

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME March 2, 2025

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
Cecilia Jacob, Antonella Rollo and Richard  
Wasserstrom, may they rest in peace, Amen!*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$13,998.00 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): The Angel Gabriel told Mary: "The child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God." She was also told that her cousin Elizabeth in her old age had also conceived a son.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

With our country and world amuck in political disharmony, what have you learned through working through marital differences or squabbles about making peace? How might you share this insight with society?

## 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class will be March 23, 2025 at 12:00 noon at St. John's. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

## USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife" (The Gospel of Life 28).

## THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-43

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12,14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

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

Mar 10 - Anthony Pondolfi, Irving Lake, David Buteau

Mar 11 - Eva Clifford, Louis Dalesandro, Hubert Walsh

Mar 12 - Vincent Shaver, Ruthe Scalzo, Daniel Imwalle, Barbara Oliver

Mar 13 - Raymond Ludwin, Irene Passarella, Mollie Federico

Mar 14 – Kathryn Bogush, Jeanette Hoos, Donald Barriger, Colton Slone

Mar 15 – Erwin Charpentier, Della Keery

Mar 16 - Peter Eskow

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

## MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Holy Family \$121.00, St. John's \$2,088.00, St. Peter's \$2,059.00. The fuel collection amounts: Holy Family \$76.00, St. John's \$888.00, St. Peter's \$820.00 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 9 – Rev. Louis Iasiello, OFM & Rev. Thomas Kelly

Mar 10 – All deceased priests & Rev. Quy Vo

Mar 11 – Rev. Daniel Nelson, OFM & Rev. Juanito Aspreo

Mar 12 – Rev. Michael Perry, OFM & Rev. Gabriel Scarfla, OFM

Mar 13 – Rev. Paul Catena & Rev. Guy Childs

Mar 14 – Rev. Robert Longobucco & Rev. Joseph O'Brien

Mar 15 – Rev. George Brucker & Rev. Justin Thomas HGN

*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.*

## OFFICE CLOSED

St. John's parish office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

## KNOWING YOUR FAITH

**Actual Sin, personal and Communal**

***When do human beings personally sin??***

**We ourselves personally sin when we knowingly, deliberately, and intentionally break a commandment of God or a precept of the Church.**

Because of the attraction to commit evil after original sin, we have unfortunately, the potential to personally and communally commit actual sins.

Desire in itself is not sin. It can be evil when the desire is for something bad and it is, nevertheless, given approval by the will. This means consenting to satisfy the bad desire to do something evil.

Not all faults are equally grave. There are some sins of such seriousness that if all three condition are present, they become mortal. Then there are some things which are less serious, and some of these can be venial sins.

Sacred Scripture compares some sins to a plank in the eye while others are compared to a speck (Mt 7:3).

God begs us not to sin but He does permit us to be tempted in order that we may: (a) prove our faithfulness, (b) stay humble acknowledging our need for constant help, (c) and increase our merits by overcoming temptations.

*"Blessed is the man who perseveres when he is tempted, for when he has successfully endured the time of trial, he will receive the crown of life" (Jas 1:12).*

Temptation only becomes sin when a person consents to it, like letting it stay by encouraging it.

We are inwardly warned against sinning by our conscience, which prods us to do what is good and avoid what is evil. When we have done something good, conscience happily approves (a clear conscience). If we have done something evil, conscience rightfully accuses (a worried conscience).

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