St. John the Evangelist Parish

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MSGR. WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, PASTOR EMERITUS
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 (338-2750), Kingston Catholic School (331-9318) — St. Joseph Catholic School (339-4390)

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: Bill McKenna (246-6065), Bob Howe (246-8510)

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: Deacon Robert Cranston (246-3371)

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)

Q *I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the church issue an annulment?*

A The description of marriage as indissoluble is found in several places in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Described as required by spousal love (#1644) and as foundational to the union of marriage (#1646), this quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his church (#1647). Love is not a "give then take away" gift. Spouses give themselves once and forever to each other, forming a sacramental bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends upon the sacramental bond between spouses.

An annulment does not destroy the bond. Instead, it shows that a sacramental bond never took place because at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about a sacrament, but rather the full, free, and able consent of a man and woman, one to the other. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other because they give the gift of themselves to one another. The priest is the official witness. Therefore, if the gift of self is not given, or is held back for any reason, no sacrament takes place.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	8:30	Carol Fabiano—Req. by The Great-Great Nieces and Nephews of The Mayone & Lowrey Families
	5:00	Jerry Vitale (Birthday Remembrance) - Req. by The Vitale & Houlihan Families
Sunday	8:30	In Celebration of The Birthday of Mallory Renner And The 8th Anniversary Remembrance of Lorraine O'Neill—Req. by Their Families
	10:30	All The People of The Parish
Monday	8:30	Fr. Bill Woodruff (Birthday) —Req. by Angela Mastracchio
Tuesday	8:30	Sally Ann Zollo—Req. by Her Husband, Mike
Wednesday	8:30	Bob Nealon—Req. by The Renner Family
Thursday	8:30	For The Deceased Members of My Family—Req. by Nora Drefin
Friday	8:30	Holy Communion Service
Saturday	8:30	William Carey (Anniversary Remembrance) and John Hawkins (Birthday Remembrance) - Req. by Anne & Jim Carey
	5:00	Patricia Buono—Req. by Ray & Fran Andreassen
Sunday	8:30	George R. Sowles—Req. by Fred & Alana Pesce
	10:30	All The People of The Parish

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES–
Tue—Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
Fri—The Seven Holy Founders of The Servite Order

20-WEEK CLUB WINNER- The 17th winner of $100 in our 20 -Week Club was No. 90 Bob Howe. Also, there is presently two opening in our next club. If you would like to join, please contact Barbara Renner 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 February 11/12, 18/19 & 25/26 – 1 for $1, 3 for $2 or 15 for $5. The drawing will take place on February 26th.

POT LUCK DINNER AUCTION– Will be held here at St. John's on March 4th following the 5:00 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 20th. 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.

CHURCH STORE– Will be opened from 3:30 until 5:00 PM and after the 5:00 PM Holy Mass on February 11th as well as after both the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Holy Masses on February 12th. Please take note that St. John's Church Store is also expanding its availability of religious items and gifts to the public. We now have a satellite facility at the Flower Garden, 3164 Route 9W, Barclay Heights 246-5961.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL– Please consider giving to the Cardinal's Appeal for 2017. It saves souls and it saves lives. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– Elaine Arvidson and Marie Altenau are looking for one or two volunteers to shadow them at this year's Seder Meal. After many years of co-chairing this celebration, they are seeking someone to replace them. If you are interested in taking over this event, please call Elaine 246-4468 or Marie at 382-1143. If is a wonderful celebration to keep going!

THE JACK ROSE MEMORIAL BEATITUDE SCHOLARSHIP- Mrs. Renner's 4th Grade Religious Education Class is collecting money for this scholarship for one or more of St. John's graduating students. We will be at the church doors at Mass to collect any loose change you can offer. We gratefully appreciate your support and thank you. Jonathan MacNamara

LITURGY MEETING– Will take place on Monday, February 13th at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.

COMEDY NIGHT– St. John's will be having a Comedy Night (two professional comedians provided by Mike Speirs) on April 29th at 8:30 PM at the Saugerties Knights of Columbus. Plan on joining us for a night of laughs! More information to come!

PARISH COUNCIL– Will be meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall. All are invited to share thoughts, concerns or ideas to improve our parish.

COMMUNITY ACTION– We thank everyone for donating 2017 Calendars — please note that we no longer need any.

HISPANIC MASS– A Spanish-language Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Chapel on Sunday, February 12th at 10 AM. All are invited to celebrate this Holy Mass with our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Light refreshments will follow.

