

# St. John the Evangelist Parish

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**FATHER WILLIAM F. WOODRUFF, PASTOR**

**MSGR. WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, PASTOR EMERITUS**

## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday- 5:00 PM, Sunday- 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Daily: Monday-Thursday & Saturday - 8:30 AM, Morning Prayer 8:15 AM

Holy Days: Please check bulletin

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday- 3:30 to 4:30 PM

## **ALTAR ROSARY:**

President: Donna Anderson (246-9719) Meets the first Wednesday of the month

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Coordinator Joan Jensen (246-9581)

**BAPTISM:** Baptism upon request. Preparation required.

Leaders in preparation: Patricia & Gary Moore (246-5164)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** Coleman Catholic High School - 845-338-2750,

**ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP (TEENAGERS):** Denise Dudzic (246-2811) & Gabrielle Baker (247-3454)

**COMMUNITY ACTION / FOOD PANTRY:** Maria Granda (246-3635)

**COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:** Marilyn Washer (246-5236), Maureen Rothe 246-0305

**DEANERY:** Frankie Cullen (853-5557)

**LAY TRUSTEES:** Pat Fitzsimmons (246-4431), Robert Gauvreau (246-3544)

**LITURGY COMMITTEE:** Robert Howe (246-8510)

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. Please make arrangements at least six months prior to wedding. Preparation is mandatory.

**MINISTRY TO HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY:** Eileen Oswald (246-7042)

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Kelly Rea (246-0395)

**OPERATIONS:** Robert Gauvreau (246-3544)

**SPIRIT OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP:** Fr. Woodruff (246-9581) Meets Tuesdays 7:00 PM & first Sunday of each month at 12:00 to 1:00 PM (Instructional Prayer Meeting—All are welcome!)

**PARISH COUNCIL:** President Pat Fitzsimmons (246-4431)

**PARISH NURSE:** Anne Grunbaum (246-1667)

**RCIA:** Fr. William Woodruff (246-9581)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Director Joan Corton (339-4391)

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE:** Joseph Defino Sr. (246-6908), Barbara O'Reilly (246-7810)

**SECRETARIES:** Joan Jensen (217-7090), Barbara Renner (8:30 AM—8:30 PM Only —246-3424)

**ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP:** Ramona Kemp (845-417-6638) & Elaine Arvidson (246-4468)

**VOCATIONS:** Pat Fitzsimmons (246-4431)



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*A special blessing of throats occurs on the feast of St. Blaise, February 3.  
What is the origin of this?*

# A

St. Blaise, Biagio in Italian, Blasco or Blas in Spanish, was a bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in modern Turkey, who was martyred for witnessing to the faith. He was tortured and beheaded for his beliefs by the local Roman governor around AD 316. This is all that is known about him, the rest being legend. We know much more about devotion to and the popularity of St. Blaise than historical facts.

The special blessing of throats associated with St. Blaise is due to a miracle attributed to him. While in prison, he miraculously saved a boy choking on a fish bone. Early in the sixth century, evidence exists in the Eastern Church that Blaise was prayed to for ailments of the throat. To this day, his feast is a holy day in the Eastern Church. In the ninth century, veneration of St. Blaise came to the Western Church and became very popular. Blessing of the throats with crossed candles began in the 1500s, the height of devotion to St. Blaise, and that blessing is still part of the devotion of the Catholic Church.

No matter what the facts are, St. Blaise is a constant reminder to us of God's care and concern for us in our weakness, sickness, and limited human existence. God's healing touch is with us always. St. Blaise's celebration is one of the ways in which we highlight and thank God for that care and concern.

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	8:30	Special Intention
	5:00	Al Vitale (Anniversary Remembrance) - Req. by The Vitale & Houlihan Families
Sunday	8:30	Mario DiMondo—Req. by Jorge & Maria Granda
	1030	All The People of The Parish
Monday	8:30	In Celebration of The Birthday of Phoebe Defino—Req. by Joe Defino Sr.
Tuesday	8:30	Sr. Pauline Cinquini S.C.—Req. by The Community of God's Amazing Grace
Wednesday	8:30	Will Carey (Anniversary Remembrance) & John Hawkins (Birthday Remembrance) - Req. by Anne & Jim Carey
Thursday	8:30	David J. O'Leary (Birthday Remembrance) - Req. by Bill & Kris Hodgson
Friday	8:30	Holy Communion Service
Saturday	8:30	In Celebration of The Birthday of Sage Cody—Re. by Joe Defino Sr.
	5:00	Charmion Wood—Req. by MaryLou Dengler
Sunday	8:30	Lorraine O'Neill (7th Anniversary Remembrance) & In Celebration of The Birthday of Mallory Renner - Req. by Their Families
	10:30	All The People of The Parish

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES—

Tue— The Presentation of the Lord

Wed—St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Fri— St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Sat— St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

**20-WEEK CLUB WINNER—** If you would like to be placed on the waiting list to join our next club, call Barbara at 246-3424.

