

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 8, 2024

GIVING SEASON IS HERE

As the year draws to a close, we at St. John the Baptist, thank you for all your generous gifts to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$25,708.00 from covering our expenses for the new roof on each of our buildings, as well as new and safer steps for the Church and rectory. This holiday season, we ask you to consider making a year-end donation to St. John's, to bring us even closer to covering our total expenses of \$123,000.00. Remember that your year-end donation is tax-deductible!

With great gratitude, I wish you all a very Blessed Holiday season.

Father Edward J. Golding

COFFEE HOUR

The December coffee hour at *St. John's* will be Dec 15th in conjunction with the children's Christmas pageant at 12:00 pm, that same day. Join us for the pageant with the coffee hour to follow. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dale Hart, Teri Macchio, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, Roberta Lacey, Will, John Meinke, Al Furrer, Alyson Bruse, Mia Morris, Helen Pratti, Marilyn Olson, Anthony Contello, Ralph, Brian Conway, Jeff Fritz, Loretta O'Brien, Richard Guiles, Tom Morris, Derek, Linda Barr, Ann Chiques, Mike Hodge, William Nagel, Kirstin Alderman, Peggy Haywood, Pat. D.

ST. PETER'S INVITATION

Volunteers are always welcome to assist in decorating Saint Peter's Church for the Advent/Christmas season. Interested? Contact Laraine at 607 538 9569.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities :10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"*

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.

ROSARY CORNER

On the first bead of your Rosary recite the Our Father. On the following three beads recite three Hail Marys for the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Since the feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday this year, the Solemnity is transferred to the Monday (12/9/24) and is **now to be observed as a holy day of obligation**. Father Golding will celebrate Mass to observe this obligation at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 9th at St. John the Baptist Church.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Dec 9th - 7:00 pm, communal reconciliation at St. John's

Dec 10th - 7:00 pm, individual reconciliation at St. John's

Dec 16th - 7:00 pm, communal reconciliation at St. Peter's

Dec 17th - 7:00 pm, individual reconciliation at St. Peter's

ANOINTING MASS

Father Golding will celebrate an anointing Mass on Tuesday, December 10th at St. Peter's at 8:00 am and at St. John's at 9:30 am. All are welcome!

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for November 30th & December 1st: Holy Family \$350.00, St. John's \$1,949.00, St. Peter's \$1,226.00. The fuel collections: Holy Family \$140.00, St. John's \$887.00, St. Peter's \$825.00. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION

The next faith formation class will be the Christmas pageant on December 15th at 12:00 noon at St. John the Baptist. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

The youth group is selling advent candles. A box of 4 candles is \$8. Please contact Brigid at 607-434-5874 if you live in Walton or Downsville, or call Jean at 607-434-0555 if you live in Delhi and would like to purchase a box.

Thank you to all that picked a tag off of the giving tree at St. John's this past weekend. Please bring the gifts back to the church on the weekend of 12/14 and 12/15. Gifts can be left in the closet in the entry way of the church.

The Christmas pageant is taking place at St. John's in Walton Sunday 12/15, right after the 11:15am Mass. All are welcome to come watch the faith formation group perform this beautiful story. There will also be a coffee hour to add to the celebration.

ST. PETER'S SACRISTANS NEEDED

If you have been considering becoming a Sacristan at St. Peter's, please don't hesitate to come forward. We will train and mentor you. Contact Katherine at the parish office at 607-746-2503 stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com for more information.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

What puts passion into your marriage? For newlyweds this may come easily. For others perhaps it's been awhile. Often rekindling romance is a matter of doing something new together. Be creative before the year ends.

Congratulations and Welcome to

Orlando TaVaun Wilson, Jr.

son of

Orlando TaVaun Wilson and
Adrienne Tomao Wilson.

Orlando was baptized
into the faith
of the Roman Catholic Church
on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Our Lady of Loreto

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

St. Damasus I, Pope

Thursday: Zeh 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Sunday: Zeh 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

ST. DAMASUS I

He was appointed deacon by his predecessor Liberius, but his election as Bishop of Rome was contested and subsequently marred by violence because he served the antipope Felix II while Pope Liberius was still alive but in exile. Damasus promoted the organization of the cult of the martyrs, restoring and decorating their tombs with his own marble inscriptions. He secured from the emperor Gratian the right of Western bishops to appeal directly to the pope, customarily designated Rome the "Apostolic See", and rebutted the claims of the see of Constantinople, relegating it to a rank second to Rome and applying Matt 16:18 to Roman primacy. He appointed St. Jerome his secretary and commissioned him to revise the Latin Bible, thus inaugurating the translation later known as the Vulgate. His feast day is December 11.

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday December 17**

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 call/text Deacon Freeman at 607-353-0095. *Bible Journey Readings can be found on the parish website*

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 9 - Margaret Kern, Frances Murphy, William Teehan, Josephine Noonan

Dec 10 - Edith Stalter, James T. Schultz, Lorraine Norton, Wilbur Oles

Dec 11 - Terence O'Leary, Frank Garti, Silvano Lanzoni

Dec 12 - Ellen Barthe, Guido Liberati, Jennie Atkinson, Robert Gilbertsen

Dec 13 - Teresa Marie Favret, Joseph Tubridy, Nicholas DeGraw

Dec 14 - William Session, John J. Kelly, Ken Carron

Dec 15 - Margaret Meinke, Charles Passarella, George Warsh

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

ONE GOD IN THREE DIVINE PERSONS. THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY

What is the wording of the Apostles' Creed?

The apostles' creed reads as follows:

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."

This profession of faith is called "The Apostles' Creed" because according to ancient tradition, it goes back to the Apostles themselves.

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

DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The assessment for St. Peter's is \$25,521 and so far we have raised \$7,440 toward that goal. St. John's assessment is \$21,001 and to date \$4,006 has been donated. Thank you to everyone who has pledged or donated. To donate, you can use the envelopes provided at the entrance to the church, or online: <https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/>.