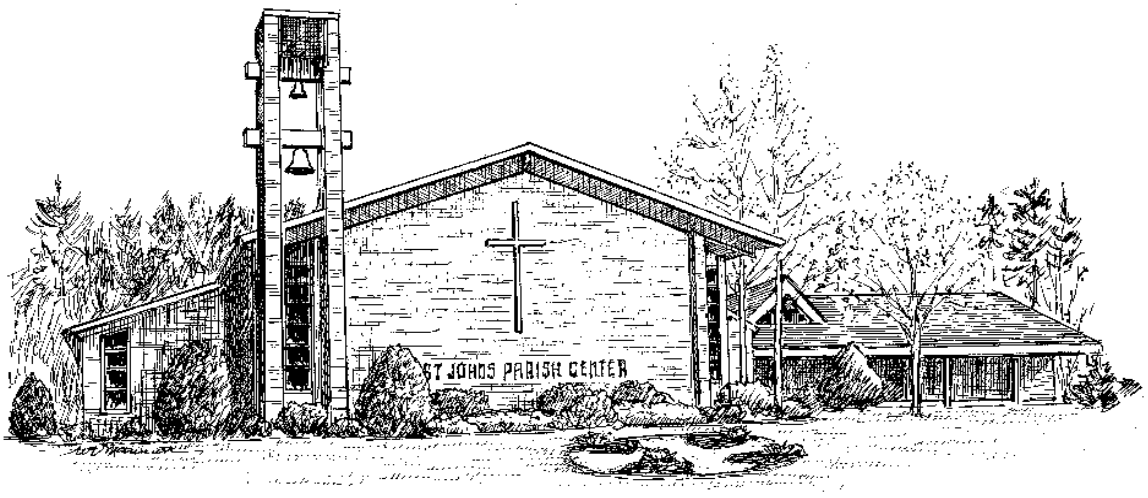
St. John's Parish



WHO WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER?

In November, with All Hallows at the beginning of the month, our thoughts and prayers turn to those saints and souls who have gone before us. Gone where, though? Truth is, we don't know. Scripture makes many statements about life after death, but all notions of the afterlife require faith and hope. Today's Gospel from Luke has Jesus speaking comforting words about life after death—the righteous becoming children of God, like angels.

The hero-martyrs of our Old Testament reading about the Maccabees provide early examples of faith in the resurrection of the dead. They hold steadfast in their faith, being willing to die rather than violate their God's law. Their frighteningly brutal story of hope might seem foolish to some, but we are all well aware of modern-day examples of men and women who have suffered rather than betray their beliefs.

In the days of Jesus, belief in the resurrection of the dead had not achieved universal acceptance. In fact, the Sadducees in today's Gospel were staunch resurrection deniers and tried to trick Jesus. Turning the tables, Jesus states that Moses in the distant past believed that the God of our ancestors in faith is truly God of the living, and that all are alive to God, whether still living or dead. Death is just a phase, a doorway, maybe a tesseract. We really don't know. Jesus reassures us that those are unnecessary concerns for the faithful, just as the specifics of worldly life will no longer be relevant. Not only will our earthly bodies be changed, but all that we knew from mortal existence—all marriage, all family, all relationships—will be transformed in ways we can't possibly imagine. All that we have will be ours again. So we should stop worrying and live so as to be worthy of whatever comes next, for when we are embraced in the eternal love-feast of glorified existence with God, our joy will indeed be full.

Today's Readings: 2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14; Ps 17:1, 5–6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27–38 [27, 34–38]

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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

St. John's Church

Weekend Mass
Saturday 5:00pm Woodstock
Sunday 8:00am Centerville and
11:15am Woodstock

Weekday Mass
Monday and Wednesday at 9:00am Woodstock
Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am Centerville

Eve of Holy Days
5:00pm Vigil Mass at Centerville

Holy Day Mass
9:00am and 7:30pm at Woodstock
10am at Centerville

Penance 4-4:30pm Saturdays at Woodstock

St. Augustine's Chapel

Weekend Mass
Sunday 9:45am

Religious Education—845-679-7696 (Press 4)

St. John's Parish Hall—Grades 1-9

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS
TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL
THE RECTORY OR GO TO
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Woodstock, N.Y. 12498

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71 Watson Hollow Road
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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2019

My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.