**BIG RAFFLE—** Take a chance at winning a \$300 Gas Card plus dinner for two. Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekends of January 30/31, February 13/14, & February 20/21 – 1 for \$1, 3 for \$2 or 15 for \$5. The drawing will take place on Feb. 21st.

**POT LUCK DINNER AUCTION—** Will be held here at St. John's on March 5th following the 5 PM Mass. We are accepting donations for the auction of new, gently used, re-gifted, gift certificates, or services. Please drop them off in the church kitchen no later than February 29th. If you are planning to attend, please contact Sharon Greth at 332-8380 or sjgreth@gmail.com to make your reservation. At that time, please also let her know what Pot Luck item you will be bringing to share. We are looking forward to having another successful Dinner/Auction!



**SOUPER BOWL—** It is said that Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest party day of the year. Lots of food and drink as you watch the football game. So, as you feast on your chicken wings, please think of those who may not have even a bowl of soup to nourish them. One dollar a person – as you leave Mass on Super Bowl Sunday weekend, February 6th & 7th – will help our Food Pantry to feed the hungry. Make it a super "souper" bowl.

**PETER PENCE COLLECTION—** Participation in the Peter's Pence collection affords each of us an opportunity to serve as witnesses of charity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Gifts to this annual collection assist our Holy Father in supporting the victims of war, natural disasters, and other most in need of assistance. Please be generous in the Peter's Pence Collection which will take place on February 6th & 7th.



### **THE JACK ROSE MEMORIAL BEATITUDE**

**SCHOLARSHIP—** Mrs. Renner's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Class is learning about the eight Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes teach us to live in the way that Jesus wants us to live; by being better people, being kind and caring, and always having God in our heart. We are collecting loose change, for this scholarship, which will be given to one or more of St. John's graduating students. Last year, Mrs. Renner's class was able to give out three scholarships in the amount of \$206 each. We will be at the doors of the church to collect your change after Mass. Thank you for your support.

**LITURGY MEETING—** Will take place on Monday, February 1st at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. All are invited to attend.

**PANCAKE SUPPER—** Will take place at the Saugerties United Methodist Church on February 9th from 5 to 7 PM.

**OPEN HOUSE—** Kingston Catholic School will host an Open House, as well as their Annual Science Fair immediately following their 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 7th from 10:30 to noon. Please join them to learn more about their values-infused education, academic programs and extra-curricular enrichment.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PRAYER MEETING—** Will take place on Sunday, February 7th at 12: PM. The topic of discussion is The Lord's Prayer. Come learn more about your Catholic Faith. This discussion will be led by Fr. Bill. Question and Answer period to follow.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING—** Will take place on Monday, February 8th at 7:45 PM. All who would like to help in the fund/fun raising endeavors of our parish are welcome to attend.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS CARRYING THE GRIEF AND SORROW OF A PAST ABORTION?** Share with them the 'good news' of God's merciful love. Days of Prayer and Healing for women and men suffering from the effects of abortion. FMI or to register, call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### From the Pastor's Desk



My Dearest Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ,

You will have the opportunity to have your throats blest this weekend at the end of each of our Holy Masses. We do this on the weekend closest to Saint Blaise's Feast Day which is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Also, please note that Ash Wednesday is only a week and a half from this weekend. May all of us, yours truly as well, consider what we will do to make this a grace-filled Lenten Season in preparation for the fifty days of the Easter Season. I will have more to write to you about Lent in next weekend's letter. Suffice to write at this point that the Holy Season of Lent, which goes from Ash Wednesday through the first part of Holy Thursday, is a time for us to do practices of penance; these include extra prayer, fasting, and works of charity.

