

St. John the Evangelist Parish

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DEACON ROBERT CRANSTON



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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 CHURCH STORE: Ramona Kemp (845-417-6638) & Elaine Arvidson (246-4468)

VOCATIONS: Pat Fitzsimmons (246-4431)

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Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

In the age of instant communication, e-mail, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just to simply listen to the Mass or to follow the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together we are most visibly the church, the body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	8:30	Special Intention
	5:00	Millie Vitale (Anniversary Remembrance) - Req. by The Vitale & Houlihan Families
Sunday	8:30	All The People of The Parish
	10:30	For The Deceased Members of The Koniuk Family—Req. by Lillie Rothe
Monday	8:30	In Celebration of The Birthday of Geoffry Loviza—Req. by Joe Defino Sr.
Tuesday	8:30	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:30	In Celebration of Deacon Bob's Ordination to The Diaconate—Req. by The Altar Rosary Society
Thursday	8:30	Special Intention
Friday	8:30	Holy Communion Service
Saturday	8:30	Special Intention
	5:00	John Joseph McGarvey—Req. by Cousin Cathy & Greg
Sunday	8:30	In Celebration of The Birthday of John Renner & (Birthday Remembrance) of Katherine Renner
	10:30	For The Deceased Members of The Koniuk Family—Req. by Lillie Rothe

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES—

Mon— Independence Day

Tue— St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

Wed—St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Sat— St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

SPECIAL COLLECTION- Will take place this weekend for The Church of Africa. They need our prayers and support to teach, sanctify, and spiritually lead the many millions on that continent who are coming into the Catholic Faith. We thank you in advance for your support.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRAYER MEETING- Will take place on Sunday, July 3rd at noon. Topic: The 1st Letter of St. Peter. Come learn more about your Catholic Faith. This discussion will be lead by Fr. Bill. Question and Answer period to follow.

COME SUPPORT US- Both the Saugerties United Methodist Church and The Atonement Lutheran Church will be selling Hot Dogs and Refreshments during the Saugerties' 4th of July Parade.

CHICKEN BARBEQUE- Will take place on July 13th at the Plattekill Reformed Church from 4 to 7 PM.

NEED HELP WITH HEALTH INSURANCE? As ambassadors for Coverage for Ulster County, we are here to assist you and your family with getting health insurance through the New York State of Health Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. Please call Suzanne Hinchey, Outreach Center, Kingston, NY at 338-8750 Ext 105.

OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER AND ROSARY- Even though there is no Holy Mass on Friday mornings, there is still the Office of Morning Prayer, a Communion Service and the praying of the Rosary beginning at 8:30 AM. All are invited.

PARISH REGISTRATION- In order to maintain our parish records as accurately as possible, it is important that the office be notified of any change in registration information. Parishioners are requested to call the office with changes of address, telephone number or if you are moving away from the Parish. For new parishioners, please call the Parish Office at 246-9581 or pick up a census form at the either the church or rectory office.



100-MILE POWERWALK FUNDRAISER- Feel free to sponsor Fr. Woodruff in his 100-Mile Power Walk. (July 1st – August 30th) Sponsorship money can be given directly to Fr. Bill, or you can drop it in the collection basket with a note indicating the 100-mile walk. Checks are to be made payable to St. John The Evangelist Church with the memo stating 100-Mile Walk. All monies will be used to offset next year's budget deficit. Thank you for the love of your parish.

BLOOD DRIVE- We will be having a Blood Drive here at St. John's on Friday, July 20th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Please come and give the gift of life. Photo ID is required.

CARE OF THE SICK- If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, are experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to the advancement of age, please call the parish office to arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and the Anointing at home. Notify us or the Catholic chaplain at the hospital so that you may be visited by the chaplain or pastoral staff. Be sure to tell the admitting office that you are a Catholic and a member of St. John's parish.

PLEASE CONSIDER- Downey Side Family Life Center is a non-profit agency which specializes in placing children ages 7-17 in loving, adoptive homes. Adults of all ages adopt; single, married and divorced people adopt; people of all income levels and living in apartments adopt; every race and religion can and do adopt; and physically challenged people adopt. Contact Mickey Kayser at 518-641-6810 or mkayser@downeyside.org.

YOU DID IT FOR ME- If you know of someone who would enjoy a visit from their fellow parishioners, please call the church office (246-9581) to let us know.

