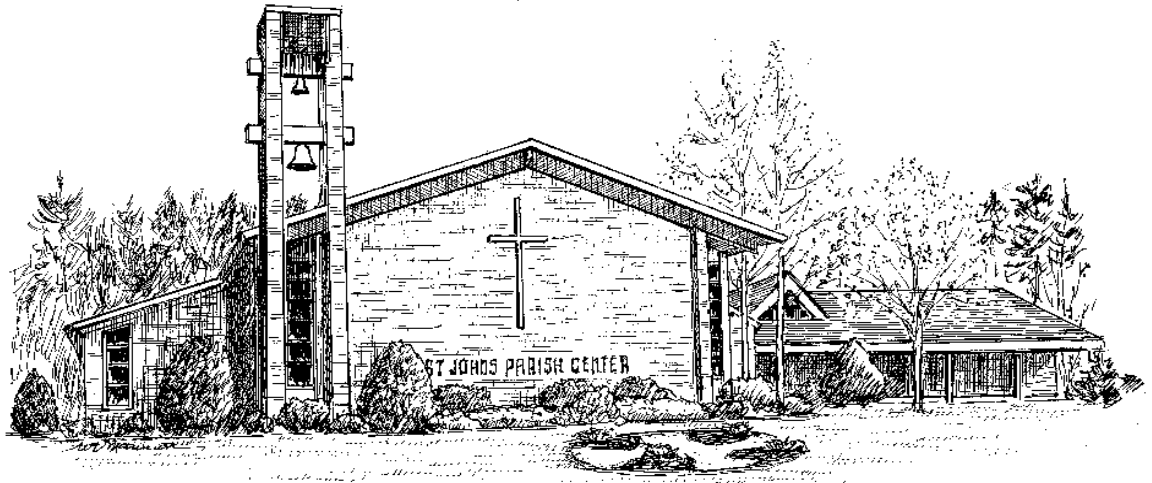




THE SURPRISE MESSIAH

After the crucifixion of Jesus, his disciples were in despair. Not only had they seen their master's horrible death, their own lives were now at risk, for the crucifixion suggested to them that Jesus was not the awaited Messiah after all. The Messiah had been envisioned as somehow coming in power, liberating Israel from foreign domination and signaling God's long-awaited return to dwell again with Israel. The Crucifixion suggested to them the possibility of God's rejection of Jesus, or Jesus' failure to achieve God's purposes.

This is partly why the disciples were amazed when Jesus appeared. God had vindicated Jesus by raising him. The Resurrection revealed that God's promises were actually fulfilled, precisely through this death. Through the cross, God had indeed liberated the people from sin and death. God had truly returned, in Jesus and then later in the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. The dominion of sin and death had been broken. The Resurrection was the first display of the new kingdom of God, in Jesus.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus specifically emphasizes his bodily presence. He invites the disciples to touch him, and he eats some fish in front of them. He makes it clear that he is not a ghost and did not shed his physicality or his humanity when he was raised. The disciples began to understand Jesus in a new way. Christians later articulated this as Jesus' bodily resurrection. The resurrected Jesus, both human and divine, reigns both in heaven and on earth.

So when Jesus sent his disciples, and today sends all of us, to proclaim God's kingdom, he never means "for heaven only." God aims to renew, not reject, human bodies, human culture, and the created universe. God's project for us is here and now, within all the limitations and messiness of daily life. We are called to care for each other, for the earth, and for all God's beloved creation.

Today's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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4/15/2018

Rev. George W. Hommel, Administrator

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.
TO REGISTER CALL THE RECTORY

St. John's Church
 12 Holly Hills Drive
 Woodstock, N.Y. 12498

Church Phone - 845-679-7696
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St. Augustine's Chapel

Sunday Mass 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month.

Religious Education—845-679-2869

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Jr/Sr High: Mon.....9th Grade.....7-8:30 pm
 Tues....8th Grade.....7-8:30 pm
 Wed.....7th Grade.....7-8:30 pm

John A. Coleman Catholic HS845-338-2750

St. Augustine's Chapel
 71 Watson Hollow Road
 West Shokan, N.Y. 12494

CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS: Rectory@sjwoodstock.org



Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

— Psalm 4:9



Welcome back Father George!

