FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
March 19, 2023

FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Faith Formation class is Sunday, April 16th and will be held ONLY at St John's at 10:00 am. After Mass families are invited to share pizza and ice cream in Father Willis Hall. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS AT ST. PETER'S.

ST. JOHN'S COFFEE HOUR

The next coffee hour at St. John's will this be Sunday, March 19th, in Father Willis Hall, following the 11:15 am Mass. **Bakers are needed!** Please join us for a cup of coffee, something to eat and fellowship. All are welcome

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).

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member who is sick, hospitalized or homebound and would like Communion taken to them, in Delhi, please call St. Peter's parish office at 607-746-2503 in Walton and Downsville, please call St. John's parish office at 607-865-7394 ext. 1

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

March 20 is the official beginning of Spring. In the northern hemisphere new growth starts to sprout around us. Learn something new about your spouse today – no matter how long you've been married.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Robert Fasanaro, John Sterchak, Stephen Ball, Vernon Wildenstein, Greg Froehlich, Burneda Ford, Mary Jane Mehegen, Claire Hanley, George Ostrowski, Tammy Jamieson, Richie Keiser, Hillary Zujovic, Joan, Peggy Robbin, Val Vavarone, Val DiGiovanni, Diane Patterson, James O'Dell, Lynn Hoffman, Logan Cazzolla, Lori Babcock, Concetta Tomao Hoyt, Mary Lou Tomao MacDonald

GRIEF MINISTRY

Mission Statement: To provide a listening ear, compassion and possible recommendations and/or direction for a positive life journey moving forward with the help of our Faith! For more information contact Kathy Scribani at 607-376-1633

MASS OF ANOINTING

Father Golding will offer a Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick and anointing at St. Peter's and St. John's on March 29, at the regularly scheduled Masses.

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for March 4th & 5th are: Holy Family, $465.00, St. John's, $1,838.00 and St. Peter's Church, $1,712.00. The flowers collections are: Holy Family, $20.00, St. John's, $492.00, St. Peter's, $348.00. Thank you.

COMING IN LENT

A Free Webinar Series on the Mass "Eucharist: The Work of Our Redemption" Thursdays, February 23 through March 23, 1:00 PM Eastern Featuring: Dr. James Starke; Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman; Rev. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap; Rev. Matthew Ernest, and Rev. Ajani Gibson For more information and to register: https://fdlc.

ONE-ON-ONE TECH SUPPORT

Want to learn more about the features on your phone, tablet or computer? A volunteer will be at the Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place, Walton on March 21 & 28 from 10:00 am – Noon to assist and answer questions. To sign up and reserve a slot, call 607-865-5929.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross as follows: Holy Family: 3:00 pm; St. Peter's: 6:00 pm; St. John's: 6:00 pm.
On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at all three Churches will be at 3:00 pm.

RECONCILIATION

Communal reconciliation at St. John's on March 20, at 7:00 pm
Individual reconciliation at St. John's will be March 21, at 7:00 pm.

First Holy Communion

If your child is preparing to make their First Communion this spring and has not yet received a take-home packet, please contact Katherine Gielskie 607-746-2503 stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

All Triduum services will be at St. John the Baptist Church at 7:00 pm.
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule.

Annual Diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration & Mass with the Bishop

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 11 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. For more info.: **www.rcda.org/divinemercyconsecration** Livestream : www.rcda.org/livestream Strive to begin the book, *33 Days to Merciful Love* on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Do not worry if you fall behind, simply catch up when you can.

Faith Day Retreat

St James Church, Lake Delaware will host a retreat "Living in the Shadow of God's Wings" on developing an intimate relationship with God. March 25, 2023, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm cost: $25 light breakfast & lunch provided Presenter: The Reverend, Dr. Lisa Mays Questions? Call 607-376-1633

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

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
Mar 24 - Betty Bivens, Lech Dulski, Joseph Branigan, Jr.
Mar 25 – Andrew King, Barbara Ryan, Frank Stacio
Mar 26 - Frederick Tippmann, Thomas Tracy, Sr., Ann Berg, Father Edward J. Ryan

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21a
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Ez 49:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
The Annunciation of the Lord
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Also known as the Feast of the Incarnation, the Annunciation is a Solemnity in the Catholic Church. The angel Gabriel was sent by God to the town of Galilee in Nazareth, to Mary, the virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. We celebrate Gabriel's announcement of God's plan for the salvation of humanity. Gabriel's words to Mary, cherished and repeated for centuries throughout the world, are cause for great joy: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and of his kingdom, there will be no end." Mary's Fiat – her yes to God's plan – changed the fate of humanity. May the angel's words resound in us: "For nothing is impossible for God" (Luke 1:327) This feast is March 25

WASHING OF THE FEET

On Holy Thursday the Church recreates the practice of Washing of the Feet. Twelve people, from all three Churches, are asked to consider volunteering to have their feet washed. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of St. John's Church. If you are willing to volunteer and cannot get to the sign-up sheet, please leave a message, with your name, at St. John's office: 607-865-7394, ext 1. Thank you.

RICE BOWLS

For the next two weekends, a basket will be at the entrance of the church and we ask that you kindly deposit your Rice Bowls into the basket. If you wish to write a check, kindly put it in an envelope marked Rice Bowl. Thank you.

Attention Middle and High-Schoolers

Who wants to win Money?
$75 1st prize, $50 2nd prize
We will be holding our annual Pro-life Oratory contest this year on Sunday April 23rd @12:15pm (following Mass) at St John's in Walton. Preregistration is required. Please call or text 607-434-5874 for more information or to register.
For those students interested in entering the Pro-Life Oratory Contest, coaching is available. Contact Katherine Gielskie for more information. 607-746-2503 or stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

What does the 1st Precept of the Church about Mass require of Catholics? The first precept of the Church requires that we be not only physically present at Mass but also present in mind and heart by sincere participation in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on weekends and required Holy Days. If our employment requires us to work on weekends, we may not thereby hold ourselves excused from that part of the precept which requires us to participate in Holy Mass if we can do so without grave inconvenience. Nowadays employers generally are receptive to requests for time off to attend sacred worship. Besides, the Saturday afternoon or evening availability of that vigil of Sunday can solve this problem for many. And also, Sunday should not be considered merely as a gloomy day of obligation but rather as a day of joy in celebrating the Lord's Resurrection

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross has an upcoming blood drive to bring health and hope to those in need.
When: Tuesday, March 21; 1:30 – 6:00 pm
Where: Pines Brook Church, 1444 Pines Brook Road, Walton
To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, thank you.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties are holding a fundraiser at Panera Bread in Oneonta on Friday, March 24th from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. 20% of all sales will be donated to our local Catholic Charities chapter. Please show the enclosed flyer or go to the CCDOS website and download it to your phone. Your support is greatly appreciated.