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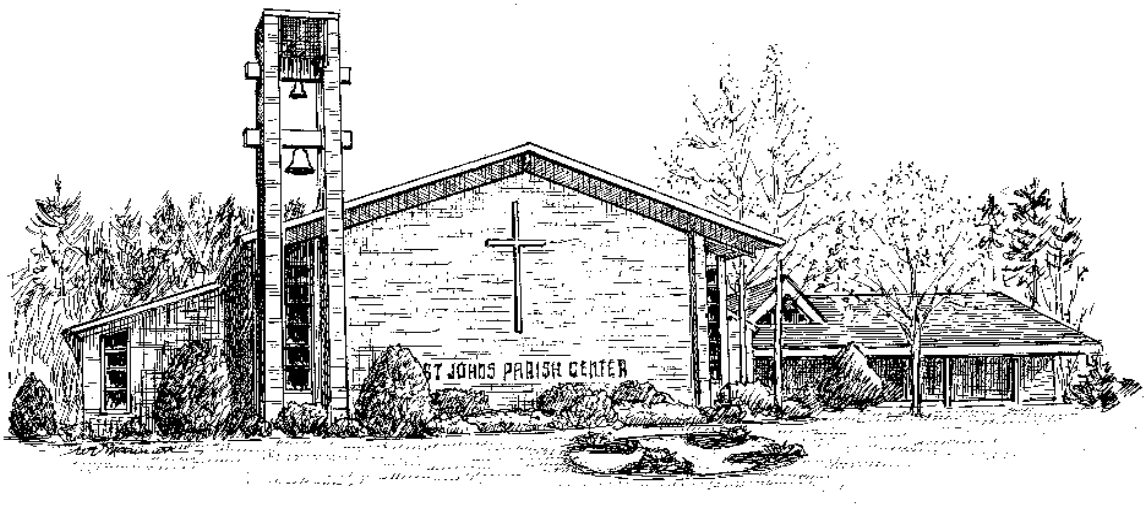

HUMAN TRADITION

It would be easy to wonder why the disciples ate "with unwashed hands," especially in those times when dust and dirt were plentiful and the disciples worked with their hands as fishermen. But these scriptures are not concerned so much with physical cleanliness as with spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees, who were so picky about following every letter of every law, had an "aha" moment in which they saw an opportunity to accuse Jesus and the disciples of breaking the law of Moses. Jesus responds in a very sensible way. He says, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,
But their hearts are far from me;
In vain do they worship me,
Teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

The same could be said about some of today's Christians, who are so enamored of the past that they cannot see that Jesus has brought about a new interpretation of tradition. Just as we celebrate birthdays with cake and candles, perhaps now with chocolate cake and tiny candles—whereas in the past it was only white cake and bigger candles—tradition adapts to the times while holding on to the essence of what was celebrated before. Tradition preserves the essence while changing the details, something that some of us may fail to grasp. Such people may want everything to be the same in every detail, and accuse others of failure to worship properly because they do not hold to past practices.

Like the Pharisees, sometimes we want to cling to the way things were done in our childhood, never accepting change of any kind. We fail to see the essence of the tradition preserved in a new way of doing things. Perhaps we don't understand the essence of tradition, or perhaps we are so unsure of ourselves that we want to be instructed strictly in the old ways, like the Pharisees who knew the law by heart and were quite comfortable practicing what poorer people had no way of doing perfectly. It was the poorer people who followed Jesus because he offered them hope.

It would be well for us to remember that the essence of tradition is the worship of God, not the preservation of human habits. We can learn to practice charity and love in emulation of others who have willingly, in following Jesus, held their faith to mean loving their neighbor.

Today's Readings: Dt 4:1–2, 6–8; Ps 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5; Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27; Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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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, Thursday, & Friday (No Mass on Wed.)
Eve of Holy Days 5:30 pm
Holy Days 9:00 am and 7:30 pm
Penance 4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturdays

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

Elementary: **Tues….1st-6th Grade....4-5:30 pm**
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 HS ……..845-338-2750

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
FAX - 845-679-8393
www.sjwoodstock.org

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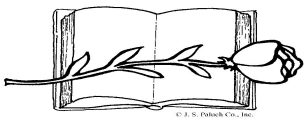

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— *James 1:21b*

Father George—Welcome back from vacation!

FIRST FRIDAY: Mass will be offered at 9am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Litany to the Sacred Heart.

MASS FOR LIFE: First Fridays at St. Peter's Church, Rosendale, at 10am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:30 – 5:20pm, Benediction and 5:30 Mass. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Sacrament Preparation Meeting

On Sunday, September 16, 2018 First Communion children and families are invited to come together at the 11am Mass, then gather in the Parish Hall for Sacrament Preparation Meeting. Refreshments will be served!

Please Mark Your Calendar!
Lollipop Making
is Sat. Oct. 6, 2018 - 9am-3pm

Volunteers are needed to melt chocolate and then wrap the formed lollipops. It's a fun activity and the finished lollipops will be sold 3 weekends in Nov. The funds raised will be used to purchase Christmas Gifts from Wish Lists of residents of MidWay Houses in Kingston & Ellenville. Please volunteer!! For further information please call Rel. Ed. office at 679-2869 .

Thank you, Alice Haberski,
Red.Ed Coordinator 7-9 grades

Employment Opportunity!