* *Easter Flower Offering* *
* *Donor In Loving Memory* *
* Francine Carmody Joseph P. Carmody, *
* Amante & Carmody *
* Families *
* Saugerties Columbiette Sisters *



First Holy Communion

*Prayer Partners and Church
Community are invited to join
the First Communion children and
their families on
April 28, 2018 @ 10a.m. when they
receive the Blessed Sacrament of
First Holy Communion.*



**APRIL is St. John's month to stock
and staff the Woodstock Good
Neighbor Food Pantry** at the Reformed

Church located at 16 Tinker Street in Woodstock. Volunteers are needed to staff the Pantry as follows: SEE SCHEDULE FOR CHANGES:

- Restock shelves on Tuesday from 9am-12pm
- Assist handicapped shoppers on Wed. from 2-3pm
- Assist all other shoppers on Wed. from 3-6:45pm
- Assist all other shoppers on Thur. from 2-4:45pm

To help stock the Pantry, please bring items to St. John's Church lobby, canned or packaged food items and items of dignity, such as toilet paper, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. For additional info. contact Guy Oddo at 845-338-0624. Signup sheets are in the church lobby.

Thank You

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Thank you to all our staff and volunteers who have done so much leading up to

holy week! Especially our Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Rosary Society, Liturgy Committee, Music Group, Beautification Committee (Grotto and Church), Maintenance Committee (volunteers and staff)!!

And a special thank you to Fr. George for hearing Confessions, celebrating the Sacraments to prepare our parish for the Easter Season and for our beautiful Holy Week Liturgies!! We are blessed!

Save the date: Friday, May 4th at 7:30pm & Saturday, May 5th at 7:00pm, located at St. John's Parish, 12 Holly Hills Drive, Woodstock, NY.

Jesus, The Divine Mercy; His Message ~ His Promises ~ His Mercy

Inspirational Multi-Media Mission

Join Dave and Joan Maroney of Mother of Mercy Messengers (MOMM) as they present "The Spark" — a Divine Mercy presentation that will stir up the hearts of parishioners of St. John's Church, leaving them in awe of God's mercy!

All are welcome to join!

Presenters: Dave and Joan Maroney, founders and directors of Mother of Mercy Messengers, an apostolate from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, have been spreading the Divine Mercy message and devotion in parishes, schools, and conferences across the country and beyond since 1999.

In 2012, they launched the Divine Mercy for America Campaign to build a network and movement of faith-filled Americans equipped with an action plan to fight for souls and the country the way Heaven taught St. Faustina to do for her native land, a land in much need of protection, healing, and conversion.

Enhance your multi-media presentation mission by joining us for a potluck on Friday, May 4th at 6:30pm in the parish hall followed by the Divine Mercy Presentation at 7:30pm in the Church.

On Saturday, May 5th — join us for Mass at 5:00pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall at 6:00pm. The discussion of Divine Mercy for America will start at 7pm in the church ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

RSVP by emailing rectory@sjwoodstock.org or call the rectory at 845-679-7696.

May is Saint John's month to staff the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodstock.



Soup, bread, beverages and dessert are served. Soup is prepared by area restaurants and bread is donated by local establishments. We are very fortunate that the DBSK now has "permanent volunteers: on Mondays (thanks to John Mocarski and his daughter) and Wednesdays. So, barring any unforeseen changes or emergencies, we are actually only looking for Friday volunteers from 3:30-6:15 pm.

Volunteers are needed to do the following:

1. Pick up the soup from area restaurants and deliver it to the Christ Lutheran Church by 3:45.
2. 2 adults (and 1 CCD student) are needed to set up, serve and cleanup. (Only 1 CCD student per shift... and only with parental permission, please.)
3. We can also use substitutes, because emergencies do happen. There will be a spot for you to sign up if you'd like to be called as a substitute throughout the year.

