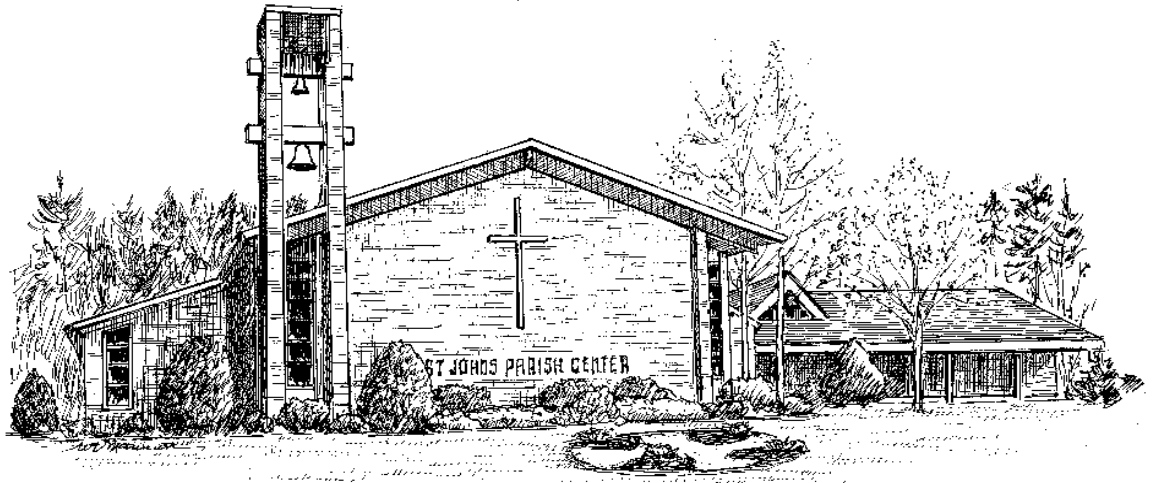


St. John's Parish



CONGRATULATIONS!

Today's Gospel from Luke is the Sermon on the Plain with the Beatitudes, what we usually think of as the Sermon on the Mount. It seems as though Jesus is congratulating those who would have been considered unfortunate, doesn't it? The Beatitude statements overturn the concept of "fortunate" in Jesus' time, naming those who are poor, hungry, mourning, or marginalized as those who should rejoice.

Jesus continues with prophetic and startling "Woe to you!" statements, directed to those usually thought of as blessed. Heavenly reward is not a privilege of the rich and comfortable but a blessing for all who trust in God, whose reward will be great in heaven.

The first reading and the psalm take a somewhat different focus: trust in God, not people or things of this world. One who trusts in God is fortunate, like a plant that produces good fruit, sustained by living waters and currents of grace. "Not so the wicked," who wither and vanish, blowing away like the illusions of their self-absorption.

Paul, in the second reading, confronts members of the early Christian community of Corinth who were doubting, or devaluing, belief in Jesus' resurrection and the general resurrection of the dead. Depending on the material world in their spiritual pride, they believed that their righteousness was something they had achieved on their own. They felt self-sufficient, "rich," not in need of the ongoing saving power of Christ's resurrection that completes the sacrifice of Good Friday through Easter, which is our true blessing.

So, congratulations! Acknowledging our need for God, we are rich in the Kingdom love of our Father. Our hunger is satisfied by the sustaining nourishment of the Spirit. Our weeping is "turned into dancing" knowing that Jesus is with us in our sorrows, in fact knew them when he walked upon earth. Reasons enough for us to rejoice, always, even when people treat us badly. God's reward to us is the Kingdom, now and always.

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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2/17/2018

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, 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

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.

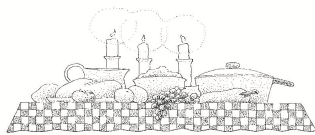
Religious Education—845-679-2869

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 HS845-338-2750

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

CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS: Rectory@sjwoodstock.org



Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied."

— Luke 6:20-21a



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Thank you for giving so generously to Peter's Pence!

QUICK NOTES

Our outreach program is moving along at lightning speed. We have parishioners who are strongly dedicated to making our program a rousing success. **Please join us and have some fun.**

Saint John's is making the news lately. Following Father George's Open Letter to the community in last weekend's local newspapers, a second article was published this weekend where Father George is quoted frequently. We have included copies of this article in today's bulletin.

We now have two concerts scheduled and more being planned. The first one is our Christian Music Concert on February 24th. The second is our Jazz Concert on March 23rd.

We have placed ads in the Woodstock Times, the Kingston Times, the Saugerties Times, and the New Paltz Times for both concerts. You may also see some posters advertising our concerts around town. Please encourage family and friends to come. As a reminder, if you want to perform in one of our concerts or know of a music group who may be interested, contact Bob Biamonte at biamonte@mac.com.

Tickets are being sold for the first concert after all the Masses up until the day of the concert. We will also sell tickets at the door. Children 12 and under are FREE and there is a discount for Seniors. So bring the whole family!

In addition to the concerts, we have two programs being developed for our Summer Day Program for our children. The first is called ROAR, scheduled for the last week of July. The second is our cooking program which will be in August. The children will have lots and lots of fun amid enjoyable instructional programs. BE SURE TO TELL YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS ABOUT THEM. MORE DETAILS ON THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE SHARED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. If you have an idea for a program or want to initiate a program, please contact Jennie Konior at konior.jennie@yahoo.com.