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

Barbara Coppey—Ferncliff —21 Ferncliff Drive, Rhinebeck
Judy Fiero—The Pines—154 Jefferson Heights, Catskill
Fr. Al Pizzuto
—The Cardinal Egan Pavilion
5655 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471-1221
1-718-581-0070
Hilda McDermott—Ten Broeck Commons, Lake Katrine
Rose Topple, 136 Tejah Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210
315-476-7978
Msgr. Williams— The Thompson House, Montgomery Unit
Room 160B, Rhinebeck 845-399-9837

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dearest Brothers and Sisters in the Good God,

The Church Store is open for business this weekend at its usual hours: from 3:30 until 5 P.M. and after the 5:00 P.M. Holy Mass on this Saturday, February 11th and after the 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. Holy Masses this Sunday, February 12th. I want to thank Ramona, Elaine, Ed, and Eleanor for providing this wonderful ministry to all of us. As always, I will be most happy to bless any items that are either free or that you purchase.

Also, beginning with this weekend and continuing for two more weekends after this weekend, members of the 20 Week Club Committee will be selling raffle tickets at the entrances of the Church for the chance to win a $300 Gas Card and a Dinner for Two. I wish to thank ever so much the folks who will be selling the raffle tickets during these three weekends and I am most grateful to those of you who will take a chance at winning these prizes. MAY I ASK, KINDLY PLEASE, THAT WHEN YOU ARE FILLING OUT THE TICKETS, THAT YOU DO NOT USE THE CHURCH STORE DISPLAY CASES THIS WEEKEND BECAUSE THE CHURCH STORE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS THIS WEEKEND; I WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU USE SOME OTHER PLACE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING FOR FILLING OUT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS.

The Holy Mass in the Spanish language offered by one of the Redemptorist priests will be held this Sunday, February 12th, AT SAINT MARY OF THE SNOW'S CHAPEL AT 10:00 A.M. About two weeks ago, the Redemptorist priests, Deacon Bob, and other folks involved with the Spanish ministry met at Saint Mary of the Snow/Saint Joseph Parish to discuss the best time, date, and location for the monthly Holy Mass in the Spanish language. It would seem that the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the Chapel located in the Rectory building on the grounds of Saint Mary of the Snow might be the best time, date, and location. They will try that this month and see how it works; if it is successful, that may be the permanent arrangement. Please pray that the ministry to our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters in the Lord will flourish and please let anyone you know who only speaks Spanish or who would prefer the Holy Mass and the other Sacraments of the Church in the Spanish language, that Ulster County Deanery has a ministry for the care of their souls.

The Liturgy Committee of the parish is scheduled to meet this coming Monday, February 13th, at 6:30 P.M., in the Rectory; you are most welcome to join us as we look ahead to the Lent and Easter Seasons.

The Parish Council is scheduled to meet this Thursday, February 16th, at 6:30 P.M. at the Church Hall; you are also most welcome to attend the meeting.

All day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will occur next Sunday, February 19th, from the conclusion of the 10:30 A.M. Holy Mass until Benediction at 8:30 P.M. If you want to commit to a full Holy Hour, there is a sign-up sheet at the side entrance of the Church. A good leader should lead by example, so my Holy Hour will be from 7:30 until 8:30 P.M. next Sunday evening. However, if you can only come to the Church for a little bit of time, God will be most pleased with you for doing that as well. I want to thank you in advance for coming out to adore Our Lord who is Really Present in the Holy Eucharist.

Please feel free to sign-up for the Pot Luck Dinner Auction which is Saturday, March 4th, following the 5:00 P.M. Holy Mass; the sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Church; this will help us to know who is coming and what kind of food is being brought.

Also, please save the date of Saturday, April 29th, at 8:30 P.M., at the Saugerties Knights of Columbus Hall.

I wish to thank you for your very generous donations to the Food Pantry last weekend as well as to the Peter's Pence second collection.

Last, but not least, the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal is beginning well, thanks to your generosity toward the work of the Archdiocese of New York within our ten counties. As of Feb. 3rd, $2,790 has been pledged and $2,550 has been paid from 8 gifts. If we exceed our goal of $10,000, our parish will be rebated 60% of any money paid over $10,000. May God bless you!!!