Starting in April, a signup sheet will be displayed in the back of the Church. Please include your address and phone number so that I can send you a reminder. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Runz at 973-222-5489.

This is actually a very enjoyable and rewarding way to spend an afternoon. Your generosity will be appreciated by all you serve!



BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

~Father George


Pray for ...

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50th GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at

*St. Patrick's Cathedral
on
Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 pm.*

Pre-registration is required. Please contact the rectory at 845-679-7696 to register or email Rectory@sjwoodstock.org. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14, 2018.

Added in January

Kevin Scanlan
Janice Walsh
William Lucas
Joan C. Fauci
Lori Wright
Conor Harkins
Tabitha Alessi
Rose Barros
John Kirker
Charlotte Stutzmann
Jack Hoffman

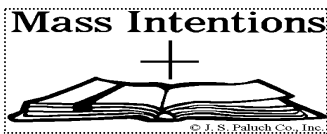
Added in February

Nancy Bernard
Jessica Shultis
Leilani Robichaux Lemmieux
Hebe
Jon Karker
Jodi A.
Marianne F.
Francesca Giannola Ingoglia
Added in March

George Benoit
Annie Patrick
Uncle Joe

Added in April

Ann
Craig Entwistle
Tory Entwistle
Mel T.
Flora
Katheryn B.
Mike L.
Andrew E.
Luke S.
Kathy Kretschmer
Joe McPhee



Saturday, April 14th

5:00 PM OPEN INTENTION

Sunday, April 15th

8:00 AM LEE S. MOYER, Joe Carrubba

9:30 AM OPEN INTENTION

11:00 AM INTENTION OF PARISHIONERS

Monday, April 16th

9:00 AM JOHN, REGINA, ROBERT, CHARLOTTE &
NORMAN SMITH, Kathleen & Richard Fazzone

Tuesday, April 17th

9:00 AM PAULINE NERP, Pins & Needles

Wednesday, April 18th

9:00 AM PATSY GOLDBLATT, Mary & Bob Netter

Thursday, April 19th

9:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, April 20th

9:00 AM DARYL ANNE FLORIO, Frank Florio

Saturday, April 21st

5:00 PM HYTIER FAMILY, Jackie Francois

Sunday, April 22nd (Earth Day)

8:00 AM LEE S. MOYER, Joe Carrubba

9:30 AM OPEN INTENTION

11:00 AM OPEN INTENTION



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

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

Weekly Offerings

4/09/17 \$4,462.50

4/08/18 \$5,818.00

Holy Land Cont'd.

4/08/18 \$160.00

Our Cardinal's Appeal Goal for 2018

\$30,000.00

30 donors—\$9,725.00 Pledged—32% of Goal

Renew + Rebuild Goal is \$413,000.00

47 Parishioners contributed \$341,910.00 (83% of goal)
(Only 10% of our parish has participated thus far.)

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PERSONS

Altar Servers	Cindy Frisbie 246-1819
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 and Outdoor Stations	Bob and Lori Biamonte, 679-2239
Bereavement Committee	Francine Carmody 679-7205
Bulletin	Jeanine Meisler, 679-7696
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
Pins and Needles	Pat Lindtveit, 338- 1720 Helen DeVoe, 679-5947
Religious Education 1 - 6	Cindy Frisbie, W 679-2869
Religious Education 7 - 9	Alice Haberski, W 679-2869 and H 679-6791
R.C.I.A.	TBD
Respect Life	Rosemary Cyr 679-6872
Secular Franciscan Order	Lorraine Pioli Sciarrino 626-7000
Social/FUNdraising Committee...	679-7696
Soup Kitchen	Barbara Runz 845-657-4022
Tree of Life	Dolores Hagedorn 845-679-7607 Jeanine Meisler 845-853-3042
Ulster Vicariate	TBD
Ushers	Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Wedding Committee.....	Alice Haberski, 679-6791 Sandi Armstrong, 679-1098
Youth Ministry/Activities	Harold & Cindy Frisbie 246-1819

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	Income Tax Day
Saturday:	St. Anselm