EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 20, 2025

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only $10,901.00 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 Edward Golding

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dale Hart, Barbara Cocks, 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, Mackey Church. Leo Hart, Pauline Ralston, Michael Hodge

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Easter is April 20. Earth Day is April 22. What might they have in common? As Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ, all creation needs to resurrect hope for the health of Planet Earth. Yes, pray; but also choose one action this week to protect Mother Earth together.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support; your generosity towards Faith Formation, Communion to the Sick, Grief Ministry, Parish Utilities, Church Decorating, Liturgical Ministries, Voluntary Involvement, and Repairs and Renovations to the rectory and church are just a few examples of your commitment to serve the needs of our mission. If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve Oles. Thank you and God Bless.

Father Edward J. Golding

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 pm for an hour of Divine Mercy. The devotion will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join us in Prayer, adoration, and reflection as we pray – ***JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!*** Ask for mercy, receive mercy, be merciful!

RECONCILIATION

Father Golding will hear confessions on Saturday, April 26th at 3:00 pm at St. John's.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Please remember these priests of the Diocese of Albany in prayer on the following dates:

Apr 20 – Rev. Kyle Eads &
Rev. Daniel Dwyer, OFM
Apr 21 – Rev. John Tallman &
Rev. Linh Hoang, OFM
Apr 22 – Rev. Scott VanDerveer &
Rev. O. Robert DeMartinis
Apr 23 – Rev. Michael Cambi &
Rev. John Ruffok OFM Conv.
Apr 24 – Rev. Leo Markert &
Rev. Thomas Babiuch
Apr 25 – V. Rev. Brian Kelly &
Rev. Thomas Shea, CSC
Apr 26 – Rev. John Cronin
Rev. Steve Matthews

PRAY FOR THESE SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Apr 21 - Irene R. Kahrs, Edward Mangan, Margaret Miller
Apr 23 - Mary Kubik, Margaret Copeland
Apr 24 – Edward Gannon, Adrienne Proskine, Daniel O'Connor
Apr 25 – Dorothy J. Finn, Katherine Morosky, Col. Charles T. O'Neill
Apr 26 - Mary Chaminzish, Betty Nelson
Apr 27 - Samuel Belmont

ROSARY CORNER

The Visitation (continued): *Prophecy* - Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your Womb!"

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Easter Monday
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Thursday in the Octave of Easter
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Friday in the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Saturday in the Octave of Easter
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Divine Mercy Sunday

EASTER

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Pascal Candle** used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations. The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in His Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith". (1 Cor 15:14)

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection April 12th and 13th: Holy Family, St. John's, $2,433.00, St. Peter's, $1,463.00. Thank you for your generosity.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

What does the Resurrection of Jesus prove to us?

The Resurrection of Jesus proves to us

a) That Jesus is truly the Son of God

b) And that one day after our death we also shall rise again, in glory thanks to Jesus Christ.

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (Jn 2:19.) "Just as in Adam all die, so all will be brought to life in Christ" (1 Cor 15:22).

On the fortieth day after His resurrection Jesus gloriously ascended into heaven.

Christ's Ascension into heaven should not be pictured as a sort of voyage into outer space. Though a real departure from earth, it was essentially a supernatural event which eludes human experience or expression. The cloud that took Jesus away suggests the hidden presence of the divine Majesty. The angels assured His disciples that Jesus would return to earth again, but the time of this return remains God's secret. For their part, the Apostles were to be witnesses of Christ "*to the ends of earth*."

"And sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty," means that, even as man, Jesus participates in the power and glory of the heavenly Father in eternal bliss. On the third day after His death Jesus reunited His soul with His body and rose in glory, resurrected body and soul, from the grave.

The Resurrection of Christ is the greatest and most important event of our Catholic Faith. St. Paul says, "*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and so is your faith"* (1 Cor 15:14).

And His glorious Ascension into heaven is a further confirmation of the astounding, marvelous, unique Resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Christ's glorious Ascension, Body and Soul united, as He rose up into heaven as the Apostles looked on confirmed in faith and anticipatory hope, should also be for us a further incentive to know our faith well and strive to live it fruitfully.

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

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)."