Sincerely, with prayers,
Father Bill Woodruff

BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS EMBLEM AWARDS– There will be an informational meeting for all Boy Scouts (Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Ventures) and their parents on February 12th to earn their respective religious awards. The meeting will take place at St. John's , 12 Holly Hills, Woodstock beginning at 12:30 PM in the parish hall. FMI, call Frank Tietjen at 679-7853.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST– Will take place at the Knights of Columbus in Barclay Heights on Feb. 19th from 8 to 11 AM. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits, bacon, home fries, milk & coffee! All you can eat! Adults $8—Children under 8 years of age $4. A portion of the net profits donated to local charities.

THIS ONES FOR YOU TOMMY-The new bride went crying to her mother. "Momma, I can't get my husband to do anything. I want him to fix up the house, but he keeps putting it off." "Honey," her mother replied. "after being married to your father for thirty-eight years, I've found the only way to get him to do anything is to tell him he's too old."

OPEN HOUSE– John A. Coleman Catholic High School will be hosting an Open House on February 23rd from 9 to 2 PM. Come and see the classes in session. Take a tour and meet the Principal and a Guidance Counselor.

COSMOS AND CANVAS– John A. Coleman Catholic High School will be hosting a "Sip and Paint Party" on February 24th at 6:30 PM. Enjoy a cosmo and delicious appetizers. The picture they will be painting and all the details are on their website at www.colemancatholic.org.

SECOND COLLECTION– A special Fuel Collection will be taken on the weekend on February 18th & 19th. All monies donated will be used to offset our winter fuel expenses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- Will take place next weekend after the 10:30 Mass and continue until after the 8:30 PM Benediction. Evening prayers will be prayed at 5:30 PM. Sign up sheets are at the side entrance of the church.

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"
- Mt 5:33-34a, 37

"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 2016
Attendance: December 2016 — 1,064
Attendance: December 2015— 1,248

	Current Month	Year to Date
Collections:	$ 8,136.84	$41,224.99
Other Income:	$ 11,912.05	$33,988.27
Total Income:	$ 20,048.89	$75,213.26
Expenses:	$ 14,777.11	$77,076.60
Total:	$ 5,271.78	$ (1,863.34)

PARISHIONERS' COMMENT– Tithing has intensified my trust in God. And you know what? It is no longer a burden.

PASTOR'S COMMENT– Like many things we do in life, giving is a learned habit. As we give of our time, talent and financial resources to support God's good works, we learn the joy of this spiritual practice.

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

FOOD PANTRY ITEM FOR NEXT WEEK:
CANNED CARROTS & EGG CARTONS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR: Vincent Saturn, Judy Fiero, Grace Yund, Gene Woodruff, Peter Kandora, Liz Parker, Jimmy Paes, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, Aloise Bedell, Marion Benz, Rose Topple, Janet Teitter, Judy Phillips, Joe Dengler, Maurice Hinchey, Bernadette Verpent, Jack Lawler, Chris Vitale, Rita Szotyori, Wayne Drefin, Deryl Loviza, Tara Ryan, Mary Ellen Reynolds, Margaret Hughes, Betty Suter, Mary Bishop, Zenaida Martinez, Dorothy Frankel, and Frankie Cullen.

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.
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.

WHO YOU ARE

By Lanette Fernandez

I find myself on the downhill slide of yet another trial in my life where confusion seemed to be the only thing I was sure of. Who, what, why, when, how, and how long were the questions I didn't have answers for.

Last night, I sat quietly and instead of asking, I just listened. God whispered to me. Who I am is a child of His. What I am is a wife and mother. Why is something we can only figure out as we go along. When is always and can never be more than right here and right now (live for today). How is only with His help, and how long depends mostly on us.

He explained to me that I am who and what I am (don't try to be any more or any less) therefore I need to do and be the best that I can at all times.

I get discouraged, but I also have the ability to inspire and be inspired. I become sad, but I can also experience joy. I can become angry, but I have the heart to console. I need to be forgiven sometimes, but I can also forgive. I feel helpless at times, but can still lend a hand or ear to others. I am a teacher, but I still have much to learn. I get confused, but deep down I know the answers are within my grasp. It is the same grasp that lifts my hands to Heaven, and gently brings me to my knees. Sometimes I feel lost, but that is merely an illusion because it is not only enough for my Father to know where I am and exactly what I am going through, He has every hair on my head counted.

Life is a series of lessons to be learned. That is the only way we can grow. I wish I had all the answers, but sometimes I think (I know) the only way for us to become stronger and grow into what He wants us to be, is to walk through the fire.

So, whatever you're going through, hold your head up and put all your faith and trust in the only ONE who will never fail you..... JESUS.....Remember all the things you can be even when you are sometimes those things you wish you weren't.