

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

Prolife Oratory Contest Sunday

Parishioners are invited to attend the Prolife Oratory Contest, Sunday, April 10, at 12:30 pm at St John. We have several students grade 6 and up competing for a cash prize and the possible opportunity to advance to the state level. Please come support them.

'Thank You'

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22

Thank you to all who warmly welcomed us into the Catholic Church and were witness to confirming the Holy Spirit within us. Your gifts of food and kind words are greatly treasured! Thank you also to those who could not be physically present but were there in Spirit.

With lasting love and peace,

Alicia Lynn Maria Viafore &
Sally Marie Teresa Scrimshaw

Spring Enrichment

This year's Spring Enrichment is May 18 through 20 at the College of Saint Rose in Albany and May 21 at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta. Enjoy some of the 89 two hour courses or 15 one hour mini-courses.

Check out at rcda.org/springenrichment.

Faith Formation

Confirmation rehearsal on May 4, 6:30 pm
& Confirmation on May 6, 6:30 pm at
St. Mary's Church in Oneonta

OFFERINGS

	<u>Offeritory</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
St. John:	\$2,366	\$664
Holy Family:	289	103
St. Peter:	1,237	479

Increase Your Mileage

Is your car on its last legs ... I mean, wheels? You can help bring hope to people in need by donating your used or broken down: car, truck, boat, or motorcycle. Get more mileage out of your used vehicle (or boat) and turn it into a 'vehicle for change' via Catholic Relief Services.

Maximize your tax benefit for next year by donating your used vehicle today. It's as easy as 1... 2... 3:

1. Call CRS toll free at 855.990.4483, or visit us online,
2. schedule your free pickup, and
3. your vehicle will be picked up, and you'll receive a donation receipt!

Your wheels will make a lifesaving impact!

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Together were Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, Zebedee's sons, and two others ... John 21:2

Jesus' friends decide to go on a fishing trip. At first they do not recognize Jesus on shore. How many of your child's friends can you name? Talk together about their personalities and strengths, (and about picking friends carefully).

○ Cross, you are God's mighty love,
glory of heaven,
perennial salvation of men.

~ Saint Paulinus of Nola

Alzheimer Caregiver Forum

A **Help & Hope** caregiver forum presented by the Alzheimer's Association will be held at the Oneonta Holiday Inn on Thursday, April 28, 9:30 am to 4:15 pm. Topics: a personal view about caregiving; introduction to managed long term care; "It's All About the Approach"--improving communication; & an 'Unwind' yoga relaxation session. Fee: \$15 includes lunch.

Registration forms are in Church.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Talking to your man is different from talking to your girlfriend. By and large, a man wants the bottom line. Cut the amount of prelude by approximately 90%, and you will get it just about right.

~from Smart Marriages

Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

Please drop one or more of these requested items at Holy Family: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce; fruit, jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut, boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing; soap, toilet paper, personal care items. The Colchester Community Food Bank is open Wednesdays 1 to 2:30 pm.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus invited the disciples to "*Come and have breakfast.*" At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support one another.

Risen Life, Eternal Life

Christ's risen life shown during the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension is the pattern for our life in Him. It is in the risen life that we live: we can accept His passion in our own lives only because He who lives our life in us has "overcome the world." He suffered all that we shall ever suffer, He has even died each of our deaths, He has overcome death.

At first sight the most astonishing thing about the risen life is its ordinariness. But that is wholly consistent with Christ's way. His revelation of Himself was always gradual, always told like a secret. Before knowing Him as God, He wanted men to know Him as themselves, so that they would not be afraid to come close to Him. Now He is determined that His incredible experience of having died and come back shall not make a barrier. There must be no sense of the uncanny to awe them.

He will not even startle them by letting them realize suddenly, unwarned, that He is there. They must first realize that they are with someone ordinary, and afterwards learn who it is. He is concerned by so human a thing as whether they have something savory to make their dry bread palatable. He lights a fire and cooks a little breakfast for them Himself. He knew "what was in the heart of man." ~ Caryl Houselander

The wounds of Jesus are a *scandal, a stumbling block for faith*, yet they are also *the test of faith*. That is why on the body of the risen Christ the wounds never pass away: they remain, for those wounds are the enduring sign of God's love for us. They are *essential for believing in God*. Not for believing that God exists, but for believing that *God is love, mercy, and faithfulness*. Saint Peter, quoting Isaiah, writes to Christians: "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Pt 2:24

~Pope Francis

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