

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 26, 2024

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$19,848.00 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

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

As the feast of St. Blaise, February 3, falls on a Monday this year, Father Golding will bless throats at each of the Sunday Masses.

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

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) On your wedding day you laid your very life into the hands of another person without knowing what the future held. (Leif Kehrwald, *Marriage & the Spirituality of Intimacy*) Sometimes it is hard to love unconditionally, isn't it?

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 \$8,540 toward that goal. St. John/Holy Family's assessment is \$21,001.00 and to date, \$6,006.00 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 give online: <https://thediocesanappeal.org/donate/>

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for parish utilities. Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

St. John Bosco, Priest

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

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There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon who was righteous and devout. ...It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not die before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. ...When he met the child with Mary and Joseph, he took the child into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Lk 2:25-32). This feast day is February 2nd.

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for January 18th & 19th: Holy Family \$224.00, St. John's \$2,302, St. Peter's \$1,935.00. Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW??

There is a beautiful treasury of prayers in our Sunday Missalettes? Beginning on page 366 you will find a wonderful selection of prayers that perhaps can assist you in preparing for your attendance at Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith formation class will be January 26, 2025 at 12:00 at St. John's. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

GOD THE CREATOR OF ANGELS, ALL HUMAN BEINGS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE

What are Angels?

Angels are spiritual beings, created by God to worship Him, to serve Him, to carry out His commands, to befriend Him, and to watch over us on earth.

Our Lord Himself said, "Take that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven gaze continually on the face of My heavenly Father" (Mt 18:10).

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

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Jan 28 - Lilia Garin, Carolina Coons, Geraldine Fabris, Jack Rosino, Cecil G. Lobdell, Caroline Reese

Jan 29 - Lorin Skiff, Hilario Garin

Jan 30 - Marin Quill, Evelyn Smith

Jan 31 - Joanne Mackris, Barbara Stoutenberg, Mary E. Sisson, Mary Radeker

Feb 1 - Lena Cassidy, Pauline Mahoney, William Cheevers, Arlene Heinegg, Walter Ingraham

Feb 2 - Nicholas Magnan, Gertrude, Bertrana, Vivian O'Hara, Leonard Boscia, Burton Aikens

2024 TAX REPORTS

If you would like a letter, for tax purposes, of your 2024 financial contributions to the church, contact the offices; for St. Peter's please contact Katherine at 607-746-2503 or stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com. For St. John's and Holy Family, contact info is 607-865-7394 or stjohnthebaptistwalton@gmail.com. Please let us know whether you'd like to receive it by mail or email.

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday February 4th**

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*

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

May each day of this New Year bring our priests more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around.

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

Jan 26 – Rev. Ignatius Smith, OFM & Rev. John close

Jan 27 – Rev. Kevin Mullen, OFM & Rev. George Fleming

Jan 28 – Rev. Michael Flannery & Rev. John O'Grady

Jan 29 – Rev. Jay Atherton & Rev. Joseph Arockiasamy

Jan 30 – Rev. Winston Bath & Rev. Richard Carlino

Jan 31 – Rev. David Barberian & Our Holy Father

Feb 1 – Rev. David Mickiewicz & Rev. Martin DeRose

Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priests and protect them from the snares of the enemy. Bless them and make them guardians to watch over Your sheep. May the Blood of Jesus always help them.

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, Parker Michael Pruiksma

ROSARY CORNER

The first Joyful Mystery is the Annunciation. While praying this Mystery, ponder the following: Mary - from the moment of her conception - was pure and without sin.