The 20-Week Club Committee will be selling chances on a lucrative gas card and dinner for two after the Holy Masses this weekend and on the weekends of February 13/14 and February 20/21. I want to thank the Committee members for doing that ministry for all of us. Remember, you can't win it if you're not in it as the saying goes; I want to thank you for your generosity toward the 20-Week Club which is the most important fun/fund raiser that our parish conducts.

Next weekend, February 6/7, the Community Action/Food Pantry members will hold their only fund raiser of the year: it is the Souper Bowl. I wish to thank you for your support in helping to feed our neighbors who are in need of food from our Food Pantry. Please remember that the first of the seven Corporal (having to do with the body) Works of Mercy is Feed the Hungry.

Our parish's Liturgy Committee will meet this coming Monday evening, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 P.M., in the Rectory. Anyone and everyone are most welcome to attend as we will be planning our spiritual activities for the upcoming Lent and Easter Seasons.

Next Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M., in the Chapel portion of the Church building, there will be the first Sunday of the month Instructional Prayer Meeting. The

topic will be "The Our Father Prayer." It is a prayer that all of us in Christianity know but what is not generally known is how much goes into making the prayer that Our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord, gave to all of us who are His disciples. You are most welcome to attend and learn more about our Catholic Faith and Life.

The Advisory Committee for Parish Development will be having our next meeting a week from Monday which is February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45 P.M., in the Church Hall. You are most cordially invited to participate in planning our future fun/fund raisers for our parish social life. In this bulletin, you will find a flyer that has the February calendar on one side and the advertisement for the Parish Pot Luck Dinner Auction which will be immediately following the 5:00 P.M. Holy Mass on Saturday evening, March 5<sup>th</sup>, in our Church Hall. Please read the flyer and this bulletin for more information. I want to express my gratitude to the Liturgy Committee and the Advisory Committee for all that they do in their ministries for us.

Last, but not least, THE 2016 ANNUAL CARDINAL'S APPEAL HAS BEGUN. We will be doing the logistics of the Cardinal's Appeal through the weekend of March 12/13. A good leader should lead by example and so I donated \$1,500 of my personal money to this year's Cardinal's Appeal because I believe in the work of the Appeal; it save souls and it saves lives by doing pastoral, educational, and charitable works of mercy for our needy brothers and sisters in the ten counties of the Archdiocese of New York. I also want to point out that I am not a wealthy man and I don't at all expect anyone to come close to matching my donation; however, if as many of us as possible can contribute a little to this year's Cardinal's Appeal, we will reach our parish goal of \$10,000 (which is the same as the last two years) and help our needy brothers and sisters in the process. I want to express my deepest appreciation for the fact that you are the most generous parishioners in a number of ways that I have ever known and you continue to make me proud to be your Pastor.

Sincerely, with prayers,  
Father Bill Woodruff



### **BIBLE STUDY FOR THE SEASON OF LENT**

— All classes will take place on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Sacred Heart Parish, 1055 Broadway, Esopus. Classes include a lecture DVD and discussion. Coffee will be provided. Feb 18th—The Seven Sacraments: Are They Biblical? Feb 25th—Jesus and The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. March 3rd—Jesus the Bridgroom & March 10th—The Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. To Register — Name, Address, phone number and check or cash in the amount of \$5 to Lorraine Krasinski, P.O. Box 6 West Park, NY 12493 or to Sacred Heart Parish. Make check payable to Sacred Heart Church.

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION**— Ocean of Mercy — Entering Canaan Days of Prayer and Healing For Women. February 13th. For more information or to register, contact Sisters of Life at: 866 -575-0075 or visit [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). To register for men, call 877-586-4621.

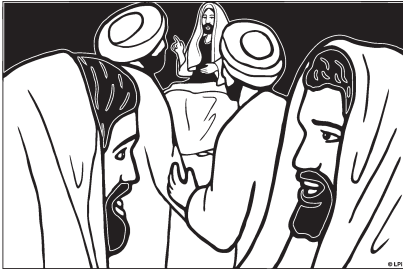
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED**— We need Eucharistic Ministers, as well as, people to visit patients and/or help with paperwork. If you are interested, call St. Mary's at 331-0301 between the hours of 9 – 2 PM daily.

**FIDELIS CARE**— Fidelis Care Family Health Plus for ages 19-64 and Fidelis Care Child Health Plus for those under the age of 19 are plans available to provide healthcare to those who meet certain income and other requirements. An enrollment representative from Fidelis is at Catholic Charities, 59 Pearl Street in Kingston at 340-9170, each Tuesday from 1-4 PM.