— Psalm 17:5-6a

This weekend's second collection is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

Serving those who Serve!

While second collections are not allowed in U.S. military chapels, military personnel and other **AMS Faithful have the opportunity to participate through the AMS Appeal**.

Thank you for your consideration of a gift in support of YOUR Archdiocese!

Fr. Kiely will be on vacation from Nov. 11-22. We wish him a relaxing and enjoyable vacation!

WE WILL NOT HAVE WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HIS VACATION.

UNBOUND WILL BE VISITING US ON NOV. 16/17 DURING ALL MASSES.

When you sponsor through Unbound, you offer a hand up — not a handout — to a family working to lift themselves out of poverty through hard work, initiative and hope.

Your monthly contribution of $36 directly benefits the specific individual you sponsor to help meet their basic needs. But your sponsorship does so much more.

With your support, our program empowers sponsored individuals and their families with tools to achieve self-sufficiency.

Local staff members work with sponsored families on how to best use their benefits to achieve personal and family goals. This may include resources for:

- Nutrition
- Health care
- Education and skills training
- Improved living conditions

Seed capital for a small business or farm

Thanks to your support and encouragement, families are able to invest in their children's education, develop livelihoods and become active community participants.

Over time, they rely less on sponsorship and more on their own income-generation activities.

Pastor's Corner

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CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." That same confidence appears in Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "The Lord is faithful," he testifies; "he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.

Blessings,
Fr. Thomas Kiely

Our October Fuel Club Winner is Mr. & Mrs. Bob Dietrich! Congratulations!!!

The Little Ones Jim Burrows

Jesus said to them, "That the dead will rise
even Moses made known in the passage about the bush,
when he called out 'Lord,'
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;
and he is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive." Lk 20:37-38

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Religious Ed. Corner
Elementary & Jr./Sr. HS

St. John's Religious Ed children are partnering with The Table at Woodstock to collect Gifts of Warmth for their guests!

We are collecting gloves, scarves, winter hats, and NEW socks. We will also add coats to this drive and items of dignity.
All donations can be brought to St. John's lobby and St. Augustine's lobby.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Jr./Sr. High Students will be selling delicious handmade chocolate lollipops after all Mass this weekend and next. This fundraiser will make it possible for the Confirmation class to shop for presents for residents of the Midway Houses in Kingston and Ellenville. The residents are young adults, who for one reason or another, cannot live at home. They learn life skills while at the Midway Houses. They either attend school or work. **Thanks for supporting our 9th gr. Confirmation Class with this special fundraising event!**

Notice from our Religious Ed Department!

This is regarding Our Safe Environment for our Religious Education Students! On Tuesdays during the school year when Religious Ed is in session, all doors must remain locked.
Please use the FRONT DOOR ONLY—Even if you have a key. A monitor will be stationed there to greet you on Tuesday's from the hours of 3-9pm.

BEYOND ST. JOHN'S

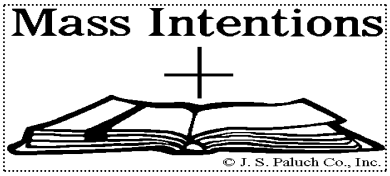
Make A Christmas Miracle

Ulster County has earned the dubious distinction of being the county with the most opioid overdose deaths in NYS. Since 2016, a Saugerties based grassroots organization has been leading the way on a counter assault on this epidemic. Hope Rocks Christmas is one of the many events organized by the Hope Rocks team and this year, 2015 Grammy Winner Mike Farris, will be the featured performer. Farris will be sharing his addiction and recovery story through his music and personal testimony in a most powerful and intimate way. Individuals in recovery from around the region will be invited to this exclusive event to witness this in a unique and inspiring atmosphere. Your ticket to this event could allow for up to 20 individuals who are in the grips of despair find support and hope during a time that is particularly dark. Be a donor or sponsor of this event while seeing first-hand hope in action. Help to make Hope Rock! For more info, visit www.hoperocksny.com or contact info@hoperocksny.com

