

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2024

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Thomas Morris, may he rest in peace. Amen!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$20,048.00 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 Golding

COFFEE HOUR

The next Coffee hour at St. John the Baptist is in Father Willis Hall on Sunday, January 19th 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

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 are welcome!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

"Romance is a process...It's not a one-time thing. It's not something that's 'accomplished' and then forgotten. In order to work, it's got to be an ongoing thing." (Gregory J. P. Godek, *1001 Ways to Be Romantic*) Think of one romantic way you can express your love for your spouse today. Do it.

ROSARY CORNER

After completing the five decades for the Rosary, follow with the Hail Holy Queen and the Rosary Prayer. (*All the prayers are found in booklets with rosaries in the vestibules of the churches.*)

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

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
St. Anthony, Abbot
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT

Often called Anthony the Great or Antony, he was an early Coptic solitary in Egypt who was considered the prototype of the hermit. Born of a prosperous peasant stock, he became a hermit in early adulthood near his home and later retired into the deep desert. Eventually many disciples gathered around him for spiritual guidance. Biographical details rely heavily on the almost contemporary, but stylized, *Life of Antony*, written by the theologian Athanasius of Alexandria. This widely read work turned Anthony into the hero of early monasticism, the "father of monks." "He is the classic representative of the solitary version of early monasticism in Lower Egypt. Solitude was moderated, however, as hermits were accessible to each other and to visitors, including pilgrims, and as they exercised an important social role. Anthony seems to have visited Alexandria at least twice in support of the local church.

The inspiration for his life of withdrawal was not extreme asceticism but radical simplicity, poverty, and charity in imitation of Christ. The anecdotes and words of advice of the desert solitaries, women and men, are preserved in collections known as the *Sayings of the Fathers*. About a thousand of these sayings are considered authentic, of which almost forty probably date back to Anthony himself. His feast day is January 17th.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please remember these priests of the Diocese of Albany in prayer on the following dates:

Jan 12 – Rev. John Cronin & Rev. Steve Matthews
Jan 13 – Rev. Thomas Chevalier & Rev. Matthew Duclos
Jan 14 – Rev. Thomas Wilhelm, IVDei & Rev. Richard Lesser
Jan 15 – V. Rev. Donald Rutherford & V. Rev. L Edward Deimeke
Jan 16 – Rev. Joseph Sheehan, O Carm & Rev. Joseph Falletta
Jan 17 – Rev. R. Adam Forno & Rev. Jim O'Rourke
Jan 18 – Rev. John Fallati & Rev. Tomas Shea, CSC

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Jan 13 - Theresa Hamilton, Richard Courtney
Jan 14 - Grace Teehan, Emma Munyon
Jan 15 - Albert Koberlein, John S. Schmidt, Alex Gielskie, Jerome Roach, Jr.
Jan 16 - Tony Resta, John Lilholt, Florence Martin, Barbara Henn
Jan 17 - Rocco Possemato, Thomas Conway, Elizabeth Bianchi
Jan 18 - James F. Wood, Thomas Latronica, Charles Kazarain
Jan 19 - Celeste Downey, Peter Svegal

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday January 21st**
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

Who are the Three Divine Persons in the Most Blessed Trinity?

In God there are three divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three divine Persons are only the one God. And we call these three equally divine Persons in the one God the Most Blessed Trinity.

We call God the creator of heaven and earth because it was from nothing that He made heaven, earth, all human souls, and everything.

The first two chapters of Genesis in the Bible recount the creation of the world. The Bible, however, does not intend what we would call a scientific description; its purpose is to teach us that everything which does exist was created by God.

God still watches over our world; He orders and directs everything for the best, drawing some good out of everything. *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.*

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, Derek, Linda Barr, Ann Chiques, Mike Hodge, William Nagel, Kirstin Alderman, Peggy Haywood, Pat D., Jim Romaglia

MONEY MATTERS

The Solemnity of Mary collection: Holy Family, \$166.00, St. John's \$611.00; the fuel collection: Holy Family, \$415.00, St. John's \$1,013.00, St. Peter's \$657.00. The general collections for January 4th & 5th: Holy Family \$221.00, St. John's \$2,186, St. Peter's \$1,387.00. Thank you.