

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
August 25, 2024**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frances Pall and Frank Falknor, may they rest in peace, Amen!

My dear brothers and sisters,

I have asked you to contribute to our capital improvements fund, informing you of the demanding goal of \$123,000.00. We have reached the halfway mark and to date have received \$62,195.00 through your generous contributions to St. John the Baptist Church.

I ask everyone *first* for your prayers, and *second* to keep up your regular offertory commitment which provides for the day to day operation of the parish, and *third*, to know how grateful I am for all that you have already done and all that, with God's help, we have yet to accomplish *for the greater glory of God!*

Yours in Christ,
Father Edward J. Golding

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple *remained* at the foot of the Cross.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for parish utilities. Thank you for your consideration.

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

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

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.

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.

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, Mia Morris, Nancy S, Camille, Barbara, Lainey, Peter Michael Sehen, Helen Pratti, Phyllis Howe, Marilyn Olson, Anthony

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for August 17th & 18th: Holy Family \$394.00, St. John's \$1504.00, St. Peter's \$1,792.00. The Holy Day collections: Holy Family \$214.00, St. John's \$600.00, St. Peter's \$658.00. Thank you for your continued support.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

THE SACRAMENTALS -

MANY LITTLE BLESSINGS

For what purposes, for instance, do we Catholics use Holy Water?

We Catholics use Holy Water, usually making the sign of the Cross, to ask for God's blessings, and to help ward off the evil from ills of body and soul.

Holy Water is used as a reminder of baptismal water and our baptismal promises made in our name by our godparents. Catholic homes might well make good use of Holy Water as a popular Sacramental with many uses in the home. *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.*

ROSARY CORNER

“There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Holy Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” Sister Lucia Dos Santos (Fatima Seer)

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.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

- Aug 26 - Lillian Jessie, Harold Lincourt, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard
- Aug 27 – Robert Alysworth, Laurence Krzyston, Greg Krzyston
- Aug 29 - William Wickes, Elizabeth Martin, Raymond Joyce, John Salerno
- Aug 30 - Helen Terry
- Aug 31 - Fr. Edward Dugan, Stuart Katlewski, Charles Lonagan, Harold McEntee
- Sept 1 - Margaret O'Leary, Barbara Possemato

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday August 27th**
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

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
St. Monica
- Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mk 6:17-29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ST MONICA

St. Monica (c.332 – 387) was an early North African Christian saint and the mother of Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honored in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, albeit on different feast days, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine. Her feast day is August 27.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

“I guess you were right.” Although Jim and I don't see our marriage as a competition, still this phrase is one of the sweetest things he can say to me. It usually comes after a disagreement in which each of us was sure we were right. It's SO much better than “I told you so!” I turn toward Jim with love rather than self-righteousness. Is there something your spouse was “right “about this past week?”