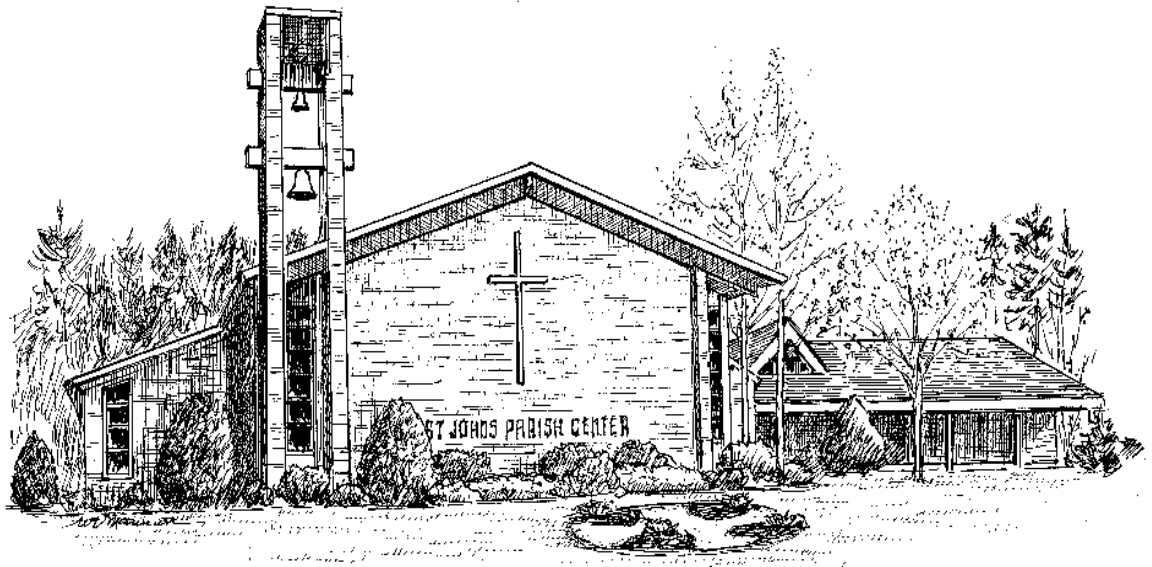




THE ONE AND ONLY LENT

No matter how many Lenten seasons we've experienced, we can embark on this year's journey as if it is the only Lent we will ever have. We can pray, fast, and offer sacrifices in specific, generous ways. Jesus is our model. Jesus spared nothing of himself when he went into the desert for forty days and forty nights. He didn't bring along computer games to divert himself or a stockpile of snacks for emergencies. No, Jesus was all in. The Gospel tells us that the devil waited till after the forty days of sacrifice to ambush Jesus. Just when our Lord was at his weakest, frail with hunger, the devil came to tempt him. Relying on the Word of God, Jesus resisted all temptations. Then, and only then, did angels come to minister to Jesus. If we imitate Jesus and go all in this Lent, we can expect to suffer. We can also depend upon God to send help just exactly when we need it.

When we commit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, we will encounter obstacles. The devil hates to see us grow closer to God. Even if our Lenten progress is microscopic, the devil wants to thwart us. We are God's beloved children, so we are valuable. We are worth the devil's time. Expect difficulty. Expect obstacles. Expect temptation. Above all, expect God's unfailing help. Staying close to God's Word will strengthen us, as it strengthened Jesus in the desert. Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus desires to accompany us, especially in our weakest and most difficult moments. Whatever temptations we face, Jesus understands. Whatever sacrifices we make, Jesus offers them with us. Whatever goodness we show to encourage others, our Lord rejoices with all the angels and saints. Let us approach this Lent as if it is the only Lent we will ever have. God wants to do great things for us in this holy season.

Today's Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

St. John's Church

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm
 Sunday Mass 8:00, 11:00 am
 Mass 9:00 am on Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday, & Friday
 Eve of Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Holy Days 9:00 am and 7:30 pm
 Penance 4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturdays

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS.
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 12 Holly Hills Drive
 Woodstock, N.Y. 12498

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 Tues.....8th Grade.....7-8:30 pm
 Wed.....7th Grade.....7-8:30 pm

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 71 Watson Hollow Road
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First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship

and him alone shall you serve."

— Matthew 4:10

Lenten Season

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LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE—

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

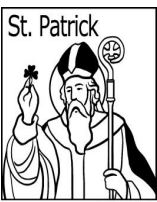


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FASTING requires a Catholic from the 18th birthday to the 59th birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence.

ABSTINENCE requires a Catholic 14 years or older to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus— This should be observed throughout the year but always during Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of Fast and Abstinence. **FRIDAYS** during Lent are days of Abstinence.

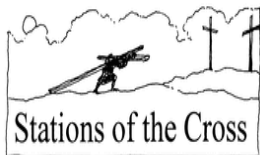


This year, the Solemnity of Saint Patrick, our patron, falls on a Friday, and I have decided to dispense our people from abstaining from meat.

~Fraternally in Christ,

*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan,
Archbishop of New York*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30pm from March 3rd-April 7th. You are invited to make this a part of your Lenten journey. Join us for soup and salad in the social hall at 6:30pm. Please sign up to



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bring soup, salad or bread. Sign up sheets are in church/chapel lobby.

PARTNERS-IN-PRAYER - during Lent we ask parishioners to take a picture of a 2nd grader or a 9th grader and pray for them as they prepare for 1st Communion or Confirmation. Pictures will be on the bulletin board in church/chapel lobby so keep a look-out!

