug 23 - John Laing, Ronald Pruestel

Aug 24 - Ray Aylesworth, Joseph Lopez

Aug 25 - Henry Schober, Lawrence Kitchfield

## THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22

*St. John Eudes, Priest*

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

*St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

*St. Pius X, Pope*

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51; Mt 22:1-14

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

*St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

Saturday: Rev 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

## ST ROSE OF LIMA

Isabella Flores y del Oliva was born in Lima, Peru in 1586 and was considered as *"beautiful as a rose."* Wanting only to serve her Lord, she diminished her beauty by rubbing her face with pepper and her hands with lime, thereby discouraging her many suitors. Entering the Dominican Order, she chose the name Rose of the Virgin Mary. She emulated the sufferings of Christ by wearing on her head a circlet of silver that was studded on the inside with sharp points, as a crown of thorns. Throughout her life, Rose cared for the sick and the poor. She died at the age of thirty-one. So great was her suffering and devotion that she was canonized as the first American-born saint. Her feast day is August 23.

## YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

**When:** next meeting is **Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

*Bible Journey Readings can be found on the parish website*

## 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

## USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"*

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

A good argument can be a labor of love. Have something sensitive or difficult to talk about with your spouse? Try holding hands and maintaining direct eye contact when you are having a discussion about a disagreement.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Effective immediately, Mass requests for the intentions of the living will no longer be scheduled at St. Peter's, St. John's, or Holy Family Churches. The intentions at weekend Masses are **general** intentions, and not meant for living individuals. If you attend daily mass, you are welcome to add an intention when Father offers that invitation, or in the alternative, consider lighting a votive candle for the intentions of your living relatives and friends. Masses that have been previously scheduled will be honored.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday, from 6:00 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.