EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 4, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters,
Over the past few months it has become increasingly clear to all of us that St. John's Church is in urgent need of repair. The signs of the deteriorating roof have become more evident, with major leaks in our sanctuary and next door at Father Willis Hall.

After careful consideration and multiple estimates, we have selected Alpine Metal Roofing to undertake the necessary repairs. Their estimate for the total project, which covers the Church, Father Willis Hall, the office and the rectory is $108,000,00. Addressing the office and rectory now not only ensures their structural integrity but also presents a cost-effective opportunity to complete these repairs while the contractors are already onsite.

Additionally, our front steps require immediate attention. Despite challenges in finding available qualified masons, we have received some estimates and are nearing a final cost estimate for this crucial repair. It presently appears the cost is in the range of $15,000. That would bring our total to approximately $123,000.00.

St. John the Baptist Church is more than just a building, it is the heart of our parish community, a place where we gather to worship and celebrate our faith. It is where we come together as one family, united in our love for God and each other.

As we face this challenge, I prayerfully request your financial support, every dollar counts towards preserving the sanctuary that holds so much meaning for all.

Please join me in ensuring that St. John the Baptist remains a beacon of faith and hope for generations to come. Together, let us answer this call to action with generosity and devotion.

Checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist Church, on the memo line, please note Capital Improvement. Envelopes are in the back of all three of my Churches.
Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Yours in Christ,

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join the Delaware County Women for a weekend retreat at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna, NY. The Retreat begins Friday evening, Sept 27, 2024 and runs through Sunday afternoon, Sept 29. The cost is $225.00 or $210.00 for 65 & older and $90.00 for virtual. A non-refundable advance deposit of $50.00 is required with reservation. There are brochures and applications in each Church vestibule. For more information, contact Jan Bowker at 607-437-2401

MONEY MATTERS

The general collections for August 3rd & 4th are: Holy Family $203.00, St. John's $1,734.00, St. Peter's $1,980.00. The collection for utilities amounts: Holy Family $127.00, St., John's $698.00, St. Peter's $921.00. Thank you for your continued support.

ROSARY CORNER

"Before you pray your Rosary, ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray well. Put yourself in the presence of God." St Louis Mary De Montfort

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Dale Hart, Linda Barr, Mike, Teri Macchio, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, Maurine Frich, Abby Richardson, Roberta Lacey, Millie Cohen, Will, John Meinke, Kevin Collins, Al Furrer, Alyson Bruse, Ed Snow, Mia Morris, Nancy S, Camille, Barbara, Lainey, Peter Michael Sehen, Helen Pratti, Phyllis Howe

KNOWING YOUR FAITH
THE SACRIMENTALS - MANY LITTLE BLESSINGS

To obtain what blessings do Catholics make use of Sacramentals?

The chief effects obtained by using the Sacramentals are:

a) The granting from God of some actual graces to help us,
b) The forgiveness of venial sins,
c) The remission of temporal punishments due to our sins,
d) The increased health of body,
e) The granting of material blessings for our real earthly lives,
f) And the acquisition of a more spiritual outlook on the use of several ordinary things, thereby uplifting their use and enjoyment.

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

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Holy Family, St. John's and St. Peter's Churches will be starting up again in September with classes for grades K through 10. If you are a parent interested in volunteering, or would like to make sure you receive notifications about the program, please contact Katherine at St Peter's parish office.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

The Assumption is Thursday, August 15th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Third Commandment requires that we Catholics participate at Holy Mass on Holy Days.

6:30 pm - Vigil Mass at St. Peter's
9:30 am – St. John the Baptist
12:00 pm - Noon – Holy Family

Please note: there are no morning Masses on Wednesday, August 14th.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Aug 12 - Don Volante, Anthony Paulaitis, Lena Perry, Patrick Deighan, Susan Dean
Aug 13 – Denis Mulholland, Irene Benedetto, Ralph Tozzi, Dolores Calabrese, Grace Helen Malz
Aug 14 - Louise Thomas, Steven Smith, Jr., Carlos Ruiz
Aug 15 - Anthony LoRusso, Marie Elmendorf, Julie Newey, Frank Carminitte
Aug 16 - Rick Genovese, Frank Pulaski, Jr.
Aug 17 - Frank Harmer, Samuel Babcock, Peter Lamberto, Janet Pelletier, Donald O'Connell
Aug 18 - Lou Weglarz, Hilda Thielk, Frank Blakoski, Marie Fagan, James Hurst

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"*

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Volunteer assistants are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in our local nursing home. As a volunteer prayer group assistant, you will help lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Denise Freeman at 607-353-0039 or email denisefreemanluv@gmail.com

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

"All those 'and they lived happily ever after' fairy tale endings need to be changed to 'and they began the very hard work of making their marriages happy.'" (Linda Miles, *The New Marriage)* Are there any fairy tale dreams I'm still holding that block my ability to love my spouse for better or worse?

YEAR LONG BIBLE READING JOURNEY

When: next meeting is **Tuesday August 13th**
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
For more information, see the gold colored flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule. For more info call/text Deacon Freeman at 607-353-0095.
Bible Journey Readings can be found on the parish website

MASS INTENTIONS

Effective immediately, Mass requests for the intentions of the living will no longer be scheduled at St. Peter's, St. John's, or Holy Family Churches. The intentions at weekend Masses are **general** intentions, and not meant for living individuals. If you attend daily mass, you are welcome to add an intention when Father offers that invitation, or in the alternative, consider lighting a votive candle for the intentions of your living relatives and friends. Masses that have been previously scheduled will be honored.

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

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Sts Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Thursday: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: Ex 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12
St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

ST. PONTIAN

St. Pontian was pope from 230-235. After five years as pope, he was banished by the new anti-Christian emperor Maximinus Thrax to Sardinia where he died of harsh treatment. Before dying, however, he abdicated his office to make possible the election of a successor. He was the first pope to abdicate. His feast Day, with St. Hippolytus, is August 13.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday, from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm, Our Lord is exposed for Adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel at St. John's in Walton. All parishes are welcome to come adore during any of these hours, alongside our regularly scheduled adorers.