

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
December 22, 2024**

BLESSINGS UPON YOU

May the peace of Christ be realized by each of us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. The story of Christ's birth should strike us: God working through the lowly to come into the world; the resplendent star guiding the visitors to the light; the regal yet humble union of the human and divine. God is alive and stirs our hearts every day. I wish you and your families a very Blessed Christmas, and will keep you in my prayers.

Father Edward Golding

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.

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, Willian Nagel, Kirstin Alderman, Peggy Haywood, Pat. D., Jim Romaglia

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

With Christmas around the corner, you may be busy and tired. Pause for a moment to remember what's most important about Christmas – Christ, the manifestation of love, becoming present to us in human form and in each other.

FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith formation class will be January 12, 2025 at 12:00 at St. John's. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

PLEASE JOIN US

AS WE SOLEMNLY CELEBRATE THE
BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
AT CHRISTMAS MASS

THE CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
4:00 PM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH
6:00 PM AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS MORNING
9:30 AM AT ST. PETER'S
11:15 AM AT ST. JOHN'S

And for the feast of the

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE**

TUESDAY, DEC 31ST, 6:00 PM AT ST.
PETER'S
WEDNESDAY, JAN 1ST, 9:30 AM AT
ST. JOHN'S
THURSDAY, JAN 1ST, 12:00 NOON AT
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Walton's Free Christmas Day Dinner is on Christmas Day from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Come enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner. Take out service is available! Call 607-865-8211. Dinner is made possible through the generosity of local residents and businesses. This year the dinner will be held at the New Hope Community Church.

ROSARY CORNER

The different Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed as follows: Sunday & Wednesday: Glorious; Monday & Saturday: Joyful; Tuesday & Friday: Sorrowful; Thursday: Luminous.

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for December 14th & December 15th: Holy Family \$411.00, St. John's \$3,583.00, St. Peter's \$2,154.00. Thank you.

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

When you are writing your cards, our friends who have moved from Walton would like to receive a Christmas greeting from you:

Roberta Lacey,
Ideal Nursing Home,
601 High Avenue,
Rose Court, Room 126,
Endicott, NY 13760

Dorothy Perz,
c/o D'Amico,
458 W. County Drive,
Branchburg, NJ 08876

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Wednesday: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a,2-8
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52 **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

The Holy Innocents were the children massacred in Bethlehem by Herod the Great in an attempt to destroy the child Jesus (Mt 2:16-18). Since the sixth century, the link between these children's fate and the birth of Christ (December 25) has been stressed through their liturgical commemoration as martyrs. Their feast day is December 28th.

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday January 7th**
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 23 - Thomas McNally
Dec 24 - Elizabeth Mills, Francis P. Morello,
Rose Schwinn
Dec 25 - Mary Carroll, Ethan Yakalis, Loretta Smith
Dec 26 - Father John Burns, Joseph Richards,
Mary Simms, Richard Parsons
Dec 27 - Rory Flannery
Dec 28 - Eugene Maritato, Andrew Kuppens
Dec 29 - Elsie Logwin, Savino Nardone,
Gregory Perry, Eleanor Stewart

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity
(www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

ST PETER'S OFFICE CLOSED

St Peter's office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th through Monday January 6th. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, January 7th.