

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME March 2, 2025

SPRING AHEAD

Next Sunday, March 9th, Daylight Savings Time begins. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$16,108.00 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. Maximilian Kolbe or a movie on St. John Newman *All movies are subject to change.*

ROSARY CORNER

The Annunciation (continued): Mary asked, "How shall this be since I have no husband?" The angel told her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

With Lent about to begin for Christians on March 5, regardless of your religion, consider what personal pleasure you might be willing to limit for a time in order to offer deeper love to your beloved spouse. Fasting from criticism, self-righteousness....

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a diocesan second collection for Latin American, Black & Indian Missions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

We are approaching Lent, a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. Ash Wednesday, March 5th 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 14th. 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 19th 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 to learn more.

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

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (The Gospel of Life 5).

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

St. Casimir

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Ash Wednesday

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

St. Colette of Corbie

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

St. John of God, Religious

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

ST. COLETTE OF CORBIE

Born as Nicole Boellet in the village of Corbie, St. Colette was an answer to her parent's prayers to St. Nicholas for help conceiving a child. In gratitude, they named her after the Saint, though they called her Nicolette, which was eventually shortened to Colette.

Orphaned at 17, she gave her inheritance to the poor. She initially joined the Beguines, a lay religious order but feeling she was not being challenged enough spiritually, she became a student under the Abbot of Corbie and took the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis. For the next 4 years, she followed a hermit way of life, desiring to live in perfect poverty, severe mortification, and constant prayer. During this time, she experienced several dreams and visions which she believed to be a call from God to reintroduce the strict observance of St. Clare, which many convents observed in a modified form at the time. She went on to found 17 convents with the reformed rule and reformed several older convents.

St. Colette was known for her miracles. A young couple had given birth to a stillborn child and, fearing for its soul, immediately took the child to the priest for baptism. As the child was already dead, the priest turned them away and advised them to go to the nuns. Arriving at the monastery, Mother Colette removed the veil given to her by the Pope and wrapped the child in it. She told them to go back to the priest at once. Upon arrival, they unwrapped the veil, and found the child alive and crying.

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: final meeting is **Tuesday March 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

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Mar 3 - Marie LaSalle, Margaret Moore, Marion Mauer, Tina Breuer, William Mehegan

Mar 4 - Eleanor McLean, Mary Hunter, Judith Gregg

Mar 5 - Rosairo Latronica

Mar 6 - Kyle B. Early, T. Ford Prime, James Denham, Jim Walsh, Floyd Eighmey

Mar 7 – John F. Brown, Ruth Caffrey, William Attridge, John F. Brown, Lawrence Daniels, Julia Misiewicz, Dr. Margaret Stumpf

Mar 8 – Martha Pondolfi

Mar 9 - Salvatore Critelli, Stephen Piroha

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

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for February 22nd & 23rd, Holy Family \$394.00, St. John's \$1719.00, St. Peter's \$2,721.00. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

God our Father, reveal Your omnipotence in the superabundance of Your mercy to Your most faithful priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

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

Mar 2 – Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

Mar 3 – Rev. Russell Bergman & Rev. Julian Zambanini

Mar 4 – Rev. Richard Shaw & Rev. David Hammond

Mar 5 – Rev. Bernard Ampong & Rev. Robert Powhida

Mar 6 – Rev. Peter Tkocz & Rev. (James) Jordan Lenaghan, OP

Mar 7 – Rev. Nellis Tremblay & Rev. Kofi Amisshah

Mar 8 – Rev. Thomas Berardi & Rev. Kenneth Paulli OFM

O Divine High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany your priests everywhere and protect them from the traps and snares of the devil.