Bob Hoy—Ten Broeck—1 Common Drive, Lake Katrine
Barbara Coppey—Ferncliff —21 Ferncliff Drive, Rhinebeck
Irene Geick—Kingston Hospital—105 Mary's Avenue, Kingston
Janet Curry—The Pines —154 Jefferson Heights, Catskill
Judy Fiero—The Pines—154 Jefferson Heights, Catskill
Fr. Al Pizzuto—Our Lady of Consolation Residence
3103 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463-3305
1-718-548-0888 or 1-718-548-0889
Msgr. Williams—845-399-9837

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk



My Dearest Sisters and Brothers in Our Lord Jesus Christ,

I am writing this letter to you on Sunday afternoon, June 19th, the same afternoon that I composed last week's letter to you. With the 4th of July weekend, I needed to write this weekend's letter to you much earlier than I would do so ordinarily. Therefore, the events surrounding the Ordination of Deacon Bob, that took place on the weekend of the 25th and 26th of June will not have occurred as of the composing of this letter to you; I will write about them to you in next weekend's letter. I will also report to you about the semi-annual fuel collection that occurred on the weekend of this writing to you (June 18th and 19th).

I can tell you that our semi-annual Blood Drive will take place in our Church Hall on Wednesday, July 20th, from approximately 3:00 until 7:00 P.M. I want to thank, in advance, Elaine Arvidson and other volunteers for making the Blood Drive possible twice a year in our parish. A good leader should lead by example and so I will once again roll up my sleeve and donate a pint of blood myself. I will save my once-a week desert for the Blood Drive because they have such good cookies to feast upon immediately following the donation of blood. (HA! HA! HA!) Seriously, though, I hope to give the gift of life that may save three lives and maybe a few souls as well. I am sure that more details will follow as we close in on the date of New York Blood Drive gracing us with their presence; on behalf of the entire parish, I want to thank the good folks at New York Blood Drive for conducting that day.

By the time you read this letter, I will have celebrated five full years of being your parish priest: the first year as Administrator and these past four years as your Pastor. When I

came to you on July 1st of 2011, I was a rookie pastor and I wish to thank all of you for helping me to learn a thing or two about how to serve you in that position of caring for the salvation of souls primarily and being a faithful steward of the temporalities of the parish resources secondarily. I have made plenty of mistakes in those five years and I want to express my gratitude to you for helping me to be a better pastor; I also want to express my appreciation to all of you for your patience with me when I have goofed by making any and all wrong decisions. Please be assured that I rely on the grace of God and your advice to attempt to lead all of us to eternal salvation in Heaven. I pray that the next eight years will be blest by God. I am very proud to be your Pastor because, as I have said previously, you are the most generous folks I have ever known; you are generous with your love of your parish and for that I will be eternally grateful to God and you. As the Holy Father, Pope Francis exhorts: please continue to pray for me.

This weekend, as I wrote at the beginning of this letter, is Independence Day celebration with the United States of America turning 240 years young on the 4th of July. We should not just look at this weekend as "the mid-way point in the proverbial summer season" but we should appreciate our Founding Fathers who knew that if they signed their names to the Declaration of Independence, and if they lost the war with England, that they would all be hung for treason. May we be ever thankful that they had the courage and wisdom to begin our great nation 240 years ago. Happy Independence Day and have a hot dog on me. (HA! HA! HA!)

Sincerely, with prayers,
Father Bill Woodruff

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY— If you would like to volunteer in our Food Pantry on either a Wednesday or Friday from 10 AM to 12 Noon, please sign up on the calendar which is located on the bulletin board at the side of the church. Please note that we need two people for each day. For more information, please contact Maria Granda at 246-3635.

CONFERENCE— The Queen of The Americas Guild, along with the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, is having a 2-day Conference at the Shrine on July 29th/30th. The theme is "Divine Mercy and the Freedom of Religion." FMI, visit www.queenoftheamericanguild.org. or call 630-584-1822.

PREGNANCY COUNSELING SERVICES— The Catholic Home Bureau Maternity Services Department provides free counseling to any client regardless of age, legal status, religion, race or economic status who is faced with concerns arising from an unintended pregnancy. Staff offers on-going support, help in securing pre-natal care, referrals for housing, WIC, budgeting, limited financial assistance, maternity clothing, infant care and parenting classes and discussion of all available parenting options. For those clients who seek adoption information, or are planning a private adoption, we provide counseling and education. FMI, contact 1-800-592-4357 or 845-226-1369.