The Finance Committee has approved the installation of a huge screen from our Renew and Rebuild Donations to be installed in the sanctuary. It will only be visible when used. As a result, we will be able to offer a family movie night (hopefully each weekend). The first Family Movie Night is scheduled for March 2. Details will be available soon. Please drop off suggestions for your favorite movies in our Suggestion Box.

We are moving fast and having fun. If you want to participate in any way just let us know. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS TO US VIA OUR SUGGESTION BOXES OR CONTACT JENNIE KONIOR at konior.jennie@yahoo.com.

Let's make St. John's/St. Augustine's the most exciting parish in Ulster County.

Thank you to all our volunteers. You're doing a wonderful job!

Sincerely in Christ, Jennie Konior,
Parish Council President

St. John's CONCERT Series

Come enjoy a beautiful concert of
contemporary Christian music.

WHEN: Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3 PM

WHERE: St. John's Church,
12 Holly Hills Drive, Woodstock, NY 12498

WHO: Psalm 150 Led by Barry Lindsay

COST: 1 ticket for \$10, 2 tickets for \$15,
Seniors \$7 and children under 12 are Free

Refreshments will be
available at intermission

Seeking Gifts of Warmth

*Our 6th grade religious education kids
are organizing a
"Gifts of Warmth" drive.*

Our giving tree will keep on giving!

The Table, the new soup kitchen in Woodstock operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. They are seeking "Gifts of Warmth" for those in need, some who are currently living without homes or heat! The gifts they are seeking this winter are new heavy gloves, hats, socks, and scarves. If you can donate any of these items, please place them in the "Gifts of Warmth" box in the back of the church next to our Giving Tree and in the chapel lobby. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.



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John A. Coleman Catholic High School will register students for the Class of 2023 (Grade 9) on Thursday, Feb. 28th from 4-6pm. Transfer students in grades 9-11 can also register at this time. Call 338-2750 for more information.

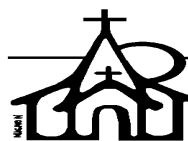
We invite you to experience Kingston Catholic School in action by visiting us any time during the year. See our high quality Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 classes for yourself. To book a visit: Make an individual appointment by calling us at (845) 331-9318; or

Come to one of the special

TOURING TUESDAYS open house events which we are hosting on any of the dates below from 9:00 am to 11:00 am or by appointment. To reserve and select Kingston Catholic School in Ulster/Sullivan/Orange when prompted.



Remaining Touring Tuesdays in 2019
March 5, March 19, April 9



**Pastor's
Corner**

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BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

Yours in Christ, Fr. George


Pray for ...



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Added in December

Dave Quninn
Sharon and Daniel Bach
Karen
Kathryn B.
Pam M.
Larry Goldblatt
Ray Haberski
Andrew
Dee
Katherine B.
Leah S.

Added in January

Dan Dulin
Kate Berryan
Hannah Berryan
Nancy Bernard
Jessica Shultis
Leilani Robichaux Lemmieux
Danny Dulin
Bill Studt
Bob Smith

Pam Campbell
Kevin S.
Valerie Bruno
Art
Grace
Pat S.
Dolores and Family
Norma
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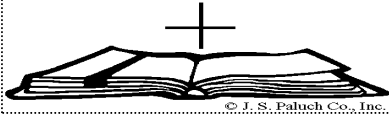
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Family of K. Cook

Added in February

George J. Fauci, Theresa A. Fauci, Michael X. Fauci/Dell
Donna Fauci, Frank J. Fauci
Carol Young, Anthony F. Fauci, Angelina M. Fauci,
Nicole Chambers, Donald Chambers

Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 16th

5:00 PM DALE VAN VALKENBURGH, Gay & Dan Lynch

Sunday, February 17th

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

9:30 AM PEARL COGLIANDRO, Pat & Tom Lindtveit

11:00 AM BARBARA RIGGINS, Michelle & Jim Moran

Monday, February 18th

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Tuesday, February 19th

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Wednesday, February 20th

9:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, February 21st

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Friday, February 22nd

9:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Saturday, February 23rd

5:00 PM RAY HABERSKI, 75TH BIRTHDAY,
The 70's Club

Sunday, February 24th

8:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

9:30 AM LUISA & ELMO TINTI, Mary & Rose Villani

11:00 AM BARBARA HASS, Anne Hass



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

2/11/18	\$2,718.50
2/10/19	\$3,606.32

Peter's Pence

2/11/18	\$205.00
2/10/19	\$810.00

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Goal for 2019—**\$30,000.00**

of Pledged Gifts— **8** Total Dollar Pledged **\$1,125.00**

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
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Liturgy Committee	Sue Curran, 679-8617
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Music Group	Dave Christi, 430-8040
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Parish Council	Jennie Konior 336-8059
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Pins and Needles	Pat Lindtveit, 338- 1720
.....	Helen DeVoe, 679-5947
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Religious Education 7 - 9	Alice Haberski, W 679-2869 and H 679-6791
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.....	Jeanine Meisler 845-853-3042
Ushers	Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Wedding Committee	Alice Haberski, 679-6791
.....	Sandi Armstrong, 679-1098

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Thursday:	St. Peter Damian
Friday:	Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Saturday:	St. Polycarp

saint snippets



St. Francisco Marto

One of the three Portuguese children who witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917

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February 20

More than anything else, I want to console our Lord.