

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 16, 2025

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne  
Tubridy, may she rest in peace, Amen!*

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$17,918.00 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 this Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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 for Life – St. Maximillian Kolbe or a movie on St. John Newman

*All movies are subject to change.*

### ROSARY CORNER

The Annunciation (continued): Mary was told by the angel that her son Jesus will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Presidents' Day: What is your marriage founded on? Love, of course. Common beliefs, hopefully. When George Washington became the first president of the U.S. he had little idea how this fledgling county would evolve. So too, most of us are relatively naïve on our wedding day. Perhaps a penny could be a reminder of your wedding vows, "In God we trust."

### THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

Tuesday: Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

*St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

### ST. PETER DAMIAN

St. Peter Damian was a Doctor of the Church, reformer, and theologian. Born in Ravenna, after studying and teaching the liberal arts he converted to monastic life, joining a group of hermits at Fonte Avellana in the Apennines. Called to Rome in 1057 and made cardinal-bishop of Ostia, he was sent on several missions on behalf of the reform papacy. His writings urged clerical reform. He was an early proponent of apostolic poverty for the clergy and wrote in favor of clerical celibacy. He was a moderate on the question of simony, the buying and selling of spiritual goods, including Church offices. While insisting that it is a sin and the simoniacal priests should be punished, he concluded that their sacraments were valid. His feast day is February 21st.

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

Feb 17 - Karl H. Bair, Jr., Sherry Coberly

Feb 19 - Adele Garti, Helen Burdick, Clarence Baker,  
John Hogan, William Finck

Feb 20 - Lulu Favrel

Feb 21 - Tony Genardo, Cecelia Firment, Doris  
Marsico, John Sullivan, Sharon Rose Pernice

Feb 22 - Kathleen Wright, Rose Dow, Anna  
Jobbonski, Douglas Lane, Joan Barber, Mary  
Haran, Lucy Guntert

Feb 23 - Samuel Bolles, Gertrude Gunset

### 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 Pruiksmas, Kathleen Peters, Peter Michael Sehen

### FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class will be March 2, 2025 at 12:00 noon at St. John's. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

### USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" [respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](https://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

### KNOWING YOUR FAITH

#### **SIN, ORIGINAL AND PERSONAL**

*What was God's most precious gift to*

*Adam and Eve?*

**The most precious gift that God bestowed on the first man and woman was the life of His grace.**

**The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, lost the life of grace by disobeying God, even after they had been warned.** *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.*

### MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: Holy Family, no Mass, St. John's \$1,693.00, St. Peter's \$1,044.00. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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](mailto:stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com). For St. John's and Holy Family, contact info is 607-865-7394 or [stjohnthebaptistwalton@gmail.com](mailto: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 18<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*

### 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 16 – Rev. Daniel Quinn &

Rev. Thomas Krupa

Feb 17 – Joseph Tuan Van Pham &

Priests who have left their Ministry

Feb 18 – **REV. EDWARD GOLDING** &

Rev. Robert Sandoz, OFM

Feb 19 – Rev. Thomas Hurst &

Rev. Alaa Issa

Feb 20 – Rev. John L. Cairns &

Rev. Desmond J. Rossi

Feb 21 – All Deceased Priests

Feb 22 – Rev. John Bradley &

Rev. Brian W. Lenhert

*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 31<sup>st</sup>. First prize is a PlayStation 5, second prize is a 65" TV, third prize is a Nespresso 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.