QUOTE— "You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus."
Mark Twain

CROSS COUNTRY SUMMER SERIES RUNNING PROGRAM— Five races on Wednesday evenings 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, & 8/3 — run at various local locations. Kids Race (14 years old and under start at 6:45 PM — Adult Race start at 7 PM. Entry fee Children \$10, Adults \$25. FMI contact 340-9170 Ext. 107 or visit Walter.Gaceta@archny.org.

SEVEN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA PORTUGAL— This will take place from November 14 –20, 2016. The cost is \$1,699 all-inclusive. FMI, call Catholic Tour at 877-627-4268 or visit jimadair@thecatholictour.com

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES— Occasionally people may need a time for Sunday Mass that does not fit in with our schedules.

Following is a list of nearby parishes with their Sunday Masses:

St. Mary of the Snow – Sat. 5:30 PM, Sunday 8 & 11:30 AM

St. John's in Woodstock – Sat 5 PM, Sunday 8 & 11 AM

St. Joseph's in Glasco – Sat 4 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM

Sunday evening Masses are celebrated at St. Joseph's in Kingston At 5 PM or Immaculate Conception in Kingston at 6 PM.



VOCABULARY— Stressing the importance of a good vocabulary, the teacher told her young students, "Use a word ten times, and it shall be yours for life." From somewhere in the back of the room, came a small male voice chanting, "Amanda, Amanda, Amanda, Amanda...."

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"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

- Lk 10:8-9

"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.

May 2016

Attendance: May 2016 — 1,376

Attendance: May 2015 — 1,297

YTD

Collections:	\$12,198.50	\$92,537.56
Other Income:	\$ 5,055.36	\$70,460.75
Total Income:	\$17,253.86	\$ 162,998.31
Expenses:	\$18,729.27	\$ 155,336.53
Total:	\$ (1,475.41)	\$ 7,661.78

PARISHIONERS' COMMENT— We don't give anything to God. He already owns everything. What we have was given to us through our life, health, ability to work. We are merely His stewards from whom tithes are due.

PASTOR'S COMMENT— Our material gifts to God are our way of pledging our time and talent and our very lives for the glory of Christ, our King.

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

FOOD PANTRY ITEM FOR NEXT WEEK:

COFFEE



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, Bob Nealon, Judy Fiero, Grace Yund, Janet Curry, Gene Woodruff, Peter & Brunie Kandora, Liz Parker, Jimmy Paes, John Lynch, Tom Ward, Ian & Kathryn Melville, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, Roseann Chiodo, Margaret Todd, Meredith McSpirit, Mary McDermott, Aloise Bedell, Griffen Defino, Mary Brazier, George Nau, Irene MacNamara, Dennis Houlihan, Bill Mower, Bill Swart, Marion Benz, Furtino Martinez, Daniel Rinadli, William & Judith Langdon, Rose Topple, Joe Vermeesch, Leanne Dixon, Janet Teitter, Arlene Molfino, Gloria Carolfi, Andrew Remsen, Bernadino Santos, Fr. Brian Brennan, Walt Andersen, 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.

THIS WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Church in Africa journeys with people gifted with a vibrant spirituality and is a source of hope and faith. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. Pope Francis challenges us: "Touched by Christ's infinite mercy, may all the faithful be signs of the reconciliation, justice, and peace that God wills for...all of Africa" (April 16, 2015).

With so many people in Africa on the move, providing pastoral care to meet their spiritual needs is often difficult. In Angola, this is true for migrant and refugee communities, as well as for people whose livelihoods keep them moving, such as fisherman and truck drivers. Creating fellowship among various groups, ethnicities, and tribes is crucially important in order to avoid tribalism, discrimination, and racial violence.

To address these needs and foster growth in the communities, and with a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the bishops are providing training and formation for lay leaders in every diocese. These leaders attend seminars and workshops that equip them to return to their communities to welcome immigrants and help them find a home in local parish communities. After attending a seminar, one participant expressed his gratitude, saying, "Thank you for year another moment of grace."

With your help, the Church in Africa can continue to play an active role in the evangelization of the world. Projects like this one care for the spiritual needs of the African people, allowing Africans to continue giving the world their vibrant expression of faith. Please give generously to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York