

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 23, 2025

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$17,608.00 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**

## 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 also told that her son Jesus will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Even if you don't consider yourself a spiritual or prayerful person, try praying for your spouse today. It won't take but a moment after you read this and it can't hurt. You might even get an answer to an unasked question.

## USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent* [usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

We are approaching Lent, a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and prayer services.

St. John's: 9:30 am – Mass  
St. Peter's – 7:30 am – Prayer Service  
6:00 pm – Prayer Service

Holy Family – 12:00 pm – Mass

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat on Fridays during Lent are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent at St. Peter's in Delhi and St. John the Baptist in Walton, beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be at 3:00 pm at both St. Peter's and St. John's.

## MASS OF ANOINTING

Father Golding will offer a Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick and anointing at St. Peter's on March 19<sup>th</sup> and at St. John's on March 26, at the regularly scheduled Masses.

## RECONCILIATION

Communal reconciliation at St. Peter's will be March 18, and at St. John's on March 25, both at 6:30 pm. Individual reconciliation at St. Peter's will be March 17 and at St. John's will be March 24, also at 6:30 pm.

## CRS RICE BOWL

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through the CRS Rice Bowl program to meet people who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl from the Church vestibule. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## SECOND COLLECTION

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

## THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

*St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; 1Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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

Feb 26 - David Birdsall

Feb 27 - Anna Mapes, John Nault, Lois Federice

Feb 28 - Helen Asti, Florence Grogan, Manny Echevarria

Mar 2 - John Bonhard, Mary Zalkauskas, Mark Olivieri

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dale Hart, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, Roberta Lacey, John Meinke, Alyson Bruse, Mia Morris, Anthony Contello, Brian Conway, Jeff Fritz, Derek, Linda Barr, Kristen Alderman, Peggy Haywood, Pat D., Jim Romaglia, Kathleen Peters, Peter Michael Sehen, Agnes

## 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

## DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Please don't forget your Diocesan Appeal donation! St Peter's 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal Assessment is \$25,521. So far, we have raised \$9,393.

St. John/Holy Family's 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal Assessment is \$21,001.00. To date, we have raised \$7,106.00. Thank you to everyone who has donated. The current appeal ends June 30, 2025.

## KNOWING YOUR FAITH

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

***What is meant by the Original Sin with which all people are born?***

**By original sin all human beings are born in need of God's sanctifying grace before they have been baptized even though they themselves have not actually sinned.** *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.*

## MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: Holy Family, no Mass, St. John's \$1,201.00, St. Peter's \$1,033.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection \$336.00. Thank you.

## YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

**When:** next meeting is **Tuesday February 25<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***

## 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.

## 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 23 – Rev. John Lanese & Rev. Thomas Konopka  
Feb 24 – Rev. Kenneth Himes, OFM & Rev. Lawrence Ford, OFM  
Feb 25 – Rev. James Walsh & V. Rev. Christopher Welsh  
Feb 26 – Rev. Marcin Kordel & Rev. Joseph Anselment  
Feb 27 – Rev. Jaeung Damian Lee & Rev. John Molyn  
Feb 28 – Rev. Leo O'Brian & Rev. Leo Potvin  
Mar 1 – Rev. Joseph Phuong Ngo, O. Carm & Rev. Timothy Ennis, O. Carm

*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>. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a PlayStation 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a 65" TV, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a Nespresso Verturo Coffee Machine, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!*