7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 21, 2023

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Robert Fasanaro, Greg Froehlich, Burneda Ford, Mary Jane Mehegen, Claire Hanley, George Ostrowski, Richie Keiser, Hillary Zujovic, Joan, Peggy Robbin, Val Vavarone, Val DiGiovanni, Diane Patterson, James O'Dell, Lynn Hoffman, Logan Cazzolla, Concetta Tomao Hoyt, Donna Thompson, Deloris, Elizabeth McCabe, Johanna Essick, Peggy Woznick Coager, Joan Nerney, Jerry Hanley, Robert Stanczyk, Ann Fochi, John Meinke, Ronald McAnaney, Joe Hanley

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

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

What's the best argument you've ever had with your beloved? You may have felt mad at each other at the time, but what helped you get past the anger or hurt to deepen your love

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

May 22 - Robert Vasisko, William Dillon, Henry Hoffman, Cecilia Anne Day, Stanislaw Kilanowski
May 23 - Albert Andreamo, Michael Cuneen, Rita Stofan, Mary E. O'Neill, Rose Gunderson, Georgianna Moneta
May 25 - Peggy Ducey, Kathryn Heinrich, Michael Leddy, George Schwinn
May 26 – Frank Adamo, Grace Hayes, Robert Harrison, Patricia Farrell
May 27 - John Lambert, Louise Rose

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Our Diocesan appeal amount for 2022-2023 at St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Churches is $19,512.00. To date, 26 gifts and pledges, totaling $9344.00 have been received. The balance of $10,168.00 is due by June 30, 2023. If you have not made a one-time gift or pledge, you can go online or use the envelopes that are located at the front entrances of the Churches. If we don't make our assessment, the balance due will have to be paid from our operating fund. Whatever you can do would be greatly appreciated.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

When: Thursday, May 25, 2023 8am – 1pm
Where: Walton High School, 47-49 Stockton Ave
To schedule an appointment to donate call 800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 27th & 28th, there will be a diocesan collection for the Church in Eastern Europe. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
Pentecost

ST. PHILIP NERI

Philip Neri had a playful sense of humor and a shrewd wit. He was known to say, *"A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one."* This pious man was not yet ordained a priest when he came to Rome and began his own society. His protocols were revolutionary, as he welcomed lay people into the leadership of this congregation. He led great fun-filled parades and parties, engaging the local youth and keeping them out of trouble. Although criticized at first for his unorthodox methods, he eventually received the admiration of all Romans. Philip was ordained as a priest in 1551, and his society became known as the Congregation of the Oratory. He declined the offer of Pope Gregory XIII to become a cardinal, preferring instead to stay with his beloved congregation. His feast day is May 26.

Charismatic Renewal

Invites everyone to:
Pentecost Celebration: May 28th. 2023
Bishop Edward Scharffenberger D.D. presiding
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Eagle and Madison Ave., Albany, NY
Start: 4:30pm, Mass at 5:00pm
Healing Prayer Teams available after Mass.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

The St. Peter's new ministry schedule starts July 8/9, 2023 and runs through January 6/7, 2024. Please call or email the office with any scheduling conflicts or requests by June 8th. Thank you for your continued gift of time and talent!

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

The 6th Precept – doing penance
What does the 6th Precept of the Church about doing penance ask of us?

The sixth Precept of the Church asks that Catholics sometimes practice the virtue of penitence, which means combining a) the inner conversion of the spirit b) with the voluntary exercise of external acts of self-denial, such as to fast and abstain on the days appointed for the Church community. Fasting and other penitential practices are good ways to remind ourselves and others that God has called us all to supernatural living in the midst of a secularistic, sexistic and consumeristic atmosphere. However, it is mostly left to each Catholic's own choice just precisely which acts of mortification, moderation, or self-denial to practice. Certainly, performing acts of charity such as visiting the sick or those in institutions, teaching religious studies to a group of lively teenagers, etc. will surely qualify as worthwhile penitential and apostolic activities. *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullham, S.J.*

NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register, log onto https://nyseucharisticcongress.org

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for May 7th & 8th are: Holy Family $395.00; St. John's $1,224.00; St. Peter's $2,498.00. The fuel collections are: Holy Family $177.00' St. John's $1,030.00; St. Peter's $1,035.00. The general collections for May 14th & 15th are: Holy Family, $346.00; St. John's, $831.00 and St. Peter's, $1,909.00