Come Chase Your Blues Away!
Friday, December 22 at 7PM at the Woodstock Harley-Davidson on Route 28.

Woodstock Community Thanksgiving Service is on Monday, November 25. Time and location to be determined.

Added in September
Merrilyn McComiskey
Alison Burke
Sandy Fisher and Family
Added in October
Fr. George
Kate Berryan
Hannah Berryan
Nancy Bernard
Jessica Shultis
Leilani Robichaux Lemmieux
Dan Dulin
Kaylen
Heather
Joann Pinedo
Mike Lorenzo
Carl
Suzi
Pam
Eric H.
Richard Fisher
John Kennedy
Morgan F.
Added in November
Andrew
Jonathan
Michael
Dee and Family
Karen & Charles
Kay



Date	Time	Mass is offered for	At the request of
11/9	5:00pm	**Joseph Reilly**	Dolores Kelley
11/10	9:45am	**Mary Vanacore**	The Family
	11:15am	**Joseph Reilly**	The Family
11/11	9:00am	**No Mass**	Fr. Kiely -Vacation
11/13	9:00am	**No Mass**	Fr. Kiely -Vacation
11/16	5:00pm	**Ian Daniel**	Daisy Duenas
11/17	9:45am	**Alison Fraser & Nancy DeForest**	The Fraser Family
	11:15am	**Robyn Dougherty**	Kathleen & Guy Oddo

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

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

11/04/18 Gifts $3,755.00
11/03/19 Gifts $3,462.50

All Saints Day
11/04/18 $455.00
11/03/19 $502.00

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2019 Goal—**$30,000.00**

# of Pledged Gifts—60 **Pledged $32,140.00**

Paid— $31,830.00 **Average Gift $536.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PERSONS

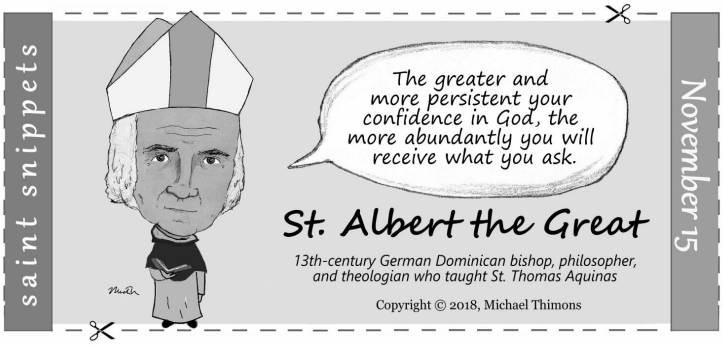
Altar Servers .....Fr. Kiely, 679-7696
Altar Society .....Christine Molinelli, 679-5332
Baptismal Committee.....Francine Carmody 679-7205 and
.....Bernadette Poremba, 679-7643
Beautification
Church..... Brian and Joan Hagedorn, 679-7622
Grotto and Outdoor Stations ..... Bob and Lori Biamonte, 679-2239
Bereavement Committee .....Francine Carmody 679-7205 and
.....Gail Russo 657-8068
Bulletin .....Jeanine Meisler, 853-3042
Chapel ..... Becki Shultis, 616-3426
Eucharist Ministers/Lectors ..... Bob Dietrich, 657-8556
Food Pantry .....Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Holiday Food Baskets.....Diane & Vince Christofora
Holiday Food Baskets Fundraising.....Ann Gregory
Liturgy Committee.....Sue Curran, 679-8617
Maintenance Committee.....David Sudlik, 845-332-9037
Music Group Church.....Dave Christi, 430-8040
Music Group Chapel .....Becki Shultis, 616-3426
Parish Council .....Jennie Konior 336-8059
Parish Nurse .....Colleen Short, 845-802-4147
Pins and Needles.....Pat Lindtveit, 338- 1720
.....Helen DeVoe, 679-5947
Religious Education K - 9.....Alice Haberski, H 679-6791
Respect Life.....Rosemary Cyr 679-6872
Secular Franciscan Order .....Lorraine Pioli Sciarrino 626-7000
Soup Kitchen .....Barbara Runz 845-657-4022
Tree of Life.....Dolores Hagedorn 845-679-7607
Ushers .....Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Wedding Committee.....Alice Haberski, 679-6791
.....Sandi Armstrong, 612-599-4112

