

**TWENTY FOURTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
September 15, 2024**

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to the St. John the Baptist Capital Improvement Fund. Your gifts will help to ease the costly burden placed upon the parish.

I wish to keep you informed of the progress of this campaign. As of this week, we are only \$42,269.00 from reaching our goal.

The Fund will remain open indefinitely and contributions can be dropped in the collection basket, dropped off at, or mailed to St. John the Baptist office at 25 Benton Avenue, Walton, NY 13856. Kindly write "Capital Improvement" in the memo space if you make your offering with a check.

Yours in Christ,
Father Edward J. Golding

COFFEE HOUR

The next Coffee hour at St. John the Baptist is in Father Willis Hall on Sunday, September 29th after the 11:15 am Mass. **Bakers are needed!!** Please join us for a cup of coffee or tea, and a bite to eat. All are welcome.

ROSARY CORNER

When praying the Rosary, St Louis De Montfort teaches us to take all sorts of precautions to lessen involuntary distractions and to control our imagination.

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

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10
Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, and
St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sand, and companions, Martyrs
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

ST. HILDEGARD

Hildegard was a German nun, mystic, and scholar. Having entered religious life as a child, Hildegard founded the Benedictine convent of Rupertsberg near Bingen in 1147. Renowned for her visions, related in the *Scivias*, Hildegard was a theologian, physician, and composer as well as an energetic reformer. Her feast day is September 17.

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

Sept 17 - Bernadette Murtha, John Gierak, John Mathis, Ed Worszawski
Sept 18 - Gerard Erbacher, Natale Velardi, Winifred Ann Sebastian
Sept 19 - Mac E. Rose, Maria Nardone, Johnny Passarella
Sept 20 - William Ginart, Helen Ames, James Kelly
Sept 22 - John M. Card, Nicholas LaFranco, John Meyer, James Drayton III

FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF

CALLING ALL FAMILIES from St Peter's in Delhi, Holy Family in Downsville, and St John's in Walton! Let's get our faith formation year off to a great start!
When: Sunday September 15, 2-4 pm at St John the Baptist in Walton
Play yard games with your family and faith community
Win fun prizes
Enjoy tasty snacks and refreshing beverages
Register for Faith Formation

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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dale Hart, Teri Macchio, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, Roberta Lacey, Will, John Meinke, Al Furrer, Alyson Bruse, Mia Morris, Barbara, Lainey, Peter Michael Sehen, Helen Pratti, Phyllis Howe, Marilyn Olson, Anthony Contello, Ralph, Brian Conway

DONATION ENVELOPES

If you have been receiving donation envelopes in the mail and are not using them, please contact the parish office and we will remove your name from the mailing list. On the other hand, if you have not been receiving envelopes in the mail and would like to, I suggest you contact the parish office and we will add your name to the mailing list. Thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED

St. John's parish office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, September 18 & 19, 2024.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

September 16 is Independence Day in Mexico. Although U.S. citizens celebrate July 4 as Independence Day, independence and dependence are concepts bigger than one's country of origin. Healthy marriages involve both freedom and helping with your beloved's needs. Which is easier for you?

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday September 24th**
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***

AND THE WINNERS ARE

The winners of this year's Catholic Charities raffle are:
1st prize – Carol Bagnar of Oneonta
2nd prize – Bob Rose
3rd prize – Teresa O'Leary of Walton
4th prize – Denise Freeman of Walton
Congratulations to the winners! We thank everyone who supported Catholic Charities' programs by purchasing a raffle ticket, and maybe next year you will have the lucky ticket!

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

GOD REVEALS SAVING TRUTHS TO US

What Revelation Is All About

Why must we believe what God has revealed?
We must believe what God has revealed because God cannot err or lead us into error.

"To reveal" means to show or explain. Divine revelation pertains to God's showing mankind His way to salvation.

And this revelation is contained in the Bible and in Sacred Tradition.

Oral tradition, a handing on by word of mouth, came before the written New Testament. Christ and His Apostles spoke the word of God in public discourse and informally with individuals and groups. There were Christians before any book of the New Testament was written.

Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for September 7th & September 8th: Holy Family \$371.00, St. John's \$1,636.00, St. Peter's \$1,952.00.