

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH  
December 29, 2024**

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$22,913.00 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. Again, I thank you very much.

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.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS** by Susan Vogt

As one year ends and another begins, it's natural to review and plan. Share your favorite marital moment of 2024. What's one hope you have to enhance your love in 2025?

**ROSARY CORNER**

At the end of each decade of the Rosary, pray: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in the most need of Thy mercy." (Fatima Prayer)

**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

**MONEY MATTERS**

The general collections for December 21<sup>st</sup> & December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Holy Family \$252.00 and St. John's \$2,237.00. Thank you.

**PLEASE JOIN US  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF  
GOD MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES**

Monday: Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
Wednesday: Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
*Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34  
*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*  
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42  
*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*

**THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

On January 3, the Church gives honor to the Holy Name of Jesus because, as scripture tells us, "God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."  
*Philippians 2:9-11*  
This feast day is December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ST PETER'S OFFICE CLOSED**

St Peter's office will be closed thru Monday January 6th. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, January 7th.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Please remember these priests of the Diocese of Albany on the following dates:  
Jan 1 – Our Holy Father  
Jan 2 – Rev. John Provost & Rev. Kenneth Gregory  
Jan 3 – Rev. David Jones, MM & Rev. James Belogi  
Jan 4 – Rev. Kyle Eads & Rev. Daniel Dwyer  
Jan 5 – Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

**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., Jim Romaglia

**USCCB WORD OF LIFE**

"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph))

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

Dec 30 - Eileen Holm, Joseph Never, Margaret Robson, Matthew Culligan  
Dec 31 - Angelina Belmont, Joseph Carpenter  
Jan 1 - Wilfred Segarra, James Cirillo, Amanda Krzyston  
Jan 2 - Joseph Kilanowski, Madeline Olson  
Jan 3 - Susan Tassitano  
Jan 4 - Deacon Thomas O'Connell  
Jan 5 - Angela Ballato, Rose Ballato, Agnes Haye, John Harrigan

**YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY**

**When:** next meeting is Tuesday January 7<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 call/text Deacon Freeman at 607-353-0095. *Bible Journey Readings can be found on the parish website*

**KNOWING YOUR FAITH  
ONE GOD IN THREE DIVINE PERSONS.  
THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY**

***How do we know that God exists?***

**We know God exists**

- a) From reasoning about the world of things around us,**
- b) From the voice of conscience within us,**
- c) And most clearly from divine Revelation available to us.**

1) Reason tells us that the world did not always exist but must have had a beginning. It could not have made itself. An almighty Creator must have called it into being by some means. Also, within our world and the universe there exists marvelous order with could not have been the result of mere chance. An all-wise and all-powerful supreme Being must have organized it all. Him we call God.

2) We constantly hear within us the mysterious voice of conscience telling us what is good to do and what is bad. Conscience is not something which people give to themselves. It must have been planted in our hearts by a wise and just judge whom we know as God.

3) Vatican Council II stresses a known fact; "God, the beginning and end of all things, can be known with certainty from created reality by the light of human reason (see Rom 1:20), but...it is through God's revelation that those religious truths which are by their nature accessible to human reason can be known by all people with ease, with solid certitude, and with no trace of error, even in the present state of the human race" (Vatican II on Revelation, no. 6). *Knowing Your Faith, Rev.*

*Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.*