

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME March 16, 2025

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Wayne Kilmer and Marilyn Olsen, may they
rest in peace, Amen!*

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only \$13,846.00 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

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

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 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 informed that her cousin Elizabeth who was barren was in her sixth month for "Nothing will be impossible for God."

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.

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.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

LENT IS A TIME FOR CHANGE

The Lenten Season typically takes place during the months of February, March, and this year, into April. These months represent a time of seasonal change, from the winter season to the spring season. The temperatures are warming, the daylight hours are slowly increasing and we look forward to the spring flowers blossoming.

The season of Lent is also a time of spiritual change. A time to draw closer to God and improve our relationship with Him. We can say this in another way. Lent is a time for us to prepare for the renewal of our Baptismal commitment at Easter.

As we embark on our Lenten journey for 2025 we need to ask ourselves "are our Lenten practices this year going to draw us into a closer more intimate relationship and union with God? A second question to ask is are these practices going to last for more than 40 days?"

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

SPECIAL INTENTION OF THE POPE

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness and rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:361-38

St. Patrick, Bishop

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 2 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

SAINT JOSEPH

The Golden Legend tells us that Joseph was a descendent of King David. God chose him to be married to the Virgin Mary and to become the adoptive father of Jesus. Joseph accepted the child's divinity when he was visited by an angel, who informed him of the divine intervention. Although he was a presence in the life of the Blessed Mother and Child, protecting them and teaching the young Jesus his carpentry trade, little else is known about Joseph. In art, he is generally depicted as an elderly man with the attributes of a flowering branch and carpentry tools. His feast day is March 19th.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th, sooo...what difference might that make to your marriage. St. Patrick is famous for driving the snakes out of Ireland. Are there any snaky riffs currently in your marriage? Sure, wear green if you like, but also seek ways to compromise (maybe blue-green, yellow-green, or a meaningful marital compromise.)

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

Actual Sin, Personal and Communal
What are the general ways of committing a personal sin?

The ways of sinning, in general are:

- by deliberate bad thoughts, desires, words, or deeds;
- and by neglect or omission of a good that is one's duty

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

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for March 8th and 9th: Holy Family \$298.00, St. John's \$1,982.00, St. Peter's \$1,495.00. The diocesan collection amounts: Holy Family \$105.00, St. John's \$525.00. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Mar 17 - DeAnna Evans

Mar 18 - Katherina Kuppens, Roman Lisiesky, James Tweedie, Mary Siebert

Mar 19 - Kazimiera Dulski, Arthur J. Havens, Chris Williamson, Geraldine Mangan

Mar 20 - Mary Ann Sommer, Walter Woefel, Albert Charpentier, Michael Ducey, Catherine Ward, Winiford Meagley

Mar 22 – Fred Frenger

Mar 23 - Father Eugene F. Willis, Claudine Proskine, Eileen Jay

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 16 – Rev. Paul Mijas & Rev. Joseph Grasso

Mar 17 – Rev. John O'Kane & Rev. Joseph Angelini, OFM Conv.

Mar 18 – Rev. Richard Fragomeni & Rev. Ronald A. Menty

Mar 19 – Our Holy Father

Mar 20 – Rev. Simon Udemgba & Rev. Kyle Gorenski

Mar 21 – Rev. Vincent Ciotoli & Rev. Lawrence Decker

Mar 22 – Rev. Rendell Torres &

Very Rev. Richard Donovan, 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.