Passion for healthy eating & lifestyle?
Know your way around a kitchen?
Experience in a fast pace environment?
Able to lift 50lbs? Positions available for Kitchen Prep and Food Truck

Contact info@TheGreenPalate.com
or call 347-426-6386

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, located in the Hall of Christ's Lutheran Church, 26 Mill Hill Rd, Woodstock, NY. The Daily Bread Soup kitchen is changing their staffing schedule. Instead of Saint John's Parish having the months of May and October to staff the soup kitchen, the Board of Directors is looking for individual people (from all the local churches) to work at the kitchen one day a month (for example, the third Wednesday of every month) from September through December. If you are able to volunteer one day a month for four months, please contact Barbara Runz at 973-222-5489 or 845 -657-4022. You may also email to bjtr@hvc.rr.com. Thank you so much for considering this great project.

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is also seeking a permanent "opener" to unlock the doors and set up coffee, salt, pepper, utensils, napkins, etc. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (approx. 1 hour each day). This position is a **PAID** position. You may also contact Barbara Runz if you are interested in the position. Thank you!

JOIN US (ArchNY) on a Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

When: Saturday, October 6, 2018
Time: 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM (excluding travel time)
Web Address: www.adnypilgrimage.eventbrite.com
Where: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20017
Cost: $50 per person. Each ticket includes a roundtrip bus ticket and a boxed dinner. Bus Location closest to St. John's is **Our Lady of Lourdes High Schoo**l, Faculty parking lot, 131 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Description/Details: Join Cardinal Dolan on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday October 6th. The pilgrimage is hosted by the Office of Adult Faith Formation. To purchase tickets, please visit www.adnypilgrimage.eventbrite.com and select your desired departure site.

Elementary Religious Education Registration

The Elementary Registration Forms have been mailed and were due by Aug. 16, 2018.

If you have a child attending our program for the first time, you can contact Cindy Frisbie in our Religious Education Office @ 845-679-2869 to schedule an appointment to register your child.
We welcome New Families!

Elementary Religious Education Classes begin on Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Our new year will begin with an Informational meeting for the children and their families. Father George will Commission and give a Blessing to our Catechist.

7th, 8th & 9th grade Registration information:

ALERT!! Please return your Registration Forms ASAP!!

If you did not receive registration information in the mail or if you are a new family and would like to register, please call Religious Education Office 679-2869 or pick up a form in the lobby.

Classes start on:

Mon. 9/17 for 9th graders *who are also our Confirmation Candidates*

Tue. 9/11 for 8th graders

Wed. 9/12 for 7th graders

All classes 7:00pm-8:30pm

First night of class will have parents/guardians join Fr. George in commissioning & blessing our Catechists as the new school year starts.
God Bless all of you & thank you for being a part of St. John's Parish life in such a special way!

Happy Summer. -
Mrs Haberski Jr/Sr high Coordinator

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

Blessings,
Father George

Pray for ...

Added in July
Kate Berryan
Hannah Berryan
Nancy Bernard
Jessica Shultis
Leilani Robichaux Lemmieux
Rose Barros
Bob Cook
Jean Savoye
Luke
Kathy Kretchner
George Benoit
Tim Blossom

Added in August
George J. Fauci
Theresa A. Fauci
Donna Fauci
Michael Xavier
Carol Young
Anna & Phil Mosier
Dominic Fauci, SI
Dan Dwyer
Judy Studt
Jodi
Halsey
Marianne
Baby Ruby
Jon Karker
Julia Mullen
Conor Harkins
Andrea
Rosanne Fracher
Glen
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Mike A.
Andrew E.
Mel T.
Marianna D.
Karen
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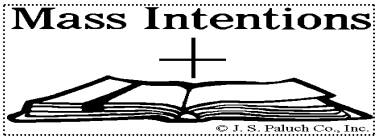
Bob Barringer
Fr. George
Pam Campbell



First Saturday, September 1st
9:00 AM **OPEN INTENTION**
5:00 PM **STAN, ANN, AND STELLA MACKIEWICZ**
Lucy & Ted Mackiewicz
Sunday, September 2nd
8:00 AM **OPEN INTENTION**
9:30 AM **OPEN INTENTION**
11:00 AM **KATHLEEN MORAN,** Joseph, Eileen & Marilyn
Monday, September 3rd—Labor Day
9:00 AM **INTENTION OF PARISHIONERS**
Tuesday, September 4th
9:00 AM **JOHN, REGINA, ROBERT, CHARLOTTE AND NORMAN SMITH,** Kathleen & Richard Fazzone
Wednesday, September 5th
9:00 AM **NO MASS**
Thursday, September 6th
9:00 AM **JENNIFER SALTZENSTEIN,**
Dolores Garcia-Moreno
Friday, September 7th
9:00 AM **JASON REILLY,** The Family
Saturday, September 8th
5:00 PM **ANNE DIEMER AND JULIA HASS,** Anne Hass
Sunday, September 9th
8:00 AM **OPEN INTENTION**
9:30 AM **OPEN INTENTION**
11:00 AM **MIKE BEERS,** Del Umbers

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 OFFERING	8/27/17	$3,237.00
	8/26/18	$3,243.00

Our Cardinal's Appeal Goal for 2018
$30,000.00
52 donors—$14,215.00 Pledged—47% 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.)

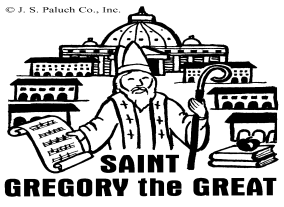
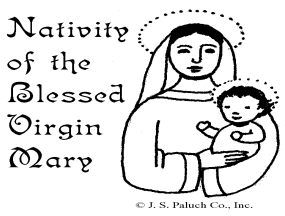
Thank you for your generosity!

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: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary