

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 9, 2025

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$18,818.00 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, February 16th 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

LENTEN FILM FESTIVAL

This Lenten season, St. John's will once again host a different movie each Tuesday evening. The films will be presented at St. John the Baptist's Father Willis Hall at 6:00 pm.

There is no charge, and all are welcome!

March 11– A Time for Miracles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
March 18 – Cabrini, St. Mother Cabrini
March 25 – Kateri, St. Kateri Tekakwitha
April 1– If I Didn't Have Love, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
April 8– Eucharistic Miracles: The Heartbeat of Heaven, Blessed Carlo Acutis
April 15– Life or Life – St. Maximilian Kolbe or a movie on St. John Newman
All movies are subject to change.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Communication tip #1 again: if a positive and negative message conflict, the negative message is always stronger. (From the other side) That's why if you compliment your spouse but follow it with a complaint, he'll focus on the complaint.

ROSARY CORNER

The Annunciation (continued): The Angel Gabriel told Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God and will conceive in your womb and bear a son, whom you shall call Jesus."

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for February 1st & 2nd: Holy Family \$267.00, St. John's \$2,012, St. Peter's \$1,558.00. The fuel collections were: Holy Family \$260.00, St. John's \$859.00, St. Peter's \$796.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith formation class will be February 9, 2025 at 12:00 at St. John's. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
St. Scholastica, Virgin
Tuesday: Gen 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday: Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop
Saturday: Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

ST. SCHOLASTICA

St. Scholastica lived in modern-day Italy from 480 to 543. She is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, and the biological sister of St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine Order.

She and brother Benedict would meet once a year in a house close to the Benedictine Abbey of Montecasino to converse about spiritual matters. During the last meeting of their lives, she begged her brother to stay longer. He declined her request saying the Benedictine rule prohibited it. She began to pray, and a strong storm prevented her brother from leaving. Benedict accused her of causing the storm, to which she replied: "I asked a favor of you, and you refused. I asked a favor of God, and He granted it." Her feast day is February 10th.

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, Kathleen Peters

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." *USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life*

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

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

What happens when a human being is conceived?

In human conception, when the mother's egg becomes fertilized by the father's sperm, at some time God breathes forth into the developing egg an immortal soul.

This is the beginning of the human person and of his or her principle of life, giving life to this person, all his or her other powers like intellect and will together with all the faculties to see, touch, hear, etc., and destined one day to be in heaven with the Lord of life and with loved ones forever.

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

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Feb 10 - Barbara Blair, Rosalie Mitternight, Joseph Morales, Thomas Ammon
Feb 11 - John Flynn, Florence Piroha, Louise E. Roberts, Trevor Tomao, Theresa Maasbach, Richard Blaskovich
Feb 12 - Robert Rossley, Rose Thomas
Feb 13 - William Fitzpatrick, John Hodde, John Kubik, Jacob Wolfsteiner, Marcia Krzyston
Feb 14 - James Baker, Jacqueline Wood
Feb 15 - Joan Rossley, Hughie Walsh III
Feb 16 - Don Hensell, Joseph Richard, Anthony Thomas

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 18th**. 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

Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and faith. Fill them with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners.

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

Feb 9 – Rev. Thomas Morrette & Rev. Edward Kacerguis
Feb 10 – Rev. Liam Condon & Rev. James Hess, O. Carm,
Feb 11 – Rev. Nathaniel Resila & Rev. Patrick Butler
Feb 12 – Rev. David Noone & Rev. Paul Cox
Feb 13 – Rev. John Kirwin & Rev. Samuel Bellafiore
Feb 14 – All Priests
Feb 15 – Rev. Anthony Onu & Rev. Terence Healy

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, look with love upon Your priests.

MARCH MAGIC RAFFLE

Catholic Charities is holding a March Magic Raffle and tickets are available throughout February and March, with the drawing date of March 31st. First prize is a PlayStation 5, second prize is a 65" TV, third prize is a Verturo Coffee Machine, and fourth prize is a bundle of Scratch Off Tickets.

Only 300 tickets will be sold for this raffle and tickets are \$20.00 each. You can purchase a ticket from Alice Kane, 607-865-6289, Maureen Roberts, 607-832-4239, Teresa O'Leary, 607-865-5345, at St. John's and St. Peter's parish offices during regular office hours or the Catholic Charities office in Oneonta or Sidney. *Thank you for your support and good luck!*

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life