**JOKE**— I bought a set of Ginzu knives for only three easy payments of \$29.95 and they came with a lifetime guarantee. When the handles fell off, I returned the knives with my lifetime guarantee asking for a refund. They wrote back, "The guarantee was for the lifetime of the knives. Obviously, the knives are dead, so the guarantee is no longer valid."

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He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

- Lk 4:21-22

**"Please Pray For All Bishops, Priests, Deacons & Religious!"**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  
**THE LORD HAS BLESSED US**  
**IN SO MANY WAYS...**

Let us return to Him a fair share of  
**THE MANY GIFTS**  
He has already given us.

**December 2015**

Attendance: December 2015 — 1102

Attendance: December 2014 — 1035

		<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Collections:	\$ 11,122.85	\$41,549.90
Other Income:	\$ 13,199.20	\$38,417.39
Total Income:	\$ 24,322.05	\$79,967.29
Expenses:	\$ 17,289.86	\$71,357.50
Total:	\$ 7,032.19	\$ 8,609.79

**PARISHIONERS' COMMENT—** I make a tiny salary, but I decided to tithe anyway. Since I have been tithing, several good things have happened to me. I am not tithing because I expect anything in return. I do believe though, that this has been God's way of saying, "Just do my will, try to be good, and I will take care of you."

**PASTOR'S COMMENT—** Jesus gave us the greatest gift possible — Himself in the Holy Eucharist. Our tithing is a way of giving part of ourselves to God. May God bless you for striving to imitate this generosity.

***"Remember St. John's in Your Will!"***

**FOOD PANTRY ITEM FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**BAR OF SOAP**



**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Vincent Saturn, Bob Nealon, Judy Fiero, Grace Yund, Janet Curry, Gene Woodruff, Peter & Brunie Kandora, Carol & Edward Koop, Barbara & Richard Coppey, Liz Parker, Jimmy Paes, John Lynch, Tom Ward, Joe Hommel, Bob Cranston, Bob Hoy, Nancy Dwyer, Gail Cortese, Joan Bannan, Claire Miller, Roseann Chiodo, Sister Sarah Ryan, Baby Catherine Scelfo, Margaret Todd, Meredith McSpirit, Mary McDermott, Aloise Bedell, Griffen Defino, Pat Solitto, Jeff Longendyke, Baby Martinez, Marion Benz, and Frankie Cullen.

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**PRAYER FOR LIFE**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph we love you very much.  
Help us spiritually adopt and protect all human life  
from preborn to natural death.  
Amen.

**MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**

God our Father, through the Gospel and the Eucharist,  
You bring us together as Your Church in the  
Archdiocese of New York.

Send us Your Holy Spirit, to enlighten our minds and guide our  
actions as we plan for the future of parish life in this Archdiocese.

Help us learn new ways to strengthen and revitalize our parish  
communities, and to be good stewards of the spiritual and  
material gifts that sustain them.

Bless our work, so that our parishes may continue to witness to  
the truth of the Gospel, and be a sign of Your love for all people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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**REBIRTH**

Author Unknown

"You feel sorrowful now, but I will see you again, and your heart  
will rejoice. And no one will take your joy from you."  
— John 16:22

Fr. Nil Guillamete tells this wonderful story about this beautiful  
branch that enjoyed life on the tree.



One day a man passed by and admired its beauty. The next day, he cut it down and began its horrific transformation. First, the man stripped the leaves attached to the branch. This caused slight pains to the branch. Then, he gutted out the core, which really hurt. And while the branch was quivering in pain, the man placed it in a dark dry place. It stayed there for days, getting more and more despondent. Finally, the man released it from the dark place and the branch rejoiced. Only to be wounded once more, holes were made which once again caused pain. And then the man took a special cloth and rubbed the branch all over. He rubbed on and on, harder and harder, it felt like its skin was peeling off. Then he stopped, looked the branch over. The man beamed with pride and brought the branch to his lips. The branch thought he would kiss it but the man did more than that. He blew on the branch and the branch trembled and music flowed forth from its core. The man had transformed the branch into a beautiful flute, capable of so much more than it could, hanging on the tree.

Do we allow the Lord to fashion us  
to be capable of so much more?  
Lord, fashion me in a way that you will be glorified.