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Tuesday: St. Josaphat and
Wednesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Friday: St. Albert the Great
Saturday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude; Blessed Virgin Mary



Calling All Bakers & Artists

The Holiday Food Program Committee Needs Your Help

1000 Cookies & 200 Placemats

When: Saturday, November 23rd, 10AM to 2PM – Or Until We Drop!

Volunteers for the Holiday Food Program are making fresh homemade chocolate chip cookies and paper placemats to include with this year's Thanksgiving Holiday food baskets.

We are looking for student volunteers to bake these cookies and make these placemats. No supplies, tools, or materials needed. Just show up ready to bake and color.

Contact Diane Christofora at (845) 706-5239 or by email at: Nannyland@aol.com for more details and to volunteer to make this project a big success.

1000 Cookies!! We are making 1000 cookies as special gifts for the Holiday food baskets. We are looking student volunteers to help with;

- Baking
- Taste Testing
- Packaging & Wrapping
- Cleaning Up

We welcome any adults that want to volunteer to make this event a success.

200 Placemats!! Each Holiday food basket will include custom colored placemats to help make the gift extra special.

If you can stay between the lines – most of the time, we need you!

You bring your creativity and we will supply the art supplies for you to make these special placemats.

We will be baking and coloring again in December as part of the Christmas Holiday Food Program. So please free to contact Diane now to let her know you can help out in December.

If you would like to donate to the Holiday Food Program please mail your check to St. John's Parish, 12 Holly Hill Drive, Woodstock, New York 12498, or drop it off in the basket located in the main entrance hallway of the Church.

HOLY DAY & HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING – November 28, 2019

Thursday, November 28, 2019	9:00AM	St. Mary of the Snow	Fr. Chris
	10:00AM	St. John's Woodstock	Fr. Kiely

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – December 8, 2019

This falls on a Sunday, so the normal Mass Schedule is in effect.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY – December 24 & 25, 2019

Tuesday, December 24, 2019	4:00PM	St. John's Woodstock	Fr. Kiely
	4:00PM	St. Joseph Glasco	Fr. Chris
	5:30PM	St. Mary of the Snow	Fr. Chris
	6:00PM	St. John's Centerville	Fr. Kiely
	8:00PM	St. John's Woodstock	Fr. Kiely
	Midnight	St. Mary of the Snow	Fr. Chris
Wednesday, December 25, 2019	8:00AM	St. John's Centerville	Fr. Chris
	9:30AM	St. Joseph Glasco	Fr. Chris
	10:00AM	St. John's Woodstock	Fr. Kiely
	11:30AM	St. Mary of the Snow	Fr. Chris

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Tuesday, December 31, 2019	5:00PM	St. John's Centerville	Fr. Kiely
	5:30PM	St. Joseph Glasco	Fr. Chris
Wednesday, January 1, 2020	10:00AM	St. Mary of the Snow	Fr. Chris
	10:00AM	St. John's Woodstock	Fr. Kiely
	11:00AM	St. John's Centerville	Fr. Chris