*You're all invited to join
the Confirmation candidates
for these events:*

RITE OF ELECTION

is on this Sunday, March 5th at 11am Mass - Candidates sign Official Church Book declaring their intention to be Confirmed.



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**1ST SCRUTINY
THEME WATER,** is on Sunday, March 19th at St. Augustine's Chapel at 9:30am.



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**2ND SCRUTINY,
THEME LIGHT,** is on Saturday, March 25th at St. John's Church at 5pm.



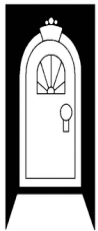
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**3RD SCRUTINY,
THEME LIFE/
RESURREC-
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BEYOND ST. JOHN'S

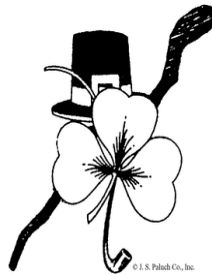
Camp Veritas 2017: Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017; Enrollment opens 1/1/17 and the enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. More details can be found at www.campveritas.org. as well as, **Camp Veritas Ireland 2017!!!**

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OPEN HOUSE



The Saugerties Columbiettes will host an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, Mar. 5th, at 1:00pm. at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall, 19 Barclay St., Saugerties NY. All practical Catholic women over the age of 18 are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Milly at 845-247-3078.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE, hosted by the Saugerties Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 11th at the Council Hall, 19 Barclay St., Saugerties NY. Enjoy a traditional corned beef/cabbage dinner with potatoes, carrots, ham, Irish soda bread, and more! Dinner at 7pm and Dancing at 8pm to the tunes of DJ Damian Risley. Advanced Tickets are \$26 per person. Contact Phil or Arlene Discordia at 845-246-7801



PENNY SOCIAL on Sunday, April 2nd, sponsored by the Saugerties Columbiettes at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall, 19 Barclay St., Saugerties, NY.

Doors open at 11:30am
Calling Starts at 1:00pm sharp!
For more info call 845-679-7205



STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

-Father George

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Pray for ...



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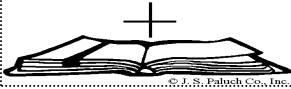
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Lori Lenart
William Lucas

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Andrew S.
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Al Schwab
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Merrilyn McComiskey

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Glen Patrick
Jim
Fr. George
Bob Barringer
Ken H.
Sarah H.
Frannie Flavia
Kathy P.

Mass Intentions



First Saturday, March 4th

9:00 AM **GEORGE AND JOHN HASS**
Anne Hass
5:00 PM **PIERRE FRANCOIS**
Deb Nickerson

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 AM **JOE CARMODY**
Brian & Eleanor Sawchuk
9:30 AM **OPEN INTENTION**
11:00 AM **CARMEN ANGELASKI**

Monday, March 6th

9:00 AM **DARYL ANNE FLORIO**

Tuesday, March 7th

9:00 AM **INTENTION OF PARISHIONERS**

Wednesday, March 8th

9:00 AM **JIM MYERS**
Jackie Francois

Thursday, March 9th

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, March 10th

9:00 AM **DON KELLEY, 24th Anniversary**
Dolores Kelley

Saturday, March 11th

5:00 PM **JENNIFER RAKOV**
Colleen Mountford

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 AM **JOE CARMODY**
Phil & Arlene Discordia
9:30 AM **OPEN INTENTION**
11:00 AM **THOMAS MORRISSEY**
Tina & Patty



Our Military, especially for Joseph Turck,
James Mault, Johnathan Schwab and Danny
Brennan (Navy)
Repose of the Soul

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH



2/29/16	\$3,867.50
2/26/17	\$5,351.50

THE 2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our New Goal: \$26,500.00

Pledged:	\$
# of Gifts:	
Avg. Dollar Amt. of Gift:	\$

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PERSONS

Altar Servers	CCD off., 679-2869 Or stop in during class time
Altar Society	Christine Molinelli, 679-5332
Baptismal Committee	Francine Carmody 679-7205 and Bernadette Poremba, 679-7643
Beautification	
Church	Brian and Joan Hagedorn, 679-7622
Grotto	John Spindler/Julie Middleton, 679-4462
Bereavement Committee	Francine Carmody 679-7205
Bulletin	Jeanine Meisler, 679-7696
Crafty Ladies	TBD
CCD Classes 1 - 6	Cindy Frisbie, 246-1819
CCD Classes 7 - 9	Alice Haberski, 679-6791
Eucharist Ministers/Lectors ..	Bob Dietrich, 657-8556
Food Pantry	Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Holiday Food Baskets	Harold & Cindy Frisbie 246-1819
Liturgy Committee	Sue Curran, 679-8617
Maintenance Committee	David Sudlik, 657-6782
Music Group	Dave Christi, 430-8040
Newsletter	Colleen Mountford, 679-8546
Parish Council	John Spindler 679-4462
Parish Nurse	Colleen Short, 417-4522
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R.C.I.A.	TBD
Respect Life	TBD
Secular Franciscan Order	Lorraine Pioli Sciarrino 626-7000
Social Committee	679-7696
Soup Kitchen	Barbara Runz 251-1174
Tree of Life	Dolores Hagedorn 679-7607 Jeanine Meisler 845-853-3042
Ulster Vicariate	Tim Cyr, 679-6872
Wedding Committee	Alice Haberski, 679-6791 Sandi Armstrong, 679-1098
Youth Ministry/Activities	Harold & Cindy Frisbie 246-1819

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent
Tuesday:	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday:	St. John of God
Thursday:	St. Frances of Rome
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

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